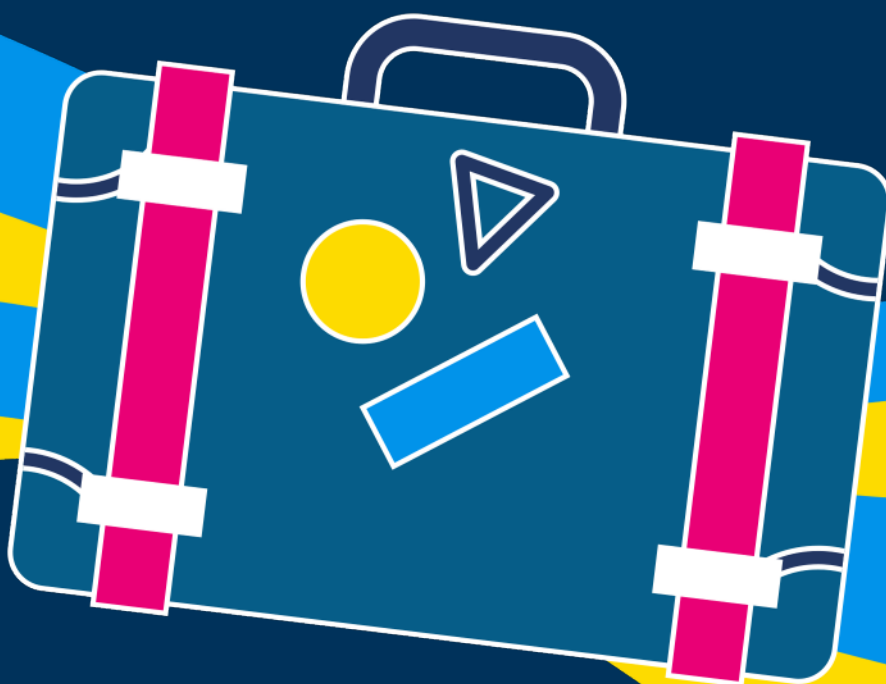




**A virtual gathering of resources and useful tools for facilitators and youth organizations to engage young people about Ukrainian LGBTQI+ Refugees realities.**

