

# The Proud Trust keeping engaged and connected



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HOME OF LGBT+ YOUTH

# Becoming digital

Google Hangout/Meet



Youth Work Coordinators



Young People



To all the LGBT+ children and young people.  
**We see you and we hear you.**

As LGBT+ youth organisations from across the UK and Ireland, we are raising our (metaphorical) rainbow flags in solidarity with you, and commitment to being here for you.



As LGBT+ youth organisations we are reaching out to welcome you in because we know the world is not taking the shape it usually does right now. It may bring up feelings of fear, worry and a lack of control. **You are not alone** in this and we are all facing some level of uncertainty and challenge.

Some of you may find yourself living in spaces where those around you are not accepting of your LGBT+ identity or you are unable to be out. This can feel incredibly challenging and unsettling. Some of you may have had to move back home from university, some of you will not be in school which may have been your escape and some of you will not be out and just beginning to explore who you are, but not feeling sure where to turn. This is, of course, going to add to the anxiety and isolation that you may already be experiencing. During this time, it is vital that you keep connected to those who acknowledge, respect and listen to you.

**This is where we come in!**

Whilst the world adjusts to this new way of life, we want to remind you that we are still here for you, your community, giving strength and connections, offering events such as digital youth prides, digital LGBT+ youth groups and one-to-one support.

We have a strong history of uniting against some great challenges, and we can do it again. We assure you that we are still fighting your corner and we are still here to listen to you and support you.

**We invite you, if you can, to contact us.**

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| <b>England</b><br>The Proud Trust<br><a href="http://theproudtrust.org">theproudtrust.org</a><br>The Kite Trust<br><a href="http://thekitetrust.org.uk">thekitetrust.org.uk</a><br>Allsorts Youth Project<br><a href="http://allsortsyouth.org.uk">allsortsyouth.org.uk</a><br>GYRO@YPAS<br><a href="http://ypas.org.uk">ypas.org.uk</a><br>Mosaic LGBT Youth Centre<br><a href="http://mosaicyouth.org.uk">mosaicyouth.org.uk</a><br>SAYIT<br><a href="http://sayit.org.uk">sayit.org.uk</a> | <b>Off the Record, BaNES</b><br><a href="http://oftherecord-banes.co.uk/lgbt-space">oftherecord-banes.co.uk/lgbt-space</a><br><b>LGBT+ Service Nottinghamshire</b><br><a href="http://lgbtplusnotts.org.uk">lgbtplusnotts.org.uk</a><br><b>Free2B Alliance</b><br><a href="http://free2b-alliance.org.uk">free2b-alliance.org.uk</a><br><b>Leicester LGBT Centre</b><br><a href="http://leicesterlgbtcentre.org">leicesterlgbtcentre.org</a><br><b>Galop</b><br><a href="http://galop.org.uk">galop.org.uk</a><br><b>Scotland</b><br><b>LGBT Youth Scotland</b><br><a href="http://lgbtyouth.org.uk">lgbtyouth.org.uk</a><br><b>Wales</b><br><b>Youth Cymru</b><br><a href="http://youthcymru.org.uk">youthcymru.org.uk</a> | <b>Republic of Ireland</b><br><b>Belong To Youth Services</b><br><a href="http://belongto.org">belongto.org</a><br><b>BreakOut</b><br><a href="http://donegalyouthservice.ie/dys-projects/breakout">donegalyouthservice.ie/dys-projects/breakout</a><br><b>ChillOUT LGBT+ youth group,</b><br><a href="http://watcys.ie/services/chillout-lgbti-youth-project">watcys.ie/services/chillout-lgbti-youth-project</a><br><b>Northern Ireland</b><br><b>Cara-Friend</b><br><a href="http://cara-friend.org.uk">cara-friend.org.uk</a><br><b>Trans Specific</b><br><b>Gendered Intelligence</b><br><a href="http://genderedintelligence.co.uk">genderedintelligence.co.uk</a> |
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**We are here.**



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# Digital Resource Pack

Section 1: Connect

Section 2: Communicate

Section 3: Create

Section 4: Critically think

Section 5: Change



**LGBT+ Digital Youth Work Suite of Resources**

Produced by The Proud Trust



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# LGBT+ Centre survey - What are you missing from not being able to attend the group or service?

- a. meeting with friends or colleagues – 46%
- b. feeling accepted/included – 19%
- c. reducing loneliness - 8%
- d. support to stay clean/dry/sober – 5%
- e. being creative – 5%
- f. getting to see my partner/s – 5%



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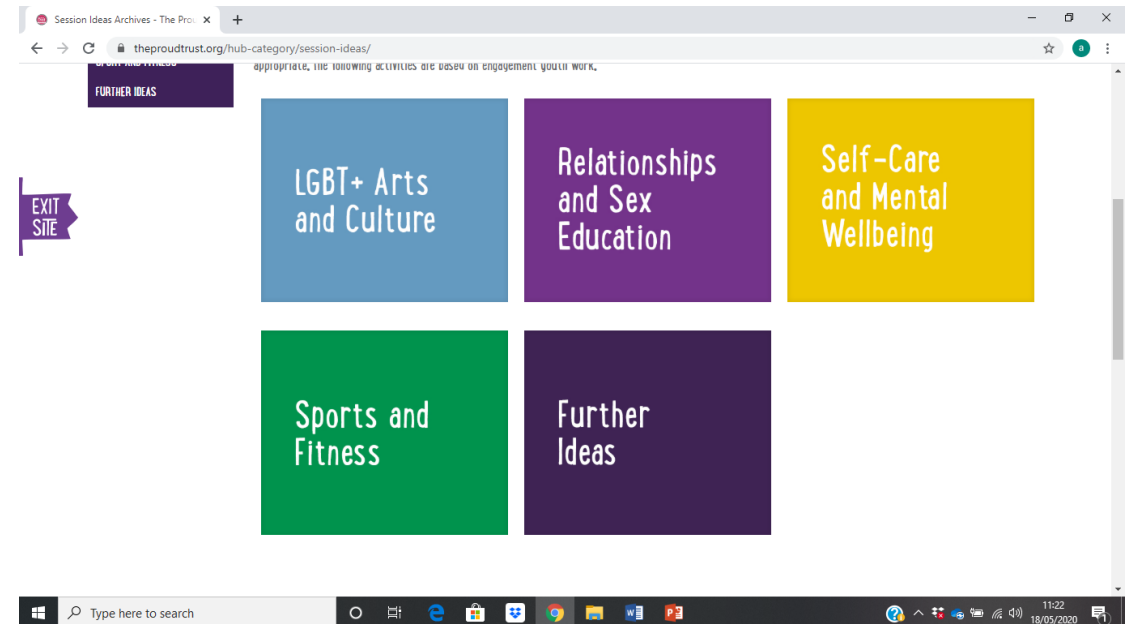
# LGBT+ Centre survey - What kind of activities would you be interested in from the virtual LGBT+ Centre?

- a. quizzes and challenges
- b. arts, culture and music activities
- c. creative activities and encouragement
- d. virtual tour/history of the original centre
- e. coffee mornings with others and wellbeing activities



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1. Running 22 youth groups digitally
2. Launched the Virtual LGBT+ Centre
3. Created the online Digital Hub on our website  
<https://www.theproudtrust.org/digital-youth-work-hub/>
4. Weekly e-bulletins





# Staff welfare and engagement

- More frequent meetings
- Support for Working At Home
- Pet Sing-along Party
- Zoom Quiz
- Oktoberfest in May



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