





You are cordially invited to the 1st

## **LGBT History Month Conference**

February 7<sup>th</sup> 2008 9am – 4pm

The Media Centre, University College Falmouth, Cornwall Tremough Campus

## 'Recognising and Realising LGBT Experience in Education'

This conference will enable schools and other settings for children and young people to:

gain a better understanding of their responsibility to tackle homophobic and transphobic bullying;

to ensure that they provide a safe learning environment for every child; to acknowledge, recognise and celebrate the diversity of their school community; and to access appropriate teaching and learning resources which promote inclusion and respect of LGBT history and culture

- David Whalley, Leader of Cornwall County Council: opening address
- The importance of tackling phobic bullying in schools Steve Colwill, Assistant Director of Individual Needs, Children's Services; Dr Michael Halls, Executive Director, Intercom Trust; David Hampshire, County Adviser for RE and PSHEE/CT:
- Challenging Phobic Behaviour and Language
  Sue Sanders, Co Chair of Schools OUT and LGBT History Month:
- Teaching and Learning resources for an inclusive curriculum Sarah Stephenson, LGB/T Heritage Project Coordinator Intercom Trust

Every child has a right to feel safe to learn, free from fear of bullying and everyone involved in that child's education needs to work together to ensure this. Recent research by Stonewall shows that homophobic bullying impacts on A-level and GCSE results, national assessments and truancy. Seven out of ten pupils report that homophobic bullying has an impact on their school work. The Education and Inspections Act 2006 obliges schools to respond to all forms of bullying including homophobic bullying and this conference will enable schools to fulfil their duties.

For more information or to book a place, please contact:

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