Read the GSA 5-STEP PLAN below if you want to start a GSA because your school doesn’t have one yet.

**STEP 1: ASSEMBLE A GROUP**
Start looking for people who would like to set up a GSA with you. Those people can be your friends, but also your classmates, or members of the student council.

**STEP 2: PLAN A MEETING**
Agree on a date and time for your very first meeting.

**STEP 3: THINK UP YOUR FIRST GSA CAMPAIGN**
For example, you can put posters up, organise a petition, write an article for the school newspaper, or start organising Purple Friday.

**STEP 4: INFORM SCHOOL MANAGEMENT**
Tell management, for example your deputy headmaster, what you are up to. This can be very important in getting support for your plans.

**STEP 5: EXECUTE YOUR PLANS**
Make sure your first campaign gets noticed and advertise your GSA everywhere for maximum visibility. Good luck!

More information on gaystraightalliance.nl
Tim is a student at Wim T. Schippers College.

It was an OK school, but there was one big problem....

GAY!

GAY!

GAY!

However, the staff weren't very interested in hearing about it, nor very sympathetic.

They keep calling me 'gay', sir.

Oh? Gaaayyy!!!
Sometimes you're not sure. Am I straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender? You will find an answer to your question, and much more, on IEDEREEN IS ANDERS (Everyone is Different). See iedereenisanders.nl for more information.
Tim, are you gay?

Does it matter?

What I do know is that I want to go to a school where everyone can be who they are. Where nobody has to worry about other people's reactions.

Maybe it does, maybe it doesn't.

Maybe I don't have a clue.

An open-minded and tolerant school where you can find out who you are. Straight, gay, lesbian, transgender, bisexual, whatever you want!

A safe school! A school that treats you fairly!
A loving school!

Thank you for your attention.

Maybe you should do this again when there are people in the schoolyard.

It might have more impact, you know.
I've been thinking about your speech and I think we should do something. So let's start a GSA!

A what?!

A Gay-Straight Alliance!

It's a club that stands up for everyone who's different.

Everyone can join, as long as they believe that everyone should be able to be who they want to be. Whether you are gay, straight, bisexual, transgender or unsure.

But that's like putting homosexuals in the spotlight.

Wouldn't that actually give people the idea of bullying them?
I think we should get Cindy and Felicity to join the GSA.

If the most popular girls are on our side, then the rest will leave us alone.

OK, I'll ask.

Oh, how nice! A young gay man! Such a sweety!

And so interesting! You sure I can't convince you to go straight?

They're in.

Great. I've recruited a new member as well.
Jack?!
The vicar's son?!
You wouldn't have thought it, would you?
Hallelujah!

As a Christian, I believe in tolerance and the love of one's fellow man.

And to think that rimming, sucking, licking, fucking and eating pussy are also expressions of that love.

JONG&OUT

JONG&OUT is where you become friends with other lesbians, gays and transgenders. Besides an online community in which you manage your own profile, there are country-wide meetings where you can meet each other. See jongenout.nl (up to 18 years of age) for more information.
Welcome to the first meeting of our GSA! We've found another member, Mister Steel.

Mr. Steel thinks our initiative is wonderful, so he's here to support and assist.

Thanks Tim.

Just one small thing: in the classroom I'm Mister Steel, but at the GSA you can call me John.

OK, Cool.

Hi, John.
And when I go out at night, I'm Master Steel...

Make a film against homophobia and post it on:

STA OP TEGEN HOMOFOBIE
(Take a Stand against Homophobia)

staoptegenhomofobie.nl
OK, so now we've got a GSA, but what are we gonna do?

I'll see if some other students want to join.

I'll register the group at the GSA website. It would be great to get to know some other sweet gay guys.

I'm going to ask the COC for some tips. I just hope I don't turn anybody straight with my stunning good looks.

I'll inform the school administrators about this initiative of charity and love of one's fellow man.

Crumbs, you sissies! Where's the action?!
I've made some radical posters! Tonight we'll paste them up all over the school!

AND SO...

Brilliant! People are gonna talk about this!

Yup, I reckon they will!

Homophobia?? Just get lost!

Every Jack must have his Jill, but sometimes Jill is John. But that doesn't mean everyone in the GSA is a lesbian, and Jonah, Randy & Bram you're pretty damned hot.

