

# WE ARE WHO WE ARE



Issue 1: Queer individuals personal experiences

Two thirds of LGBTQ  
people have  
experienced anti-  
LGBT violence or  
abuse.

At this age I hope to inspire other people -  
younger or not - to be comfortable with their  
sexuality/ identity.

I feel more  
confident as a gay  
man now and not  
afraid to be myself.



There's no  
other way to  
live if not true  
to myself.







Through out primary school and the first years of high school I would often be called gay or other derogatory terms. This was before I fully understood what it meant and how to navigate it. I think this lead to lots of delays in my understanding.



SOMETIMES I

★ SAY I'M BI, ★

SOMETIMES

JUST QUEER.



Half of LGBT pupils  
hear homophobic  
slurs frequently or  
often at school.



lesbian is not  
a ~~dirty~~ word



THANK YOU  
CHAPPELL ROAN

my lesbian jesus



I DON'T  
BELIEVE  
REALLY IN  
COMING  
OUT

I AM  
WHO  
I AM  
AND  
THAT'S  
IT

I don't think that I should have to tell people or explain myself





*I feel  
proud  
but  
scared.*

**Being visibly gay is**



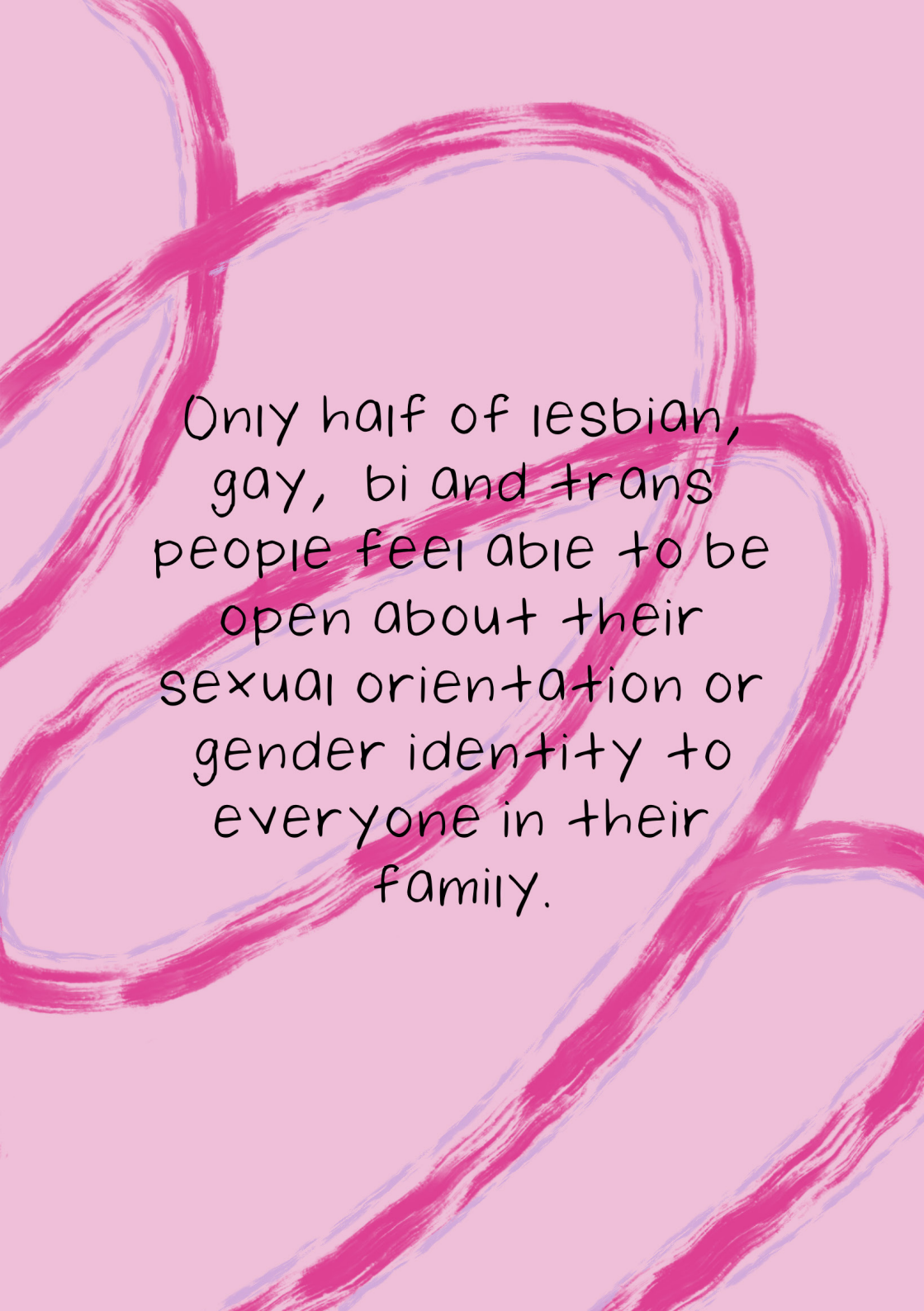
**something that brings  
me euphoria and a  
sense of belonging.**





