

Lollipop Group future re: creative arts:

Looking to set it up as an independent charity – Young people to be directors, trustees etc.

Run by young people with adult support.

Get funding to develop the lollipop group and be able to deliver more fun/creative activities.

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Do they think that they are underrepresented in arts and culture?

And if so how could we change that?

*** Yes I feel we are underrepresented and we are often wrongly represented. Often characters are stereotypically camp or overly eccentric when playing Gay characters in media. Less cringe characters and story lines, listen to the audience (Young people)**

*** Certain sexualities are underrepresented, especially in arts.**

*** If there is representation it's not always correct, positive and accurate.**

*** Trans people are very much underrepresented in both arts, culture and media.**

*** Ask the LGBTQ+ community what we want and also when they get straight people to play gay or Trans actors is ridiculous because**

they don't know what we go through and what we have to deal with. Use more LGBTQ+ Actors even if they are not big names.

How do you feel that we make sure you are looked after/supported around your well-being etc. as a young person at the lollipop group?

- **For sure, yeah I feel supported, approachable, being able to be ourselves, safe space and been creative to help with struggles or messages that we want to get out there.**
- **You use my preferred pro nouns and preferred names.**
- **I feel accepted for who I am.**
- **We have one to one chats with Dave to help with any problems that we may have.**
- **Don't question us so we can be ourselves.**

How do you feel you have used art and creativity at lollipop to try and make change?

- **Created GIPHS (The struggles of hate crime and bullying for LGBTQ+ young people. Around Healthy and unhealthy relationships / Domestic abuse, controlling behaviour and spotting the signs).**
- **Digital art (Created anti-bullying posters on canva)**
- **We had several drama sessions with a company and this was expressing ourselves to help with well-being)**
- **Music sessions and poetry then created videos via zoom during lockdown (expressing the effects of covid and lockdown).**
- **Expressing our feelings through creative art and collaging.**

- **Digital recording and animation to create videos around topics.**
- **Made banners and badges for PRIDE events.**
- **Created music to express how we feel and send out a message to others.**