



15 Youtubers with LGBTQ+ Orientations or Identities



Alex Bertie

Alex is a Youtuber and a transgender man. Alex has helpful videos that can help trans awareness as well as videos documenting life after top surgery.

Support Trans People

- youtube.com/watch?v=-g-sAdSTRmY
- Tips on supporting trans people.

Offending Trans People

- youtube.com/watch?v=V8DgzchrcA8
- Gives tips on how to avoid offence to a trans person.

Some swearing 15+



Dodie Clark

Gives her insights into bi-sexuality and also pan-sexuality.

Bi questions

- youtube.com/watch?v=Tu1_-2giamQ
- Talks about her experience of being bisexual

Channel has some mature content (e.g. swearing, talking about porn)



Niki Albon

A Youtuber from Essex who came out as gay in February 2020.

I'm Gay

- youtube.com/watch?v=wiY1vn4poEA
- Talks openly about his sexuality.
- Talks about how coming out might not be an explosion in the sky, but could just be ripples

Coming Out to my Twin Brother

- youtube.com/watch?v=Y-krw4G_nj0
- Niki's brother talks about how mum is sad when Niki came out and that this was because he hadn't felt ok to come out sooner.
- Empathises some of the feelings that others may have in relation to the person coming out.
- Brother shows acceptance of his brother's sexuality.



^Doug Armstrong

A Youtuber reflects on being a gay man.

My Coming Out Story

- youtube.com/watch?v=qP1w34vFulc
- Talks through his coming out process.



I've been thinking... (coming out)

- youtube.com/watch?v=t88okN9E2Yg
- Doug Armstrong refers to how his parents were cool when he came out to them and that it wasn't a surprise. He advocates people coming out themselves and not living in the closet.

Shantania Beckford

From a Jamaican background. Videos are quite long. Also covers make-up and lifestyle topics.

Coming out to my Caribbean Family that I'm Bi-Sexual

- youtube.com/watch?v=iKqhK6skDAo

Difference between Dating a Guy and a Girl

- youtube.com/watch?v=XDJTJMPJM48



Jamaican and Transgender?? Came out on National TV? I have Questions

- youtube.com/watch?v=SByyrEJTHfQ
- An interview with a Jamaican trans guy

Some mature content

Megan Evans

Megan has entered into a civil partnership with her partner, Whitney. The two describe themselves as a femme lesbian couple and produce a wide range of content.

Discussing My Disability

- youtube.com/watch?v=Z4gFVqXQB4
- Megan chats about a physical disability related to her hand as a result of medical negligence and answers followers questions.



What's It Like Being Gay AND Disabled?!

- youtube.com/watch?v=C_NOEfwCuiQ
- Megan teams up with Jessica Kellgren-Fozard to discuss sexuality and disability.

Jessica Kellgren-Fozard

Became deaf around the age of 15 due to a genetic disability. A portion of her videos have Jessica also using sign language (Sign Supported English). Is an advocate for others learning sign language. Jessica has a partial visual impairment and an auto immune disorder and a nerve disorder. She also talks about using a mobility aid.



She lives in Brighton with her wife, Claudia.

Queer Sign Language

- youtube.com/watch?v=Qq4zd3x_QIA
- Jessica teaches you BSL signs for LGBTQ+

Realising We're Gay

- youtube.com/watch?v=UlnOWnynIfA
- Jessica and her partner talk about their identities.

Melanie Murphy

My Boyfriend and My Bisexuality

- youtube.com/watch?v=aqQDkVc0BCo
- Melanie asks her boyfriend candid questions about their relationship and his acceptance of her sexuality.



Life AFTER Coming Out As Bi/Gay

- youtube.com/watch?v=AyGTS-gAqsc
- A joint video with Riyadh K with advice and reflections on having come out.

Some mature content

My Genderation

My Genderation celebrates transgender lives and experiences. It tells a range of stories featuring trans people giving their stories first hand.

Examples include:

Transgender Youth Bust Myths!

- youtube.com/watch?v=Di4zIt6CTRI
- Young people answer FAQs about trans

Does being Trans Change our Sexuality?

