

Faith, Gender & Sexuality: A toolkit



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Module 3: Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)

Activity 1: LGBTI violence across Africa (40 minutes)

Materials

- 20 minute video clip of 'Call Me Kucho'
- Projector
- Laptop computer

Preparation

Download and watch the film 'Call Me Kucho' (<http://callmekuchu.com>) about the experiences of LGBTI persons in Uganda. Choose a 20 minute section of the film that you feel will most reflect the difficulties that the people in the documentary face, particularly in relation to the violation of their human rights and the violence (hate crimes) that they face.

Objectives

Using a film clip, this activity allows participants to reflect on African experiences of homosexuality. Instead of engaging in a debate on whether or not homosexuality is 'un-African' or not, the medium of film will encourage participants to understand the experiences of LGBTI in Africa and the violations against their human rights that occur.

Steps

1. Close the curtains or blinds in the room, and arrange the chairs so that all participants can view the projector screen.
2. Explain to the group that they are going to watch a 20 minute film clip that reflects LGBTI experiences specific to Africa. Reassure them that if they need to leave the room at any point, they are free to do so.
3. Play the film clip.
4. When it is over ask participants for their reflections on the film, how it made them feel, and whether it changed any of their views on LGBTI people. Allow 20 minutes for discussion, and try to direct participants to reflect upon why some claim homosexuality is 'un-African' and the impact of that claim on the LGBTI community in the region.
5. Close the session by asking if anyone has any further questions or comments before moving on.