

The Best in Film and Video to Spark Engaging Discussions on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

Family Diversity

That's a Family - 2000 (Trailer 3:21, Film 35min) - Prim/Int

While designed especially for young audiences, *That's a Family!* stretches the minds and touches the hearts of people of all ages. Children from over 50 diverse families open the door to their homes, and explain things like divorce, mixed race, gay and lesbian, adoption, single parent, and guardian, getting right to the point of what they wish other people would understand about their families.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnYWctX3Us4>

Gender Identity

Holly Siz: The Light - 2014 (3:52) - Upper Int/Sec

In this powerful music video we meet a child designated a boy at birth, who enjoys stereotypical girl toys and clothing. The mom is accepting the father isn't until a beautiful moment in the video. Truly a wonderful music video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cf79KXBCIDg>

Kumu Hina: A Place in the Middle - 2015 (Trailer 1:22 , Film 25min) - Int/Sec

A PLACE IN THE MIDDLE is the true story of a young Hawaiian girl who dreams of leading her school's all-male hula troupe, and of an inspiring teacher who uses traditional culture to empower her. Download free guides and resources.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4EaN8yd0qc>

<https://vimeo.com/121840165>

Why Pronouns Matter for Trans People - 2015 (2:30) - Upper Int/Sec

This short video strings clips of interviews with a wide variety of trans individuals, showing the importance of pronouns and the variety of how they are used. It also provides a few short practical points on discussing pronouns and asking others about the pronouns they prefer.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_yBGQqg7kM

What's it Like to Be Intersex - 2015 (3:25) - Upper Int/Sec

A compassionate and accessible explanation of "intersex" which is about biological characteristics, unlike "transgender" which is about gender identity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAUDKEI4QKI>

I'm Just Anneke -2010 (Trailer 1:05, Film 12 min) - Int/Sec *Canadian

I'm Just Anneke is a portrait of a 12-year-old Vancouver student who is struggling with gender identity. She loves ice hockey, has a loving, close-knit family and everybody she meets assumes she's a boy. The onset of puberty has created an identity crisis for Anneke.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POOXCFs35do>

Ivan Coyote's Ted Tx: We All Need a Safe Place to Pee - 2015 (12 min) - Sec *Canadian

In a poetically rhythmic TEDx talk, award winning Vancouver author Ivan Coyote highlights the need for gender neutral washrooms in all public places.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUKAVcj9NVA&feature=youtu.be>

16 x 9 Story of Tru and Harriette - 2013 (20 min) - Int/Sec *Canadian

The stories and school struggles of two BC transgender 10-year-olds who were both born boys, but who identify as girls.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kl_kcwkaNrl

Transforming Gender – 2015 (43 min) - Upper Int/Sec *Canadian

CBC Firsthand documentary about the experiences of transformation for trans people and their families.

<http://www.cbc.ca/firsthand/episodes/transforming-gender>

Handsome and Majestic - 2015 (12 min) - Upper Int/Sec *Canadian

A powerful portrait of BC transgender teen Milan, who bravely faces bullies in his small town high school. With incredible maturity, Milan articulates his gender identity and offers valuable insights that can help all kids find understanding and acceptance.

<https://vimeo.com/186480327>

Walk With Me - 2016 (17 min) - Sec/Professional *Canadian

This Vancouver Police Department Transgender awareness video addresses subjects that many trans people face, such as discrimination, employment challenges, and mental health issues. It also provides tips on how people can interact in a respectful manner with trans people, such as asking what pronouns they prefer to use.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtwBgm8HEpM>

Creating Gender Inclusive Schools - 2016 (Trailer 2min, Film 21 min) - Professional

This short film shows how elementary schools can talk about gender diversity and stereotypes in an inclusive, fun and age-appropriate way. Ideal for teachers, administrators, staff and parents.