- youtube.com/watch?v=88KHCaF8K1U
- Two Youtubers reflect on their sexuality as trans people.

Ryan O Connell

A successful writer, writing the Netflix series Special.

It Took 28 Years For Him To Come Out Of The Disabled Closet: Meet Ryan O'Connell From "Special"

- youtube.com/watch?v=mv2zGK9IBB0
- Talks about how easy it was to come out to family, but took longer to accept his physical disability.



I'm Gay And Disabled And Fine, Thank You

- youtube.com/watch?v=ZZUmUgmc5PE

Some swearing

Phil Lester

A Youtuber from the North West of England talks about coming out as a gay man.

Coming Out To You

- youtube.com/watch?v=UqXFKSWniVU
- Talks about his experience of Coming Out as well as being outed. This worried him. But he feels accepted by his family now.



Mollie Faux-Wilkins (AKA The English Simmer)

Describes herself as a gamer girl.

Video Games made me Gay

- youtube.com/watch?v=KTYITvkrLzE
- Talks about how gaming, and certain games, helped her to accept herself. Isn't too focused on her bisexuality as the video also talks about the details of the games that helped her to realise her sexuality.



Daniel J Layton

A straight cis man reflects on how it is to be assumed to be gay.

How Are You Not Gay Lol

- youtube.com/watch?v=1ODVdZ3V7w0
- Talks about his experiences when people assume he's gay.



Rose & Rosie

This wedded couple talk openly about their relationship and discuss sexuality. At times, both uplifting and witty.

Some mature themes & swearing



Shaaba Lotun

Saaba talks about her relationship with her partner, Jamie Raines, who is a trans man.

My Coming Out Video | National Coming Out Day

- youtube.com/watch?v=OFM5ZMq_dV8
- Shaaba talks about coming out as bisexual.



Ashley Wylde

An informative Youtube channel

What does Non Binary Mean?

- youtube.com/watch?v=C-uPgD9JNbY
- Explains non-binary in an accessible way.

Non binary thoughts on gendered language

- youtube.com/watch?v=PNaM3zNnKKY
- Ashley takes time to explain their feelings about gendered words.

Supporting someone who is questioning their gender

- youtube.com/watch?v=FQKiOgldYi4
- Some helpful tips

Non binary swim wear

- youtube.com/watch?v=lytwAmga_i4
- Practical clothing advice!



Tips on using Youtube to support people on the autism spectrum who are also LGBTQ+

1. Watch the videos first – this makes sure you aren't surprised by any of the content.
2. Chat with the safeguarding lead about your plans – this might mean chatting to parents as well, but take advice from SAYiT on how to manage when youngsters ask that their parents are not told.
3. Filtering Systems – Check that the videos can be accessed in school and aren't blocked by school IT systems. If so, get in touch with the IT technician to see what solution can be found.
4. Be curious and ask questions – For example, plenty of Youtubers mention bullying. Does being a young Youtuber, who's not yet built up much following and who's talking about their feelings online, mean that bullies have more to target them for? Does this make the bullying ok? Does it help us understand that the bullies might have been bullying for more reasons than just the person's sexuality (or perceived sexuality).
5. Talk about the comments and trolls – There are some people who write nasty things on the internet who don't always mean what they write but put it anyway. They exist. It's always best to ignore them – Do not feed the trolls.
6. Be happy to say when you don't know the answer to questions. Have stock phrases like "I'm not sure I've can think of the right words to answer that right not – let me think about it and we'll talk about it next time".
7. Swearing – Some Youtubers swear in their LGBTQ+ videos. Many LGBTQ+ youngsters say they researched LGBTQ+ on Youtube – so if they're watching anyway, what you're are doing is adding some support and guidance. Whilst we don't encourage bad language, the risk of helping the person is greater than the risk of harm. It's still ok to acknowledge the swearing in a disapproving way and remind the person of your expectations about appropriate language.
8. Remember that the research indicates that good quality sex & relationships education leads to young people waiting longer to have sex and having less of it.

Notes

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