- GSA - 😊😊😊

Yes, that one's by Cindy and Felicity.

And you came up with some ace slogans.

Nice and snappy.

You can leave that to me.

I don't like the last one that much though...

Fine with me!

Stay that way!
Dudes! Did you see it? The whole school is covered with posters by this Gay-Straight Alliance!

Yeah, we were also thinking like... DAFUQ?!

Cindy and Felicity are in it too.

Are they lesbian?! HOT!!

No dude, it's a group of gays and straights.

We'll get them back!

We'll set up straight pride!

STRAIGHT POWERRR!!

Wanna join straight pride?

No, I'm already in the GSA.

Straight pride?

Thanks, but I'm signing the GSA manifesto.
Nobody wants to join.

They've all signed the GSA manifesto.

I want to join straight pride!

STRAIGHT POWERRR!

If you want to write an article or prepare a presentation on lesbians, gays, bisexuals or transgenders, then HOMOGESCHIEDENIS (History of Homosexuality) is an inspiring place to start. More than 4,000 years of history and a portal to other research sources. See homogeschiedenis.nl for more information.

HOMOGESCHIEDENIS.NL

CHECK COC.NL

COC NETHERLANDS fights for the acceptance of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the Netherlands and abroad. Gay rights are human rights. See coc.nl for more information.

EXPRESZO is run by and for young lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders. You can subscribe to the magazine, chat on their forum and date on their dating pages. See expreszo.nl for more information. (up to the age of 29)
Are you ready? So here we go, I guess.

EXCITING!

God save our gracious Queen!

An historic moment...

John, we're raising the rainbow flag. God Save the Queen is a bit weird here.

Oh, so how about...

YMCA!

WHAT THE HECK DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

Oh, hello Headmaster. We're putting up the rainbow flag.

To celebrate our school having a GSA at last.

It's fun to stay at the...

I can't prohibit you establishing a GSA, but does it have to be quite so VISIBLE?!

People might think the Wim T. Schippers College is a gay club, instead of a respectable school!
Erm...

Headmaster

Perhaps it would be better if you didn't turn around...
Wouldn't it be a good idea for the GSA to write an article for the school newspaper?

Who you are, what you're doing, something about LGBTs in general...

Oh, I'm up for that!

I've got some information here to get you started.

Erk... OK.

And I've got a list of topics that you should definitely include.

It would be a good idea to get this sorted for the whole school, but it's a load of work.

And that...

And this...

And that...

And that...

And...

O wait, I shouldn't forget this...

And...

Phew! I think I'm almost done...
Pfff, did you – errr – finish reading – pfff – the new school paper yet?

Nowhere near! I’m on page 736 now!
Hey, queer! Can't you read? This is the boys' changing room! You don't belong here!

Hahaha.

Listen, Harry! We don't tolerate this sort of behaviour at our school! Apologise to Tim!

Erm... OK I was only kidding, you know.

Wow, the GSA is already working!

I never expected this from Grace.

But no looking!!

I'm sorry.
OH MY GOD, WE NEARLY HAD A BOY IN OUR CHANGING ROOM!

Yuck!

You saved us, Grace!
There's nothing about LGBT's in the multimedia section!

Ridiculous!

And there's only one copy of the Holy Scripture!

Headmaster, the GSA demands that these films, books, documentaries and magazines are included in the multimedia centre!

Crumbs! What now?

So what have we here? A list of gay films and books?
Does it really have to be those particular titles? It's probably more about the gesture.

'Big-dicked chicks part 6'?!?

'Sarely legal boy-crush'?!?

Well... this ain't the Holy Scripture!!
OK, so when he does this to her...

Sorry Sir, but you keep talking about 'him and her'.

Haven't you seen the GSA request?

Use 'him & him' or 'her & her'.

It's as common as 'he and she'.

Erm, yes girls, I understand the request, but....

Just do it!

No ifs and buts!
I'm still a bit worried. That class might respond really negatively.

All the more reason to do it!

Here we go!

How is this going to turn out?

WE ARE TAKING OVER THIS CLASS!

Tim, tell them what we're doing here.

Erm... some gay awareness...

But I'm in the middle of a...

That will have to wait!

O dear
Majority rule.
Take it away, Tim!

I'm glad you're so positive!

OK, I wanted to talk to you about...