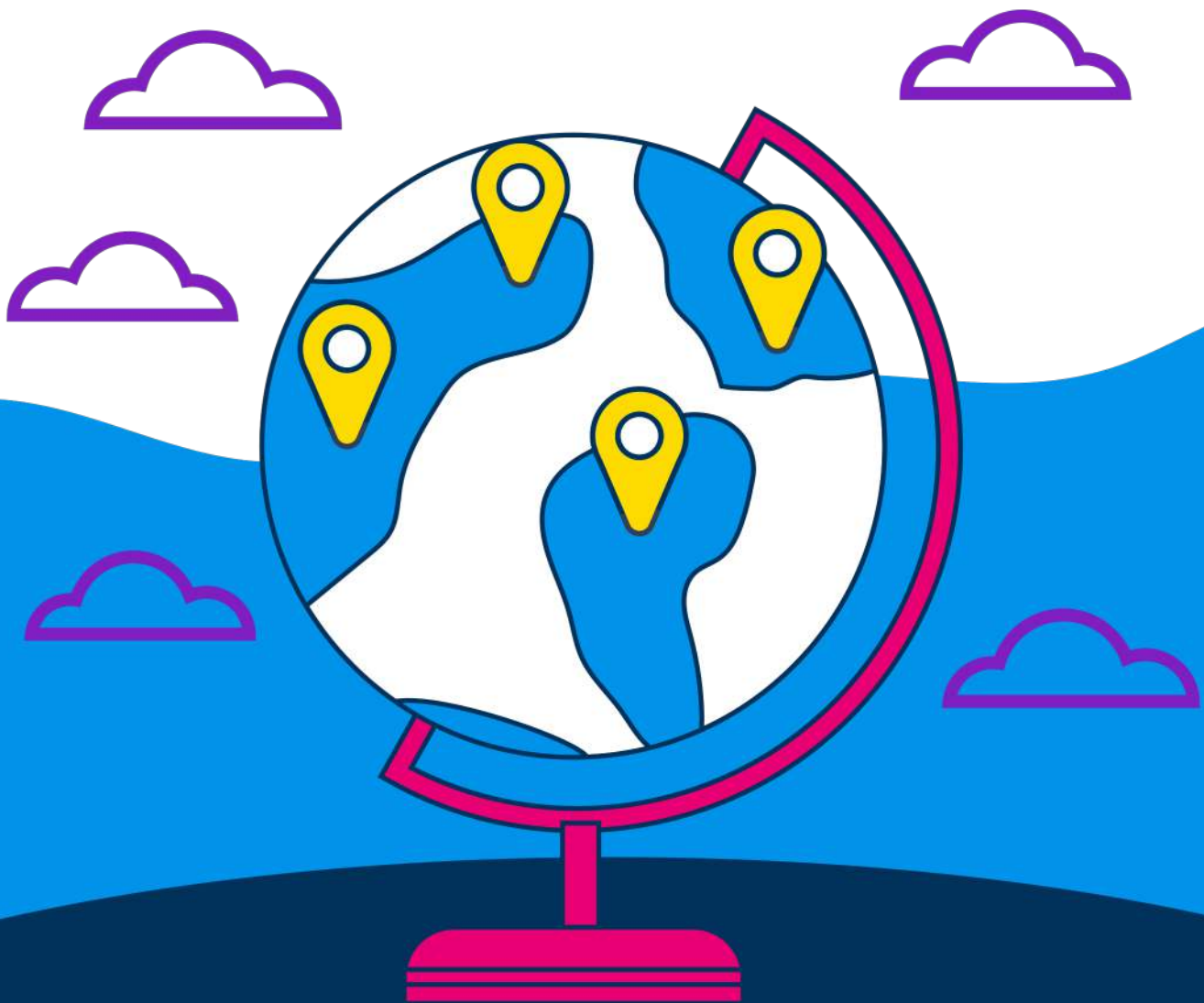
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# ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN LGBTQ+ REFUGEES





## Belgium

**Rainbow House:** The Rainbow house Brussels is home to various French and Dutch speaking LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, etc.) associations in the Brussels area.



## Czech Republic

**Aidsmap:** Aidsmap provides independent, accurate and accessible information about HIV and AIDS. They also offer support to migrant, refugees and displaced people from Ukraine. Email hotline: [help@praguepride.com](mailto:help@praguepride.com)







## Canada

**Rainbow Refugee: Support for** LGBTQI+ refugees in Canada. **I belong Program:** This is a program that welcomes all LGBTQI+ refugees and newcomers by providing safe space to connect and receive personalized support, celebrating diversity and inclusion.



## Estonia

### **Estonia LGBT Association:**

This organization provides support to all Ukrainian citizens who come to Estonia without visa or travel document.



## France

**Ardhis:** This is an association for the defense of the rights of LGBTQI immigrants and refugees in France.

# Germany



**Vitsche Berlin:** Ukrainian activist organization based in Berlin. Vitsche Berlin is LGBTQ-friendly. The organization is committed to inclusivity and diversity, which are central to its mission of fostering a strong and united Ukrainian community in Berlin, especially amid the backdrop of the war. Vitsche Berlin's events and activities often focus on creating safe spaces for all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Handbook Germany:** This is a website that provides information for people who want to migrate to Germany including for LGBTQI+ refugees from Ukraine such as migration, asylum, housing etc.



**GAY  
LOCATION**

## **LGBTQI+ Community safe spots in Germany:**

This German website has compiled a total of 1,027 bars & cafés, plus 362 dancing spots and various shops and advice centers in 292 cities for Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

**Munich Kyiv Queer:** Munich Kyiv Queer sees itself as an interface between Munich and the community in Kyiv as well as other Ukrainian cities; we initiate, mediate, design, coordinate and implement projects alone or together with the groups and associations of the respective cities.



