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Supporting Young LGBTQ+ People During Lockdown and Beyond

Thursday 11th June, 2.30pm-3.45pm

Welcome! The webinar will begin shortly.



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Intro to akt



Lucy Bowyer – Director of Services

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LGBTQ+ Youth Homelessness

“Young people know what they’re talking about. They should be listened to.”

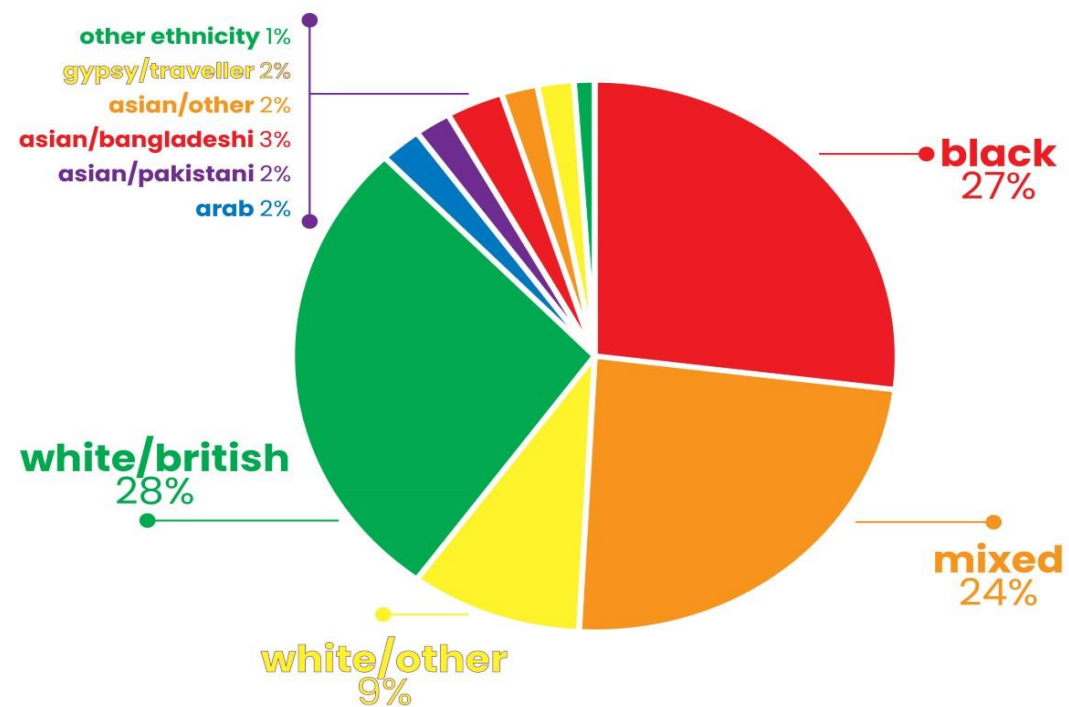
Cath Hall, AKT Founder

- Up to 24% of the 150,000 young people facing the threat homelessness in the UK identify as LGBT.
- 77% cite family rejection and abuse after coming out as the primary reason for their homelessness.
- Once homeless, LGBT youth are more likely to experience: targeted violence, discrimination, substance abuse problems, sexual exploitation, higher levels of risky sexual behaviour, poor mental health and wellbeing (70%) than their non-LGBT peers
- Intersectional identities mean that young LGBTQ+ young people face multiple discrimination and challenges when seeking secure



