



## **YOU CAN HELP END HOMOPHOBIA BY:**

- Considering the LGBT experiences and points of view as valid options
- Stopping the assumption that LGBT people don't like people of the opposite sex just because they don't see them as sexually attractive
- Asking LGBT people what it's like instead of relying on gossip or speculation.
- Tell LGBT people your fears.
- Supporting LGBT rights because nothing is going to change until society, as a whole, begins to treat LGBT people as equal
- Asking questions if you want to know something; but understand that LGBT people reserve the right to not answer extremely personal questions
- Being sensitive to derogatory comments about gays – stop them instead of waiting for LGBT people to speak up.
- Don't tolerate gay jokes or the use of such words as fag or dyke.
- Acknowledging partners in the same way you would if the person was married.
- Acting natural even if you have to fake it
- Spreading the word that sexual minorities are one in ten, and pretty ordinary, and that many are in long-term relationships and appreciate recognition as a family.
- Respecting an LGBT person's privacy – don't "come out" for them to anyone else. EVER