Warrington's Early Help LGBTQ+ Youth Support Service



WARRINGTON Borough Council

What is TAGS

TAGS stands for *Teenagers, Gender & Sexuality*

... but it means a whole lot more!

It is a safe place that young people aged 11 - 24 who identify as LGBTQ+ can come and find peer support advice and acceptance.

We have two groups based in a town center location;



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Tags 11-16 years

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Timeline of LGBTQ+ Youth support in Warrington



In the Late 1990's

GLYSS (Gay, Lesbian, Youth Support Service) was established as a project offering support to young people who were lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans (LGBT) or who were unsure of their sexuality.



During 2016

Young people wanted to reinvent the group and change its name and logo to be more inclusive of other identities within the LGBTQ+ community. TAGS (Teenagers, Gender & Sexuality) was formed with a new name and logo designed by the young people.





1-1 Targeted support

To support the completion of an EHA to offer an holistic care planned approach to supporting LGBTQ+ young people.

11-16 Group support

Exploration of sexuality and gender in a safe and confidential space.

17-24 Group support

Transition to adulthood. Enable self-support strategies to become peer mentors

What we do

TAGS Mission statement

To empower young people to take control of their lives and to make informed decisions while developing emotional resilience in a safe space

Parent/carer support

Supporting parents/carers and

Facilitating quarterly parent meetings

Awareness workshops & training

Liaising with other professionals, schools and colleges to support them in their role.

Celebration Events

Gender neutral fashion show, Prom, Pride, TDOR, IDAHOBIT LGBTQ History month

Email, telephone and text support

Supporting parents/carers, professional and young people





Outcomes

Give young people a voice & increase the visibility of TAGS

Address the mental & emotional well-being of young people

Provide young people with positive role models

Improve young people's self-confidence, esteem, value and worth

Enable young people to break down barriers and address issues that directly affect their lives

Make new friends & build relationships with other North West youth groups and attend regional meetings

Challenge risky behaviours, including alcohol, drugs and sexual health

Reduce isolation of LGBTQ+ young people - social activity, personal and social development

Awareness raising to help reduce isolation, discrimination and oppression in young people

Encourage healthier lifestyle choices & independent living





How to refer

If you are requesting Targeted Early Help Support into TAGS for a young person

Please be aware due to the increase in demand for **LGBTQ+ 1-1** support there may be a waiting list. However upon receipt of a referral we will always make contact with the young person & offer other forms of support if appropriate while they wait for an allocated 1-1 youth worker.

Targeted 1-1 support for young people aged 11-19yrs and up to 25yrs if SEND

11- 16yrs group support 16- 25yrs group support

Please complete a MARS (Multi Agency Request for Services) through;

https://my.warrington.gov.uk/service/Multi Agency Request for Services

The MARS has been developed using a digital platform and when you press submit, the MARS will be delivered to the correct team in the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub).

The form does require you to register a My Warrington account.

Please outline the request is for

1-1 support only or both 1-1 & group support

Highlight the needs of the young person. Any risks identified, strengths & difficulties and why 1-1 support is required.

Please outline the request is for Group support only

Indicate any other information we need to know about including any risk management





Useful Contacts for Young People



Advice Support & Information

0345 3 30 30 30

info@lgbt.foundation



Free confidential, text support service Text **SHOUT** to 85258.



www.gids.nhs.uk/



Advice Support & Information 08000 50 20 20 www.stonewall.org.uk



HOPELineUK 0800 068 41 41 Text 07786 209697 www.papyrus-uk.org

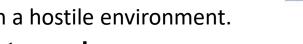


Axess Sexual Health Service www.axess.clinic/



Albert Kennedy Trust

homeless support for 16 – 25 or living in a hostile environment.





Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people Monday – Friday 12pm – 10pm Saturday – Sunday 6pm – 10pm

akt.org.uk childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME, Call us free on 0800 1111



0161 660 3347

9am-5.30pm daily, plus emergency calls on weekends Proud Connections - The web chat will be open 12pm -**6pm** on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** visit;



https://www.theproudtrust.org/proud-connections/



Useful Contacts for Parents/Carers



Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Confidential Helpline 0845 652 0311

www.fflag.org.uk Info@fflag.org.uk



happyoksad.warrington.gov.uk





Parents Helpline: 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4pm, free for mobiles and landlines)



Samaritans: 116 123 Open 24/7

0808 801 0400 or text **MERMAIDS** to **85258** for **24/7** crisis support, or use the webchat on their website. *Open 9am – 9pm Monday to Friday* (helpline and webchat).

info@mermaidsuk.org.uk



Information Line (24/7/365) 01582 412220





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