**Queer Refugees Support:** This is an open action group founded by queer people in Hamburg primarily to support queer refugees. Other queer immigrants – whether documented or not – are also welcome to contact us.

### **Queere Nothilfe Ukraine:**

The Alliance Queere Emergency Aid Ukraine is an association of various organizations from the LSBTIQ\* community in Germany. We support queer people who have had to flee Ukraine or are still in the country.



## Holland

**Refugees Help:** This organization provides a list of resources and information on accessing housing for Ukrainian refugees who just arrived in Holland.





## Spain

**Castelló LGBTI:** Castello LGBTI offers a series of services to dignify lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersexual people living in our province and non-discrimination based on orientation, gender identity, gender expression, sexual development or family group.

**Contact Information:**  
**+34696831307** [ucrania@castellolgtbi.es](mailto:ucrania@castellolgtbi.es)

**Lambda Valencia:** Lambda, the LGTB+ collective for sexual, gender and family diversity, is a non-profit association that was founded on 25 September 1986, motivated by the situation of legal discrimination and social marginalisation suffered by LGTB people.



## Slovakia

**Košice Pride:** This organization runs a helpline for Ukrainian LGBTQI+ refugees. Contact information [help@pridekosice.sk](mailto:help@pridekosice.sk).

## United Kingdom

**Micro Rainbow:** This organization connects UK sponsors with LGBTQI Ukrainian nationals. After arrival in the UK, they provide LGBTQI Ukrainians with employability support and social inclusion activities.





**Refugees at Home:** a UK charity which connects those with a spare room in their home to refugees and people seeking asylum who are in need of somewhere to stay.

**The No Accommodation Newtork: NACCOM** is made up of Member organisations providing accommodation and support to those facing housing problems across the UK including migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.



**Rainbow Migration:** We are also working with partner LGBTQI+ organisations here in the UK, signposting LGBTQI+ Ukrainians to trusted LGBTQI+ support services.

**Ukrainian Refugee Help UK:** A site providing information to Ukrainians arriving in the UK on visa, employment, study or UK sponsors.



**British Red Cross:** The British Red Cross has a list of resources to help Ukrainian refugees access support in the UK.

**Barnardos:** Helpline support for anyone fleeing Ukraine to the UK because of the war.



# Ukraine

**SD Platform:** SD Platform are a Ukrainian NGO improving Ukrainian civil society by educating communities of their rights and potential abuses.



**Gender Zed:** A human rights organisation that works with a broad range of issues such as sexual orientation and gender identity, overcoming stigma regarding LGBTQI+ community.

**KyivPride:** KyivPride is a Ukrainian non-governmental organization that aims at contributing to full respect for human rights for LGBT+ in Ukraine such as shelter, psychosocial support etc.



**Kharkiv pride:** KyivPride is the largest LGBTQ+ event in Ukraine, held annually in Kyiv.

**Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union:** Offers legal assistance to Ukrainian refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), including marginalized groups.

# Hungary

**Budapest Pride:** A Safe space for LGBTQI+ Refugees in Hungary. They provide queer refugees with host families in Budapest.



# Austria

**Vienna Pride:** Vienna Pride is a cultural event that attracts about 300,000 people who will celebrate and demonstrate together.



# United States of America

## **LGBTQ Ukrainians in America: Ukrainian**

LGBTQI+ organization providing support to Ukrainian LGBTQI+ in America. Support includes information, legal aid, donation to Ukrainian LGBTQI+ refugees in America etc.

**Advocates for Trans Equality: A4TE's** immigration work focuses on three distinct areas: 1) providing technical assistance to immigration attorneys and legal services regarding transgender matters; 2) working with federal agencies that administer and carry out asylum and refugee determinations as well as the border patrol and immigration detention systems; and 3) amplifying the policy needs of service providers, grassroots activists, and communities of transgender migrants across the country who seek legal protection and services for their communities.

