



# SCHOOLS TOOLKIT

MAY 17

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST  
HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA,  
INTERSEXISM & TRANSPHOBIA

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# GETTING YOUR SCHOOL INVOLVED



## HOW CAN OUR SCHOOL CELEBRATE ON MAY 17?

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### WEAR RAINBOW

Encourage everyone to stand out against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia at school by wearing splash of rainbow for the day. Students can bring a gold coin donation.

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### GO RAINBOW

Go rainbow in other ways - change your social media profile picture, decorate the school, raise a rainbow flag or put up posters.

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### RUN AN EVENT

Run an event, like a BBQ, lunchtime concert or assembly. Students could make a public pledge to support sexual and gender diversity - invite students to sign their name on a banner that can be displayed for the rest of the year.

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### RAINBOW RIBBONS

Get a group of friends together to make rainbow ribbon pins. You can give these out to people to wear, or provide them in exchange for a gold coin donation.

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### TAKE THE PLEDGE

Ask your teachers to show their support by reading out a pledge to stand up against homo/bi/transphobia at the start of their classes that day. You can see a sample pledge at [idahobit.org.au](http://idahobit.org.au)

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### START A PROJECT

Use IDAHOBIT as a way to rally other students and staff together to start an ongoing project that supports sexual and gender diversity. You can check out the Stand Out resource from Safe Schools and Minus18 for a head start at [sscv.org.au](http://sscv.org.au)

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### SHOUT IT PROUD

Create a photobooth with rainbow dress ups and signs. Share these and the photos from your events on the day using the hashtag #IDAHOBIT and show the world why supporting LGBTIQ students and staff is so important.

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### TEACH A CLASS

Teaching LGBTIQ diversity doesn't have to be hard! The All Of Us lesson plans and teaching guides are a great tool to easily teach about LGBTIQ young people within classrooms.

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### GIVE A LITTLE

Use your IDAHOBIT activity to raise much needed funds for LGBTIQ youth projects. You can donate via the IDAHOBIT fund at [idahobit.org.au](http://idahobit.org.au)

**IDAHOBIT**  
*MAY 17*

On May 17, 1990, the World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization approved the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD 10), which no longer listed homosexuality as a diagnosis. International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism, & Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) launched in 2004 to celebrate LGBTIQ people globally. Today, in Australia, we wear rainbow and use the day to make change and raise funds for LGBTIQ youth.

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# RUNNING EVENTS

**“Having the support of my entire school was the best day of my life”** - Jake, Year 9

## TIPS FOR A TOP NOTCH EVENT

### GET PLANNING

Getting in early means a successful event. Think of something that best suits your school. Usually it's simple ideas that are the most effective.

### REGISTER YOUR EVENT

Hop on to [idahobit.org.au](http://idahobit.org.au) and register your school event. We'll send you out rainbow posters and other merchandise that you can use to promote your event.

### MAKE IT RAINBOW

Make your school rainbow! Put up rainbow flags, steamers and banners. You can create your own posters, or download some examples from [idahobit.org.au](http://idahobit.org.au)

### PROMOTE YOUR EVENT

Make flyers, write a note in the newsletter, click attending to the official Facebook event, and make sure everyone knows what's happening for IDAHOBIT.

### RUN YOUR EVENT

Enough said! The hard work is done - now it's time to put your event into action.

### SEND LOVE & THANKS

Send out a thank you to everyone involved. If you raised money, announce how much in assembly. You can even download thank you certificates from [idahobit.org.au](http://idahobit.org.au)

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## EVENT IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED

### LGBTIQ THEMED ASSEMBLY

Run an IDAHOBIT assembly or lunch time concert. Have student leaders or guest speakers talk about supporting LGBTIQ diversity.

### CREATE A DIVERSITY PLEDGE

Get students to sign a big pledge against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia. Display it somewhere public throughout the year.

### FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Raise the rainbow flag on the school flag pole.

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Gotta love a sausage sizzle with fairy bread and rainbow cupcakes.



#### EXAMPLE POST

We're going rainbow for #IDAHOBIT May 17 to support @minus18youth and LGBTIQ youth. You can too: [idahobit.org.au](http://idahobit.org.au)



# THE PARTY DOESN'T HAVE TO STOP HERE

There's heaps you can do to continue supporting LGBTIQ diversity.

## WAYS TO KEEP THE GOOD VIBES GOING

### STAND OUT GROUP

Create a student led Stand Out group (also known as Queer-Straight Alliances or Diversity Groups). Stand Out groups are a great way to support LGBTIQ students all year round. For tips on how to start one, read the Stand Out resource at [minus18.org.au](http://minus18.org.au)

### GUEST SPEAKERS

Guest speakers are a great way to engage with the broader community and share diverse perspectives. Speakers from community organisations or even student alumni can be great to listen to.

### LGBTIQ WORKSHOPS

Book a Minus18 workshop on LGBTIQ diversity. Minus18 workshops are run by young people, and are a great way to start conversations on how to make schools safer for students. [minus18.org.au](http://minus18.org.au)

### LGBTI+ HISTORY MONTH

October is LGBTI+ History Month, a chance to learn more about the inspiring history of LGBTIQ people and events. The teaching toolkit for Year 7 - 11 is available to download at [minus18.org.au](http://minus18.org.au)

### SPEAK UP

Don't be a bystander. When you feel safe to do so, challenge homophobic, biphobic and transphobic language and behaviour. It starts with you - but there's also plenty of help out there if you need it.

## AFTER YOUR EVENT

### SMILE BECAUSE YOU JUST DID GOOD!

How good is celebrating sexual and gender diversity? Thank you for your work. Don't forget to post photos, blogs and let the world know about your work.

### IF YOU WERE AWESOME AND RAISED MONEY

You can donate any money raised by credit card at [minus18.org.au/donate](http://minus18.org.au/donate) - or if you need to make an electronic funds transfer, email [info@minus18.org.au](mailto:info@minus18.org.au) and we'll sort you out.

### SEND LOVE

Send out a thank you note or download our thank you certificate to give to everyone involved in the day. If you raised money, announce how much in your newsletter or in assembly.

# GET YOUR SCHOOL INVOLVED

Get your school wearing rainbow on May 17, and raising funds for LGBTIQ youth.

## Sample Letter

You can use this template to get in touch with your SRC, principal or year level coordinators and ask them to get involved.

## Sample Pledge

We've also included a sample pledge on the next page that you might like to get your school to read out in homeroom or assembly.

**IDAHOBIT**  
**MAY 17**

[DATE]

Dear [SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY CONTACT]:

On May 17, people from all over the world will celebrate International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTIQ) youth.

This is an issue that means a lot to me, and I think it's crucial that our school is involved. We can send a message that bullying is never OK, and support our students (and staff!) who are LGBTIQ.

There are a number of ways to get involved:

- Get everyone to wear rainbow for a gold coin, and donate the proceeds to LGBTIQ youth.
- Take the IDAHOBIT pledge to stand against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia in assembly.
- Raise the Rainbow Flag in the school yard.
- Inform the community about IDAHOBIT in the school newsletters, etc.
- Make a post about IDAHOBIT from our social media accounts.
- Teach LGBTIQ lessons or have a special event.

Last year, schools all over Australia got involved and celebrities and corporations participated too, and each year the day only gets bigger.

Imagine being an LGBTIQ student here and seeing that we are actively supporting them! How much of a difference would that make in their life?

You can look at more ideas for the day by going to [www.idahobit.org.au](http://www.idahobit.org.au)

Regards,

[Your Name]

Signature

**I pledge to never  
stay silent about  
homophobia,  
biphobia and  
transphobia.**

**I will always stand  
with my LGBTIQ  
mates. I am part  
of the solution.**

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