

IS OUT IN SCHOOLS LINKED TO LESS BULLYING IN SCHOOLS?

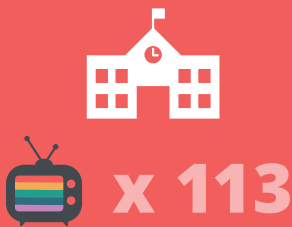
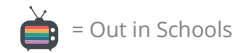


What is Out in Schools?

The Out in Schools program uses films to explore gender, sexuality, and the lived experiences of LGBT2Q+ people. Through facilitated group discussions of the films, the program engages with youth and educators to address homophobia, transphobia, and bullying.

Our Methods

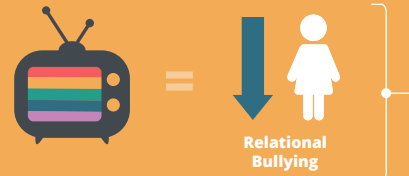
SARAVYC researchers looked at which schools hosted Out in Schools events, and if they had different student responses in the BC Adolescent Health Survey.



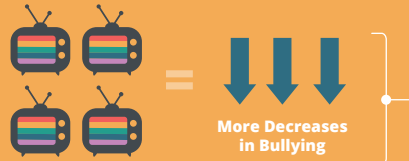
Out in Schools visited **113** schools/school programs between 2004-2014.



56 of the schools (**49.6%**) hosted Out in Schools at least twice.



In schools that hosted Out in Schools, lesbian, bisexual and heterosexual girls were **less likely** to have experienced exclusion or teasing (**relational bullying**) in the last year.



Each **repeated visit** by Out in Schools further decreased the chance of being bullied at school for all students.



Lesbian and bisexual girls were **1/3 less likely** to have experienced **anti-LGBT discrimination**.



Gay and bisexual boy's chances of experiencing **relational bullying** were reduced by **nearly 1/2**.



Even if schools had a Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) or anti-homophobia policy, hosting **Out in Schools still significantly reduced the odds of girls and boys being bullied**.



Out in Schools has an added contribution to reducing homophobia and bullying.