



Belong To LGBTQ+  
Youth Ireland



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**LGBTQ+**  
**Quality Mark**

# The Belong To LGBTQ+ Quality Mark

**Join over 100 post-primary schools nationwide  
and show your commitment to LGBTQ+ inclusion!**

**Sign up for the LGBTQ+ Quality Mark today!**

## What is the LGBTQ+ Quality Mark?

- The LGBTQ+ Quality Mark is a reflection and recognition process designed to support post-primary schools in their LGBTQ+ inclusion work.
- Belong To will support your school to utilise policies, practices and staff training to lead the way on LGBTQ+ inclusion in schools in Ireland.
- The LGBTQ+ Quality Mark model is based on the Department of Education's Four Key Areas of Wellbeing Promotion.

## Why take part?

- In Ireland, 76% of LGBTQ+ young people reported that they do not feel safe at school.
- Research shows that whole-school, holistic approaches can improve the lives and experiences of LGBTQ+ students.

Belong To's LGBTQ+ Quality Mark initiative combines national and international best practice with our 20 years of experience working on the ground with schools across the country to create spaces where LGBTQ+ young people are safe and supported to be themselves.



## Three key steps to achieving the LGBTQ+ Quality Mark.



### Recognise and promote existing supports for your LGBTQ+ school community.

Together we will identify the key strengths in your existing approach to LGBTQ+ inclusion.



### Build on these existing supports, and grow as an LGBTQ+ Safe and Supportive School through inclusive practice and policies.

We will create a bespoke plan with key action areas for your school.



### Celebrate your commitment by attaining the Belong To LGBTQ+ Quality Mark.

By demonstrating your commitment across the key action areas, you will have shown that you are an LGBTQ+ Safe and Supportive School.

## The LGBTQ+ Quality Mark provides a comprehensive approach to developing an LGBTQ+ safe and supportive school that includes:

- Attending in-person training delivered to all **staff** in your school by expert facilitators.
- Creating a supportive LGBTQ+ inclusive school **culture and environment**.
- Joining a network of more than 100 schools nationwide and building links with them through **regular regional meetings**.
- Engaging students in the process of creating a safe and **supportive** school.
- Developing and implementing effective school **policies** and plans.
- Implementing a **curriculum** that supports diversity and respect.
- Working with parents, **community** organisations and other local LGBTQ+ youth projects/groups to promote LGBTQ+ inclusion.

## Learn more today!

Contact the Belong To Training and Education Team to find out more: Call Stephen Cassidy on **01 5826152**, or email [stephen@belongto.org](mailto:stephen@belongto.org)

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