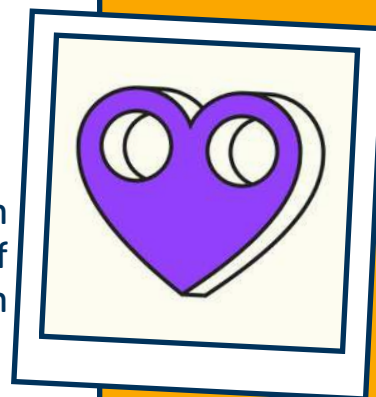


**Nova Ukraine:** This website provides resources and tools for LGBT Refugees from Ukraine residing in the United States of America. **QUA Community:** This is an AID Network for LGBTQ Ukrainian refugees in America.



# International

**IGLYO (Brussels & International):** (International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Youth and Student Organization): Provides a list of organizations supporting LGBTQI+ people in Ukraine and neighboring countries.



**Ilga Europe (National & International):** Ilga Europe is an international organization, and they have put together a list of contacts for LGBTQI persons fleeing Ukraine. **Gender Spectrum:** This organization works to create gender-sensitive and inclusive environments for all children and teens with a searchable database of resources, including support groups, events, therapy and other services.

**OutRight Action International:** Provides support and emergency assistance to LGBTQ individuals in crisis, including those affected by conflict in Ukraine. **UNHCR:** The UN Refugee Agency offers specific resources and assistance for LGBT asylum seekers and Ukrainian refugees.



**Rainbow Welcome (National & International):** This organisation has an interactive map that shows LGBTIQ+ shelters and places in Europe where good practices have been put in place to better answer LGBTIQ+ refugees' needs. **Gender Stream:** Providing map to help you detect support for LGBTQI+ community in Ukraine and abroad through services like educational courses, assistance with employment, financial and housing assistance etc.



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# YOUTUBE VIDEOS & CHANNELS TO LEARN ABOUT UKRAINIAN LGBTQI+

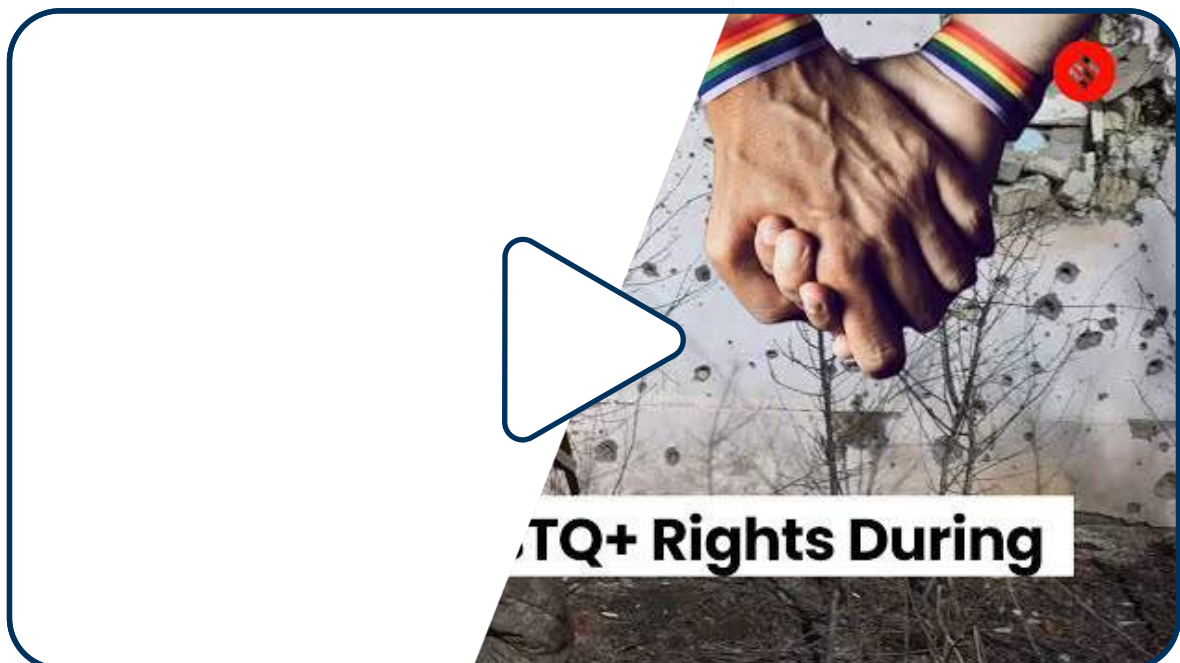


# LGBTI Rights Explained



This is a video by amnesty International on Youtube. It explains basic concepts on what LGBTQI rights are. (Source: Amnesty International)

