

LGBT+ GROUPS IN SCHOOLS ALLIANCE WEEKLY ACTIVITY EXAMPLE



STARTER ACTIVITY:

The Name Game. Ask each member of your group to introduce themselves by sharing:

- Their name
- Their pronouns (i.e. she/her, they/them, he/him)
- Who is their favourite superhero and why?

DISCUSS:

- Do you know of any superheroes or villains, for example in the Marvel and DC comic books and films, who are LGBT+?
- There are many superhero characters who are LGBT+ in the comics, but their sexualities are not evident in the film versions of their stories. Why do you think this could be?

SHARE:

DC have announced that their new Superman, Jon Kent, is bisexual. The comic company says the superhero's sexuality will be revealed in the 9th November issue of *Superman: Son of Kal-el*. Writer, Tom Taylor, says "I've always said everyone needs heroes and



everyone deserves to see themselves in their heroes and I'm very grateful DC and Warner Bros share this idea". He added, "Superman's symbol has always stood for hope, for truth, and for justice. Today, that symbol represents something more. Today, more people can see themselves in the most powerful superhero comics".

DISCUSS:

- While many people, especially LGBT+ people, have embraced this decision, there has been some backlash in the mainstream media. Why do you think this could be?
- Do you think it is a good thing for it to be revealed that well-known characters are LGBT+? Or do you think brand new LGBT+ characters should be created instead? Why?
- Why is it important for LGBT+ people to see themselves represented in superhero movies?

ACTIVITY:

On your own or in groups of 2-3 people, create your own LGBT+ superhero or villain! Draw and label them. You may consider:

- Their name (they may have both a regular name and a hero name)
- Costume / what they will wear?
- Any special abilities or powers?
- Their values / what do they fight for?

OPTIONAL:

Vote for your favourite and display your annotated drawing!

We'd love to see your work, why not share with us:

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Thanks for coming, more next week!

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