

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO CHALLENGE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LGBT+ PEOPLE



Homophobic, transphobic or sexist language is damaging. Don't use it.

Using discriminatory language against LGBT+ people, their family and friends is unacceptable. It's offensive, puts people down and can affect their self confidence.



Always challenge homophobic, transphobic or sexist language where you can

If you feel safe, always challenge language or behaviour that puts LGBT+ people down. If you don't feel safe to challenge, tell a coach or other staff member. Remember, saying nothing only allows prejudice and discrimination to get worse.



Support campaigns like Football v Homophobia

Be visible in your support of LGBT+ people. Campaigns like Football v Homophobia can be a great way of letting people know that you care.



Be aware that not all LGBT+ people are visible

Just because you can't always tell if someone is LGBT+, it doesn't mean that LGBT+ people don't exist in Football.



Lead by example

Don't follow others for laughs. Be your own person. Anti-LGBT+ language and jokes are not just banter. They put people down, affect their self esteem and can make them feel isolated.



Spread a message of respect for everyone

Speak out about wanting everyone to feel welcome in the game. You can have a massive impact on the wellbeing of other players by your actions. If other players look up to you, use your authority to make a positive difference.



Challenge stereotypes

Because no one should be making lazy generalisations about any group of people.



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