## Russia Ukraine War: Fighting for LGBTQ+ Rights and for Ukraine



A short video covered by DW about the impact of the war on Ukrainian LGBTQI+ community. (Source: Indian Express YouTube Channel)

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# EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



# IFM SEI RAINBOW RESOURCES



Rainbow Resources contains educational activities on issues such as identity, gender equality, heteronormativity, bullying, love and families in order to promote human rights education with children on sexuality and gender rights.

## Support for Students from Ukraine in Higher Education

Students granted a visa under the Ukraine schemes are eligible for home fee status and student support if they are studying an approved course at an approved higher education provider in the UK.



**Information for Refugees, Asylum-seekers and Stateless People**

**Articles, research and analytical materials about LGBTQI+ rights in Ukraine**

**Perception of LGBT people and their rights in Ukraine: Results of a Telephone survey conducted on May 26 - June 1, 2024**

**Human Rights Watch**

**Amnesty International**



# Ukrainian children in EU education systems what is the state of play?



Close to 1.3 million minors displaced from Ukraine have received temporary protection in the EU, and an estimated 700,000 have been enrolled in EU schools during the school year 2023–2024. (July 2024)

## Building hope Europe's solidarity with Ukraine

### **15 inspiring Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects providing support to people affected by the war:**

The publication highlights 15 concrete examples of completed and ongoing cases where projects supported under Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps have had a tangible and positive influence on the lives of people in and from Ukraine. (February 2024)



## OECD policy papers on supporting Ukrainian educators and recognition of prior learning:

OECD has published two policy papers regarding supporting Ukrainian educators and higher education students. (December 2023)



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# LEGAL SUPPORT & RESOURCES



Same-sex marriage is not yet legal in Ukraine but there have been several draft laws proposing the legalization of civil partnerships. Below are different national and international instruments protecting the rights of LGBTQI+ community in and out of Ukraine.

## Legal Framework and Rights



### International Protection

**1951 Refugee Convention:** This is an international convention that provides the basis for asylum claims based on persecution due to sexual orientation or nationality. You can find detailed information on the UNHCR website.

**European Union (EU) Law:** The EU's Qualification Directive and Dublin Regulation are key legal frameworks. The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) provides guidance on these laws.

### National Laws protecting LGBTQI+ Refugees from Ukraine

- ✗ **Ukraine`s Anti-Discrimination Law**  
How to support the draft law on registered partnerships in
- ✗ **Ukraine - GENDER STREAM**  
Agenda of the 10th session of the Verkhovna Rada: 11 bills related to LGBTQI+ people
- ✗ **Germany Asylum Act (English translation)**

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# Organizations Providing Legal Support for LGBTQI + Refugees from Ukraine



**ILGA-Europe:** Advocates for LGBT rights across Europe and provides resources for legal assistance.



**Lambda Legal:** Offers resources and legal guidance, particularly useful for understanding LGBT asylum cases in the US, though their resources are globally applicable.



**IGLYO:** International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Youth Organization.



**Lesben- und Schwulenverband in Deutschland (LSVD)** (Germany) Offers legal counseling and support for LGBT refugees in Germany.