<https://www.genderspectrum.org/creating-gender-inclusive-schools/>

Story of Jazz Jennings - 2014 (4:25) - Int/Sec

Jazz Jennings, an articulate and confident trans teen, tells her story of growing up knowing that she was always a girl on the inside, and deserves to be treated as such.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jbg-LdVdNk0>

Jazz Jennings Explains 10 things You Need to Know About Transgender People - 2015 (2:37) - Int/Sec

<http://www.cosmopolitan.com/sex-love/news/a40206/jazz-jennings-things-you-need-to-know-about-transgender-people-video/>

Katie Couric interview with Jazz Jennings and Family - 2014 (7:57) - Int/Sec

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SG1mzEgyKQ>

Moms For Transgender Equality Tell Their Story - 2015 (3:56) - Int/Sec

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oysepuOLWEk&feature=em-subtitle_digest-g

An Introduction to Transgender People - National Centre for Transgender Equality - 2016 (4:05) –

Prim/Int/Sec

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSuJ700Mo3I>

There's No Wrong Way to be a Woman - 2016 (00:30) - Int/Sec

Ad shows a Trans woman conquering her fear of using the washroom with others

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tjg-ZSk31rw>

Diagnosing Difference - 2009 (Trailer 2:12, Film 60 min) - Sec

This award winning, exceptionally engaging and well-made video is an excellent introduction to the medical challenges facing the transgender community.

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/diagnosingdifference>

Rural Transcapes - 2011 (Trailer 2:16, Film 30min) - Sec *Canadian

BC film that profiles four transgendered individuals who have chosen to live in the rural area of the Kootenays.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmG3ljPwL7I>

She's A Boy I Knew - 2007 (Trailer 2:46, Film 70min) - Sec *Canadian

Using archival family footage, interviews, and animation, *She's a Boy I Knew* tells the captivating story of the gender transition of a Vancouver filmmaker as it affects her family and friends. Intelligent, honest, entertaining and humorous.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUz1JpHCsY>

Let Me Be Brave - 2016 (10:34) – Sec

Transgender experiences of sport participation in Scotland.

<https://vimeo.com/157498345>

Prodigal Sons - 2008 (Trailer 1:47, Film 1hr 26min) - Sec

This award-winning family documentary is both fascinating and heartbreakingly honest, and features former quarterback, Kimberly Reed's stranger-than-fiction story including near-universal truths about family bonds, sibling rivalry and human identity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-oz2BHFH4fc>

Transgender: You're Part of the Story -2016 (13:20) - Int/Sec

Trans Teen TED Talk urging teens to be allies

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXnTAnsVfN8>

Sexual Orientation

One Team - 2015 (1:50) - Int/Sec *Canadian

Canadian Olympic Committee video featuring LGBT athletes advocating for inclusion in sport.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhsYf_KQcE

STAND UP Against Homophobia - 2011 (4:25) - Sec

Irish video calls on everyone, gay and straight, to support each other in taking a stand against homophobic bullying.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzFfTiOSz4U&feature=youtu.be>

Shh! Silence Helps Homophobia - 2014 (7:00) - Sec

LGBT Youth Scotland asks everyone to stand up and speak out against homophobia.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQKGigb5l28&feature=youtu.be>

Love is All You Need - 2013 (19min) - Upper Int/Sec

The story of a bullied young teen who lives in a world where heterosexuality is considered immoral.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCoFoKvfc6Y>

Anyone and Everyone - 2007 (57 min) - Sec/Parents

A moving and beautiful portrayal of the love between parents and children, and the work some parents are willing to do to accept their gay and lesbian children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUSmcpI6w>

Trailer (2:58) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RBjEDCgE4o>

Laramie Inside Out – 2005 (Trailer 4:26, Film 56 min) - Sec

Award winning film that accurately portrays how the town of Laramie, Wyoming reacted and transformed after the 1998 murder of gay college student, Matthew Shepard, and the huge media uproar that followed.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_QsVpnaqBGM

Diversity, Gender Stereotypes, Bullying and SOGI

Love Has No Labels - 2015 (3:20) - Prim/Int/Sec

Ad Council video uses an X-ray screen to show that love doesn't depend on gender, race, religion, ability or age.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnDgZuGIhHs>

#Like a Girl - 2014 (3:18) - Prim/Int/Sec

This ad compares our stereotypical ideas about "Like A Girl" to the ideas of young girls themselves.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjJQBjWYDTs>

Inspire Her Mind - 2014 (1:02) - Int/Sec

This ad movingly demonstrates the negative impact of gender stereotypes on girls.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XP3cyRRAfX0>

If We Used Childhood Gender Stereotypes on Adults - 2014 (1:47) - Prim/Int/Sec

This comical BuzzFeed video imagines what the workplace would look like if we subjected adults to the same gender messages we regularly send to children.

