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Sexuality, equality and local governance

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Exploring:

- resistance to sexualities equalities work
- process of cultural change
- ideas about sexuality, citizenship and local democracy
- tensions between and within equality strands
Progress

Drivers:

• legislative/policy changes
• community and voluntary sector activism
• leadership in statutory sector agencies
• partnership work
Process of cultural change

• Newcastle Wellbeing and Mental Health Action Plan - reference to the needs of LGBT young people
• Launch of Community Cohesion and Equality Scheme for schools - focus on sexual identity
• RESPONSE anti-bullying team - proactive work around homophobia
• Fairer Futures – MESMAC North East anti-homophobic bullying toolkit
Key message

These services are for you

• planned with you
• developing in response to your feedback