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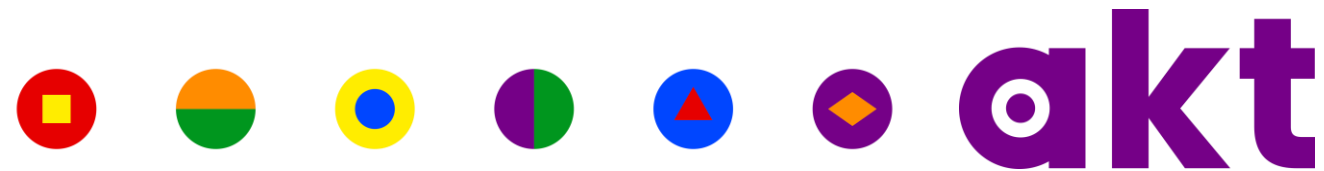
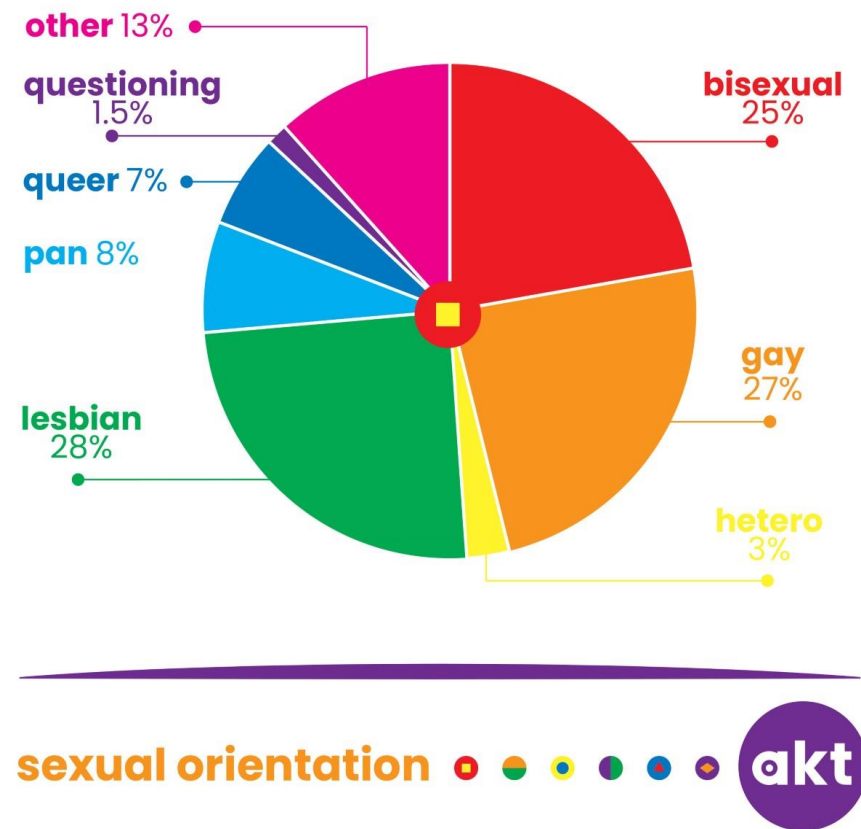
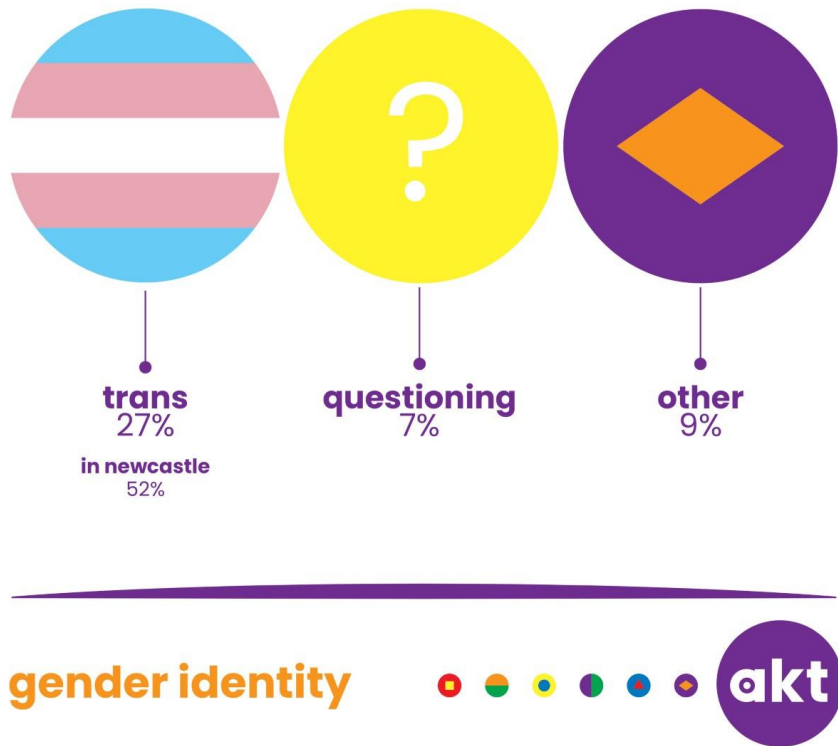


