

Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth in Education

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Belong To LGBTQ+
Youth Ireland



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LGBTQ+
Quality Mark



**What is life like
for LGBTQ+ young
people within a
school context?**

LGBTQ+ Young People In Ireland

6–10% of any group of young people may identify as LGBTQ+



identify as Intersex⁴

Median – 8%



Class of 25 students

2 students



School of 500 students

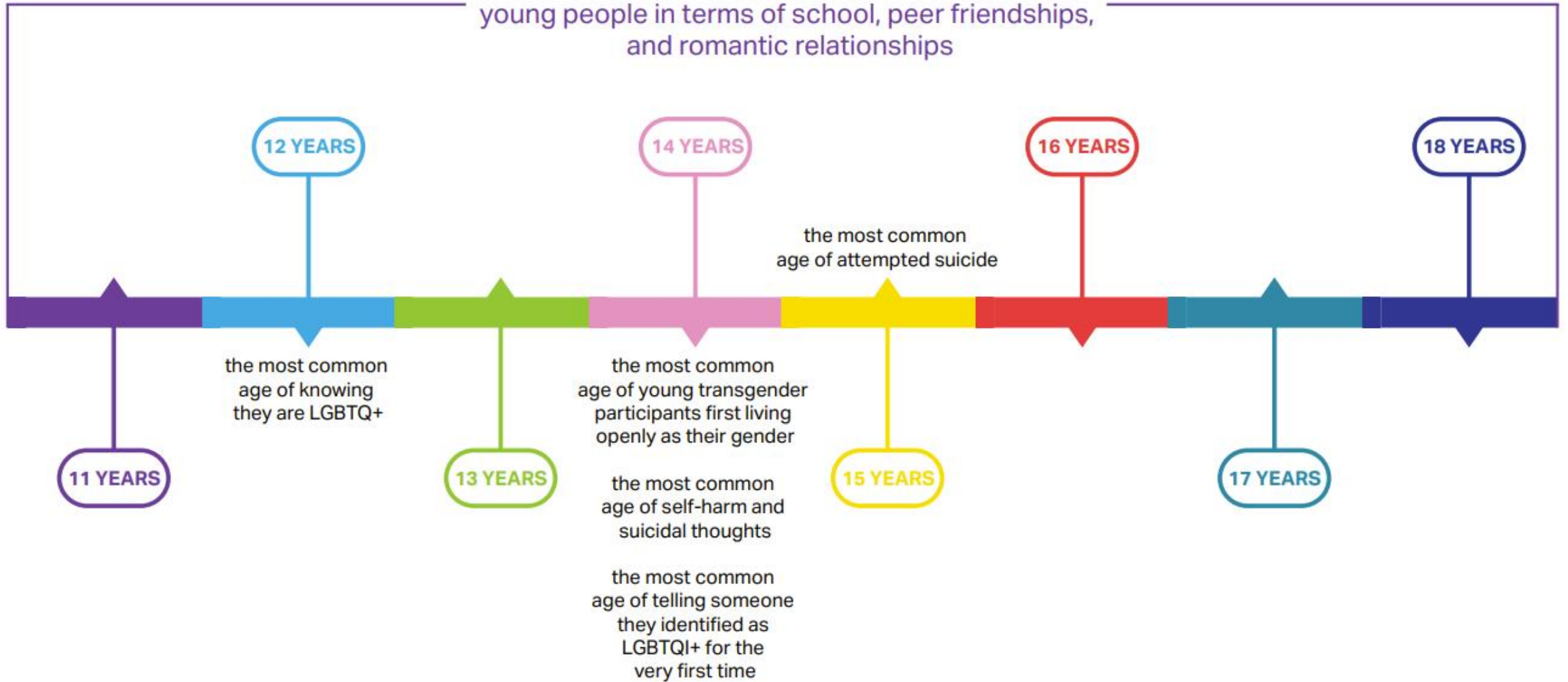
40 students



**Post-primary
425,433 students**

34,035 students

Time of immense change and self-discovery for young people in terms of school, peer friendships, and romantic relationships



LGBTQ+ Youth Experiences in Ireland Today



Education

In Irish Post-Primary Schools:

- 76% of LGBTQ+ young people feel unsafe
- 69% heard homophobic remarks from peers
- 58% heard homophobic remarks from teachers
- 53% heard transphobic remarks from peers
- 36% heard transphobic remarks from staff

Source: Pizmony-Levy, O. (2022). The 2022 Irish National School Climate Survey Report. Research Report. Global Observatory of LGBTQ+ Education and Advocacy. New York: Teachers College, Columbia University.

What is the LGBTQ+ Quality Mark?



Guiding Principles



- Department of Education's Wellbeing Policy Statement and Framework for Practice; culture and environment, policy and planning, curriculum and relationship and learning.
- Being LGBT in Schools Resource.
- Cineáltas: Action Plan on Bullying; Prevention, Support, Oversight and Community.

Mapped to the four Key Areas of Wellbeing Promotion Framework



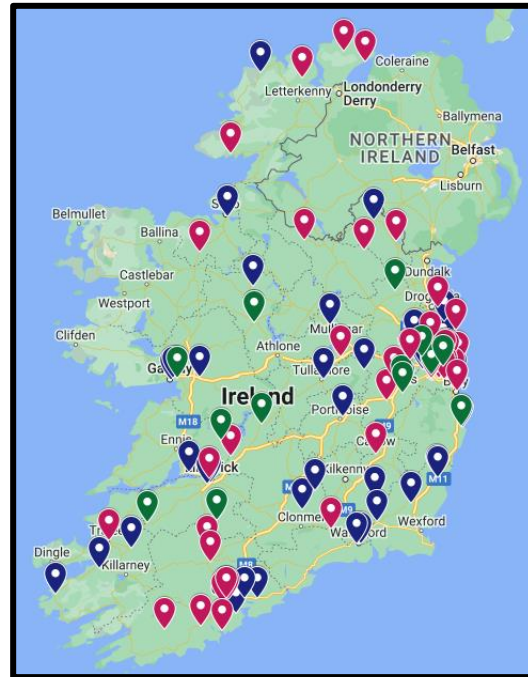
A support and recognition initiative:

The LGBTQ+ Quality Mark initiative is a holistic approach to LGBTQ+ inclusion in schools and alternative education centres that involves the **whole school community**.

Over the course of 18 months, schools and centres are supported in implementing evidence-based actions across a number of key areas, which research shows improves the wellbeing and safety of LGBTQ+ students



A growing network of LGBTQ+ inclusive schools & centres





Any Questions?