<https://youtu.be/381belOZreA>

I Am NOT Black, You Are NOT White - 2015 (4:35) - Upper Int/Sec

Spoken word piece creatively addresses how "labels" were created to divide us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0qD2K2RWkc>

It's Still Elementary: Re-examining LGBT Issues in Schools - 2007 (Trailer 3:28, Film 51 min) - Professional

This moving story and political drama revisits the students and teachers from the original groundbreaking film, *It's Elementary*, and discovers the profound impact of the film in helping educators understand the importance of starting discussions about sexual orientation and gender in elementary classrooms.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XV_YYc7G4lw

Let's Get Real - 2004 (10:32) - Int/Sec

Youth speak frankly about issues that lead to taunting and bullying, including racial differences, perceived sexual orientation, learning disabilities, religious differences, sexual harassment and others.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4llx7mNi7o>

Straightlaced: How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up - 2009 (Trailer 2:05, Film 67min) - Upper Int/Sec

From girls confronting popular messages about culture and body image to boys who are sexually active just to prove they aren't gay, the students in *Straightlaced* illustrate the toll that deeply held stereotypes and rigid gender policing have on all of our lives.

<https://vimeo.com/52956698>

Two Spirits - 2009 (Trailer 2:10, Film 65min) - Sec

Interweaves the tragic story of a mother's loss of her son with a revealing look at a time when the world wasn't simply divided into male and female, and many Native American cultures held places of honour for people of integrated genders.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1296906/videoplayer/vi1540620825?ref=tt_ov_vi

The Year We Thought About Love - 2015 (Trailer 2:46, Film 68 min) - Sec

Celebrates the powerful work of a Boston youth theatre troupe as they write a play about love, sexual orientation and gender identity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuElrh-Xsrc>

Rise Against Homophobia/Transphobia films from Out in Schools - Upper Int/Sec *Canadian

BC's Out in Schools program includes award winning short films made by youth to help their peers understand SOGI issues, youth realities and perspectives.

<http://outinschools.com/video-contest/>

How Privileged Are You? - 2016 (6:00) - Upper Int/Sec

This eye-opening, humorous and entertaining BuzzFeed video shows a group of teens discussing a quiz that helps them to understand their various levels of privilege.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UmowwMivyU&t=23s>

The Price of Exclusion - 2015 (3:36) - Sec/Professional

United Nations Human Rights video exposes just how much LGBT exclusion really costs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvSxLHpyFOk>

LGBTQ History

Further Off the Straight and Narrow - 2006 (Trailer 6:30, Film 62min) - Sec

Takes a close look at sitcoms, reality shows, and premium TV programming as it explores how representations of GLBT characters became more complex and varied from 1998 – 2006.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-kDkJN72-Q>

The Celluloid Closet - 1995 (Trailer 2:12, Film 107 min) - Sec

Documentary surveying the various Hollywood screen depictions of gay and lesbian people and the attitudes behind them throughout the history of North American film.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JL_vrb4-6_0

The Times of Harvey Milk - 1984 (Trailer 3:26, Film 90 min) - Upper Int/Sec

Academy award winner for best documentary, this film tells the powerful and tragic history of LGBT civil rights leader and San Francisco's first elected gay councilor who was assassinated in 1979.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZgCDsgbwjo>

Jim Loves Jack: The James Egan Story - 1995 (Excerpt 8:30) - Int/Sec *Canadian

This documentary tells the remarkable story of James Egan, a pioneer champion of gay rights in Canada who challenged sensationalistic media stereotypes of gay people, and then fought for same-sex marriage with his partner of 50 years. Jim Loves Jack is an inspiring story of political activism and a moving testimony to the dignity of gay and lesbian relationships.

<https://vimeo.com/137426305>