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Training elderly care staff on Pink Seniors

• Facts and figures
  • 6 – 8 % LGBT
  • Percentage seems lower amongst 65+
  • Most LGBT seniors are ‘out’ with direct family and close friends
  • 54 % LGBT seniors are ‘out’ with care givers and other professionals
  • 22 % of LGBT seniors feels lonely most of the time
  • 37 % feels lonely occasionally

  • Few staff know openly LGBT seniors
  • Elderly perceived as homogenous group
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Pink Passkey Project

- ANBO (Union for 50+)
- COC Netherlands (national LGBT advocacy organisation)
- MOVISIE (Netherlands Centre for social development)
- Vilans (Expertise Centre on long-term care)

✓ Training staff in care institutions
✓ Educating residents in care institutions
✓ Empowering LGBT seniors
✓ Agenda setting with institutions, municipalities and organisations
✓ Mainstreaming with health care insurance companies
QUIZ

❖ How many gay men and lesbian women were beaten up or cursed at least once in their lives?
  a) 7 in 1000
  b) 7 in 100
  c) 7 in 10

❖ How many LGBT 55+ are there in The Netherlands? (population 15 million)
  a) Between 5.000 and 9.000
  b) Between 21.00 and 54.000
  c) Between 120.000 and 210.000
  d) Between 240.000 and 320.000
QUIZ

- Since when was sex between same sex youth no longer a crime?
  a) That was never a crime
  b) Since 1850
  c) Since 1971

- When was homosexuality removed from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)?
  a) Homosexuality is still considered a psychiatric disorder according to the DSM
  b) Since 1884
  c) Since 1973
  d) Homosexuality was never considered a psychiatric disorder according to the DSM
QUIZ

Why is pink the colour associated with the LGBT community?

a) Pink is the favourite colour of LGBT’s
b) Gay men were forced to wear pink triangles in German concentration camps
c) The first openly gay men wore pink shirts as a sign of mutual understanding