I did find it hard to come  
out to family, and I do think this is due to where I grew up.

I  
NOW  
FEEL  
SUPER  
COMFORTABLE  
BEING OUT



Only half of lesbian,  
gay, bi and trans  
people feel able to be  
open about their  
sexual orientation or  
gender identity to  
everyone in their  
family.





I overheard my mum saying to my  
sister, that I'm only calling myself  
Bisexual to fit in?



I came out very obnoxiously, as I did with everything at the time.

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I FEEL GOOD

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*I don't think anyone is really out*





NEGATIVE

RUMOUR

it spread round like a

coming out was

out





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COUNTRIES

CRIMINALISE

SAME-SEX

RELATIONSHIPS.



**IT'S VERY  
DIFFICULT**

**DATING  
WHEN YOU'RE  
ASEXUAL**



I have thought if I am  
pansexual in the past, as I  
don't care about a person's  
gender.

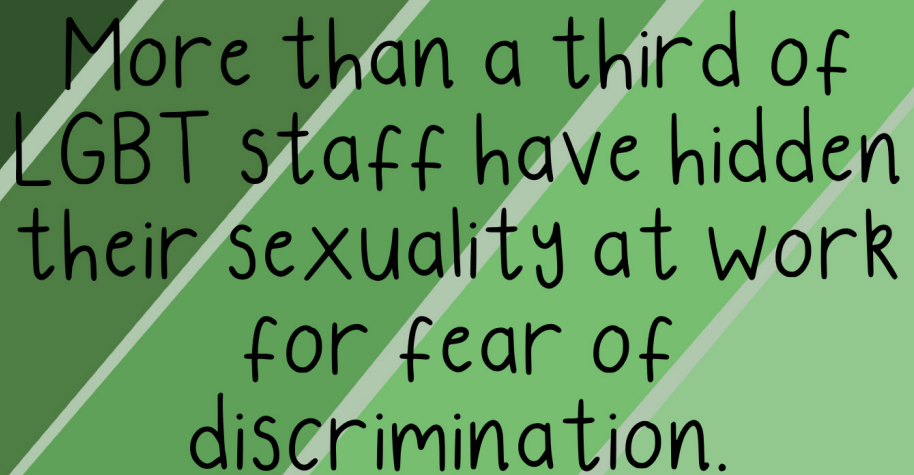
If you're hot,  
you're hot



Growing up bi was hard to realise  
because I still had crushes on boys so I  
feel like the part of me that liked girls  
was hid really  
I just didn't  
an

well.  
see it as  
option.

I FEEL  
INADEQUATE  
IN MY  
QUEERNESS




More than a third of  
LGBT staff have hidden  
their sexuality at work  
for fear of  
discrimination.





Two in five LGBT  
pupils are never  
taught anything  
about LGBT issues  
at school.



A woman with curly brown hair and black-rimmed glasses is shown from the chest up. The image is split vertically down the middle. The left half is in color, showing her brown hair, glasses, and a black t-shirt. The right half is in grayscale, showing the same woman and background. In the background, a Doctor Who poster is visible, featuring the TARDIS and the words 'DOCTOR WHO'.

*Don't feel  
pressure  
to label  
yourself, or  
to change  
your label.*

'I don't care about  
people's sexuality -  
maybe we should  
stop assuming all are  
straight until said.'  
- Anonymous



I WAS OUTED WHEN I WAS  
YOUNGER.  
IT TOOK AWAY MY CONTROL.



I WOULDN'T CHANGE IT, AS IT  
MEANT FINDING A SAFE  
COMMUNITY.



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