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Joe Butler (pronouns: she/her) is an education/autism consultant who has worked with autistic children and young people and those with SEND for twenty-five years. For the majority of that time, Joe taught and led in an autism specialist school for pupils aged 4-19, latterly as a headteacher.

Joe is committed to ensuring that all pupils are taught to understand and celebrate diversity, and respect the differences between themselves and other people and their families. She supports children and young people identifying as LGBTQ+ and their families, and her school was one of the first Special Schools to become a Stonewall School Champion.

Joe now provides consultancy and bespoke training for education, youth and adult organisations, as well as for workplaces, both in the UK and internationally, through her company SEND Support. She regularly speaks at conferences, including for Stonewall, for which she also provides advice and support towards resources and at youth events as an accessibility consultant.

Joe is also a Trustee for SAYiT, a charity providing wellbeing support for LGBTQ+ young people in Sheffield, and a Governor and Trustee for Portland College, a national charity and leading specialist college providing disabled people with positive futures through education, care and employability support.

Joe is the co-author [Is That Clear? Effective Communication in a Neurodiverse World](#). She can be contacted for training and consultancy around any aspect of supporting people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, including those who are also LGBTQ+, here:

HIDE & SEEK

#DONOTDISCRIMINATE



OUR AWARD WINNING YOUTH GROUP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO IDENTIFY AS LGBTQIA+ OR THOSE WHO ARE QUESTIONING THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY.

THE GROUP IS OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 11 AND 16 TO SOCIALISE AND TAKE PART IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.



MONDAY 4PM - 5.30PM
KEYSTONE CENTRE
ROCKINGHAM ROAD
KETTERING
NN16 9HX

DUE TO CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER A PLACE VIA ENQUIRIES@YOUTHWORKSNORTHAMPTONSHIRE.ORG.UK OR, SEND A DM TO OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS:

**YOUTH
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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

TWITTER: @YOUTH_WORKS
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INSTAGRAM: @YOUTH_WORKS_NORTHAMPTONSHIRE





ABOUT THE LOWDOWN

the lowdown is a voluntary mental health charity, providing free and confidential counselling, emotional wellbeing, sexual health and LGBTQ support services for 11-25 year olds. We aim to provide a safe and caring atmosphere where all young people are supported on their journey towards positive emotional health and wellbeing.

ABOUT OUR LGBTQ SERVICES

Our LGBTQ service, Out There, has been supporting young people in Northampton since 2012 and has evolved from just one small youth group into six exciting services. The groups are all overseen by our LGBTQ Coordinator and our Youth Leaders with the aim of providing a safe and caring environment for young people to explore their identity and connect with likeminded people.

"Out There has helped me make new friends I know I'll have for life and accept myself for who I am and understand my identity more. Everyone at the group is so accommodating and accepting and it's such a safe space to be in."

Out There Youth Group Member



CONTACT US

We understand that it may seem difficult to find support. Many young people feel isolated and disconnected from social circles or even families and we want you to know that you are not alone.

Are you an LGBTQ+ young person or parent?

If you would like to join one of our LGBTQ+ groups or you would like some more information, please contact our LGBTQ Coordinator by calling on 07585 737482 or by emailing LGBTQsupport@thelowdownnorthampton.co.uk.

Do you represent a school?

We can provide advice and guidance to schools and colleges looking to set up their own LGBTQ+ group for students. If this is something you're interested in and would like more information, please contact LGBTQsupport@thelowdownnorthampton.co.uk



LGBTQ+ SERVICES



Find out what support is available for LGBTQ+ young people in Northampton.