**Lambda Warsaw** (Poland) provides legal aid for LGBT refugees, including those from Ukraine.

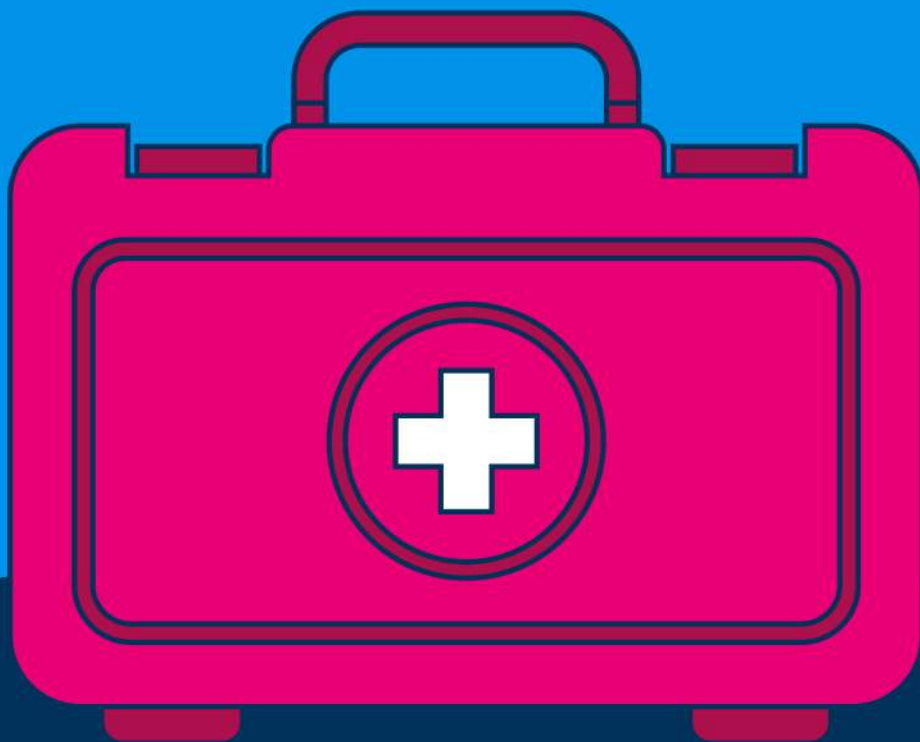


**Temida** which provides equal legal and social support for trans people, offers free psychologist services to trans/queer people.



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# MEDICAL RESOURCES FOR LGBTQ+ REFUGEES



# Ukraine

**Help24 TeleHealth:** Full-fledged online telemedicine services provided by qualified doctors. You can get the consultation of the right specialist, referrals for laboratory tests, ART for people living with HIV, HIV prevention services for key population groups (CGs), as well as the opportunity to get other services you need, regardless of your location and at a time convenient for time for you.

**Trans"Generation:** Database of friendly doctors for transgender people.

# Germany

**Praxis ohne Grenzen:** Free medical treatment for people without insurance

**Deutsche Aidshilfe:** Organisation providing health care information and insurance to LGBTQI+ migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

**Schwulen Beratung Berlin:** to find specific social, legal, medical and psychotherapeutic services

**AIDS-Hilfe Hamburg:** Self-help association, civic movement and professional counselling organisation regarding HIV and health

**Andocken:** Doctors for undocumented immigrants – medical help and social counselling via the charitable organisation of Protestant churches (Diakonie). They also offer language training and mentoring opportunities for migrants and refugees.

**Medibüro Hamburg:** Provides health information, Legal and Social Counselling: Fleeing, Migration, Asylum

**Westend Nachbarschaftstreff in Wilhelmsburg:** Meeting place and medicine for immigrants: help for people without health insurance – in cooperation with Doctors of the World

**Malteser Migranten Medizin Hamburg:** Medical support for people without health insurance **Caritas Krankenmobil:** Ecclesiastical outpatient medical and nursing care for sick and homeless people in Hamburg. **Familienplanungszentrum:** Advice, assistance and information, medical assistance, training programmes and information sessions on family planning.

## International Organizations Providing Healthcare

**World Health Organization (WHO):** You can visit the WHO's official website and search for their reports and updates on the health situation of Ukrainian refugees. The WHO frequently publishes situation reports and guidelines on refugee health.