people of colour 63% – rises to 77% in London

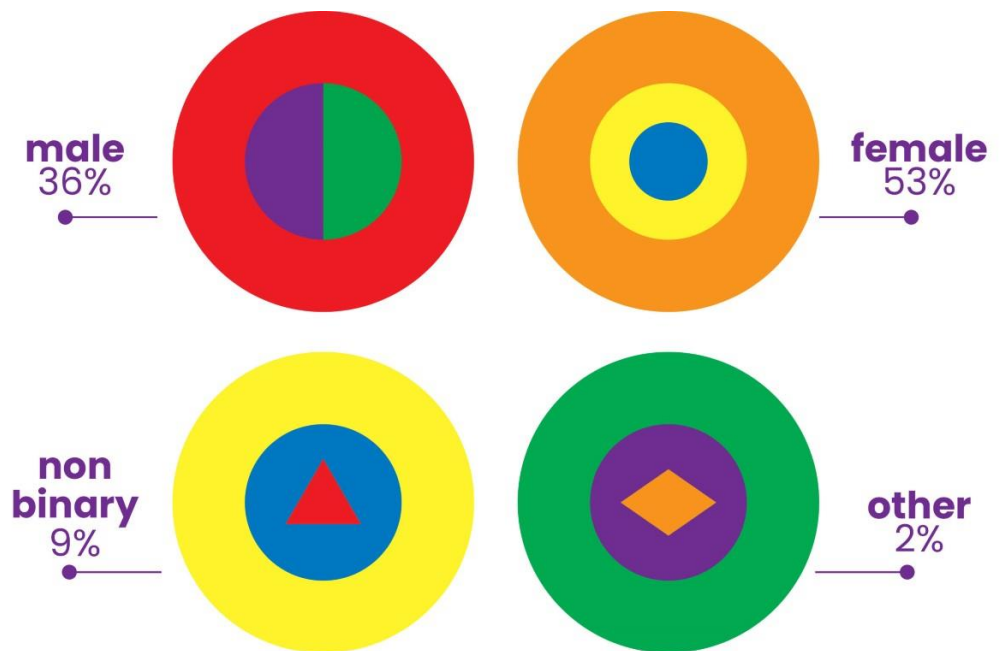
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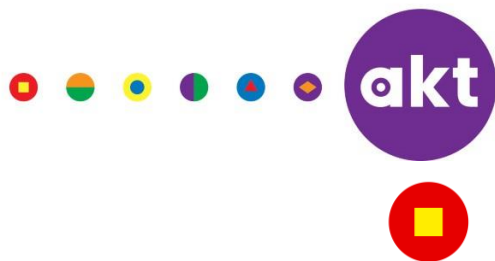
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we are akt

- The national LGBTQ+ youth homelessness charity founded in Manchester in 1989
- The first charity in the world to respond to the specific needs of LGBT youth through providing safe homes, mentoring and support
- Founded by Cath Johnson, a straight ally and foster carer who led a group of 7 pioneers, and who overcame the extreme homo/bi and trans phobia of the time to support LGBT youth facing homelessness, rejection and abuse from their families



akt's services

- Offices in London, Manchester, Newcastle and Bristol and online
- Advice, Guidance, Advocacy and Support
- Housing – Host Programme and Purple Door
- Mentoring
- Live Chat
- Youth Engagement Programme
- Bristol – pilot online outreach and peer mentoring programme



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Living in a hostile environment - What lockdown has meant for LGBTQ+ young people



Dawn Gascoigne – Services Manager (North East)



Living in a hostile environment - What lockdown has meant for LGBTQ+ young people

- Living in fear - Young people who are not 'out' to their household
- Living with abuse - Young people who were 'out' before lockdown
- Living in limbo – getting 'stuck' in temporary accommodation
- Living on the streets – the ultimate rejection



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Issues young people LGBTQ+ young people have experienced whilst trying to access accommodation during Lockdown and how we have supported them



Leigh Fontaine – Services Manager (London)



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- Advocacy during Lockdown
- The challenges of Covid-19 Provision accommodation
- Covid-19 as Priority Need – an Argument
- Move on challenges



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How can organisations best support homeless LGBTQ+ young people both during and post-lockdown



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How can organisations best support homeless LGBTQ+ young people both during and post-lockdown

- Be Visible
- Be an ally
- Be mindful
- Listen
- Offer practical support where you can
- Be an advocate, be on their side
- Be knowledgeable

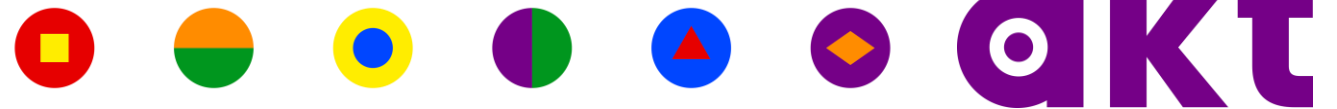


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get support

If you know a young person at risk of homelessness or living in a hostile environment who is 16-25 and identifies as LGBT or questioning:

- www.akt.org.uk/refer
- www.akt.org.uk
- Services@akt.org.uk





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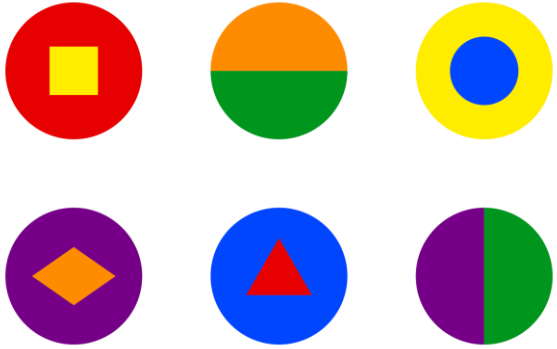


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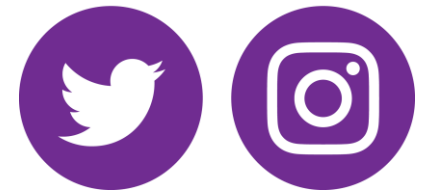


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