Damn, that's the umpteenth time my lesson in stuffy and incomprehensible algebra for alien mathematical geniuses has been cancelled...
Hey everyone, we received an 'anonymous' letter.

Dear GSA, I want to come out of the closet, but I'm afraid. Can you help me?
Gay-a-nonymous

What can we do to help Jean-Baptiste?

How about a Purple Friday?

Purple Friday?

On Purple Friday the whole school wears purple against homophobia. Then Jean-Baptiste will see that there's no problem with being attracted to boys.

Let's make posters and announcements, and shop for purple clothes and nail varnish!

Yes! Let's do it!
A few days later......

Guys, we received another letter from Gay-a-nonymous.

He probably wants to thank us for organising Purple Friday!

I'm sure he can't wait!

Dear GSA,

Can you please, please, please organise something else instead of Purple Friday? Purple makes me look really pale and doesn't go with my green eyes at all. Can't we do a Blue Monday?

SHIT!

And he's still in the closet?!

It is **PURPLE FRIDAY** on the second Friday in December, at all secondary schools in the Netherlands.

On **PURPLE FRIDAY**, GSAs call on their fellow pupils and teachers to wear purple against homophobia. Campaign materials will be available around the second week of November.

Respond quickly, because supplies are limited.
It's Purple Friday tomorrow. I can hardly believe it.

I'm proud of you Tim. You've come a long way in six months.

But I'm not gonna get sentimental now. Go home and get a good night's sleep. Tomorrow is the big day!

Wow, it's true. Six months ago I hardly dared to leave the house. I was always afraid of that bully...

...HARRY!!
You don't scare me anymore! It's Purple Friday tomorrow. The entire school is backing me!

Tim...

Do you want to go to Purple Friday with me?

Go home and get a good night's sleep.

Yeah, right...

Huh? What's that?

No, nothing. Just talking to myself.
On the day...

PURPLE FRIDAY!

Look, it's Jean-Baptiste!

Will he finally come out of the closet?

Happy Purple Friday everyone!

I'd like to introduce my girlfriend Grace.

Where is Tim?

Ma cherie!

Oooh J-B!

Hallelujah! It's a miracle!

But who was gay-a-nonymous?

DAFUQ! J-B really is straight!

OH MY GOD! There's Tim and... and...
Those kids... They really pulled it off!

But now I'm out of here.

I must admit: Purple Friday caused quite a stir!

That's enough surprises for one day.
**Gay:**
a man who is exclusively attracted to other men.

**Lesbian:**
woman who is exclusive attracted to other women.

**Bi sexual:**
a person who is attracted to both men and women.

**LGBT:**
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender.

**Transgender:**
a person who more or less identifies as the opposite sex.

**Straight:**
a person who is attracted to people of the opposite sex.
The **GSA Network** is supported by COC Netherlands in setting up country-wide campaigns, providing information and making the GSA more well-known (this student's manual, for example).

The GSA network is advised by the **GSA Council**. Members of the council are young people who want to be active for their school's GSA. And if you would like to share your thoughts about the direction the GSA Network is taking, you can enter your name via Facebook (GSANL) or by e-mail: gsa@coc.nl

Twice a year, the GSA Network organises the **GSA Day** with a local GSA. On this day, GSA's from all over the country get together for inspiration and to exchange experiences and information. Subscribe to the GSA newsletter via gaystraightalliance.nl, or follow us on Facebook (GSANL).

Sometimes, GSA campaigns cost money. And especially for GSA campaigns, the **GSA Fund** can help you indemnifying part of the costs. To apply for funding for a GSA campaign at your school send an e-mail to gsa@coc.nl, explaining how much money you need and what you will use it for.
USEFUL WEBSITES
- hehomo.nl
- gayandschool.nl
- coc.nl
- expreszo.nl
- jongenout.nl
- gaystraightalliance.nl
- allesovergay.nl
- homogeschiedenis.nl
- staoptegenhomofobie.nl
- voorlichtingindeklas.nl
- iedereenisanders.nl

REGISTER YOUR GSA
You can be part of the GSA by registering on gaystraightalliance.nl. You will be part of the Gay-Straight Alliance Network and your GSA will be displayed on the map of Holland. That will not only looks good, but is also convenient because you can cooperate with other GSAs.