**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR):**

The UNHCR's website offers detailed information on the various programs and support they provide to refugees, including health and psychosocial support.

**International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC):** The ICRC has detailed information on their medical and psychological support programs for refugees, including their work in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

**Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders):** MSF often publishes field reports and updates about their operations in areas hosting refugees. Their website is a great resource for understanding the medical challenges faced by Ukrainian refugees.

**International Rescue Committee (IRC):** Provides reports on their humanitarian efforts, including healthcare and mental health support for refugees .



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES





## GLSEN

**The Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network** works to ensure that LGBTQ students can learn and grow in a school environment free from bullying and harassment. The **GLSEN School Climate Survey, the Educator Network, and they GLSEN Inclusive Curriculum** are among the research and educational programs. The Educator Network highlights emails resources and current information on LGBTQ events, including GLSEN's No Name-Calling Week. The curriculum guide helps educators find places to increase LGBTQ+ representation.

## International Literacy Association

Is a professional organization with a mission of connecting research and practice to continuously improve the quality of literacy instruction across the globe. Creating Inclusive Classrooms by Curating LGBTQ-Friendly Libraries Article discussing the importance of diversifying classroom libraries to include LGBTQ-friendly titles; includes book recommendations.

## Sunny Bunny LGBTQIA + Film Festival

First Ukrainian LGBTQIA+ film festival aimed at representing the scope of international queer filmmaking.

## Pride and Less Prejudice

Teachers can be tremendous allies both in their roles as educators and as affirming adults in the lives of children. That's why Pride and Less Prejudice donates age-appropriate LGBTQ books to PK-3 classrooms.

## Sex Ed Open Learning

Open Learning Project collection includes 40 Oregon-created, LGBTQ2SIA+ inclusive, culturally responsive, positive and not fear- or shame- based, comprehensive sex ed lessons and instructional materials for use in K-12 classrooms.

## It Gets Better Project, Queer Kid Stuff EduGuide

(Lessons and videos) The It Gets Better Project hosts an EduGuide with 9 short lessons, each with an accompanying YouTube video from the Queer Kid Stuff YouTube channel dedicated to LGBTQ+ kids.

## AMAZE Videos

**Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation - AMAZE** provides age-appropriate animated videos for youth identity, sexuality, bodies, and relationships.

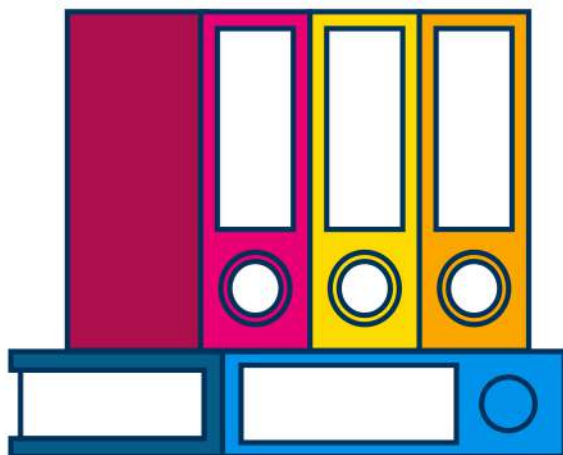


## Learning for Justice

**Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ Students** are guidelines that Learning for Justice developed because LGBTQ students who go to school in a fully inclusive environment — where both curriculum and schoolwide policies value their identities — experience more positive outcomes. Students also experience less harassment, feel more valued by school staff and face fewer barriers to success.

## A Queer Endeavor

Is a nationally recognized center for gender and sexual diversity in education, combining more than 30 years of classroom experience with research-based practices. Take a quick look at **A Queer Endeavor's Terminology Guide** to get started.



## PBS learning media

**Understanding LGBTQ+ Identity: A Toolkit for Educators** offers a series of digital media resources to help teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, and other educators understand and effectively address the complex and difficult issues faced by LGBTQ students.

## Ukraine LGBTQI: Information, Action & Direction



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