

## The Best in Film and Video to Spark Engaging Classroom Discussions About Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

### Family Diversity

***Our Family: A Film About Family Diversity*** - 2016 (7:31) - Primary/Intermediate

This upbeat and touching video allows children to see and appreciate their own families, and to learn about those who are different from them. All kinds of families, including LGBTQ+ ones, are featured.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTqC4U\\_98Xo&t=4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTqC4U_98Xo&t=4s)

See also: ***Our Family: Film Lesson Guide***

<https://www.niot.org/nios/lesson/our-family-film-lesson-guide>

***That's a Family!*** - 2000 (trailer 3:21, film 35 min) - Primary/Intermediate

*That's a Family!* stretches the minds and touches the hearts of people of all ages. Children from over 50 diverse families open the door to their homes, and explain things like divorce, adoption, guardians, mixed race families, LGBTQ+ families, and single-parent families, letting us know what they wish others would understand about their families.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnYWCtX3Us4>

### Gender Identity

***16x9: The Stories of Tru and Harriet*** – 2013 (20 min) - Intermediate/Secondary; Canadian

The stories of two BC transgender 10-year-olds who were both assigned as boys at birth, but identify as girls.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kl\\_kcwkaNrl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kl_kcwkaNrl)

***The Controversial Past of Public Bathrooms*** - 2016 (1:33) - Upper-intermediate/Secondary

Public bathrooms might seem like a simple concept, but there is a long history of people fighting for the right to go in peace.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CcxtUTki3-8>

***A Family's Story*** - 2013 (11:25) - Intermediate/Secondary; Canadian

The story of an 11-year-old trans student and his family in Edmonton, and how his school is supporting him.

<https://vimeo.com/71562956>

***Handsome and Majestic*** - 2015 (12 min) – Upper-intermediate/Secondary; Canadian

A powerful portrait of BC transgender teen Milan, who bravely faces bullies in his small town high school. With incredible maturity, Milan articulates his gender identity and offers valuable insights that can help all kids find understanding and acceptance.

<https://vimeo.com/186480327>

***HollySiz: The Light*** - 2014 (3:52) – Upper-intermediate/Secondary

In this powerful music video, we meet a child designated a boy at birth who enjoys toys and clothing stereotypically associated with girls. His mother is accepting but his father initially is not, until a beautiful moment occurs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cf79KXBCIDg>

***I'm Just Anneke*** - 2010 (trailer 1:05, film 12 min) - Intermediate/Secondary  
 I'm Just Anneke is a portrait of a 12-year-old student who is struggling with gender identity. She loves ice hockey, has a loving, close-knit family, and everybody she meets assumes she's a boy. The onset of puberty has created an identity crisis for Anneke.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POOXCFs35do>

***An Introduction to Transgender People*** (National Centre for Transgender Equality) - 2016 (4:05) - Primary/Intermediate/Secondary  
 This is a touching introduction to transgender identities and a great opportunity to listen to trans adults and children tell their story so that everyone can understand.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSuJ70OMo3I>

***Ivan Coyote's TEDxVancouver: We All Need a Safe Place to Pee*** - 2015 (12 min) - Upper Intermediate/Secondary; Canadian  
 In a poetically rhythmic TED Talk, award-winning Vancouver author Ivan Coyote highlights the need for gender-neutral washrooms in all public places.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUKAVcj9NVA&feature=youtu.be>

***Story of Jazz: A Transgender Child*** - 2014 (4:25) - Intermediate/Secondary  
 Jazz Jennings, an articulate and confident trans teen, tells her story of growing up knowing that she was always a girl on the inside, and deserves to be treated as such.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jbg-LdVdNk0>

***Jazz Jennings Explains 10 things You Need to Know About Transgender People*** - 2015 (2:37) - Intermediate/Secondary  
<http://www.cosmopolitan.com/sex-love/news/a40206/jazz-jennings-things-you-need-to-know-about-transgender-people-video/>

***Katie Couric interview with Jazz Jennings and Family*** - 2014 (7:57) - Intermediate/Secondary  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SG1mzEgyKQ>

***Kumu Hina: A Place in the Middle*** - 2015 (trailer 1:22, film 25 min) - Intermediate/Secondary  
 The true story of a young Hawaiian girl who dreams of leading her school's all-male hula troupe, and of an inspiring teacher who uses traditional culture to empower her.  
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4EaN8yd0qc>  
<https://vimeo.com/121840165>

***Let Me Be Brave*** - 2016 (10:34) - Secondary  
 Transgender people's experiences of sport participation in Scotland.  
<https://vimeo.com/157498345>

***Moms For Transgender Equality*** - 2015 (3:56) - Intermediate/secondary  
 Parents of transgender and gender-expansive youth pledge to make the world safer for their children.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oysepuOLWEk&feature=em-subscriptions-digest-g>

***She's a Boy I Knew*** - 2007 (trailer 2:46, film 70 min) – Secondary; Canadian  
Using archival family footage, *She's a Boy I Knew* tells the captivating story of the gender transition of a Vancouver filmmaker as it affects her family and friends. Intelligent, honest, entertaining, and humorous.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUz1JpIHCsY>

***There's No Wrong Way to be a Woman*** - 2016 (30 sec) - Intermediate/Secondary  
Ad shows a Trans woman conquering her fear of using the washroom with others.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tjg-ZSk31rw>

***Transforming Gender*** - 2015 (43 min) - Upper-intermediate/Secondary; Canadian  
CBC Firsthand documentary about the experiences of trans people and their families.  
<http://www.cbc.ca/firsthand/episodes/transforming-gender>

***Transgender: You're Part of the Story*** - 2016 (13:20) - Intermediate/Secondary  
Trans Teen TED Talk urging teens to be allies  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXnTAnsVfN8>

***Walk With Me*** - 2016 (17 min) - Secondary/Professional; Canadian  
This Vancouver Police Department Transgender awareness video addresses subjects that many trans people face, such as discrimination, employment challenges, and mental health issues. It also provides tips on how people can interact in a respectful manner with trans people, such as asking what pronouns they prefer to use.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtwBgm8HEpM>

***What's it Like to Be Intersex*** - 2015 (3:25) – Upper-intermediate/secondary  
A compassionate and accessible explanation of “intersex” which is about biological characteristics, unlike “transgender,” which is about gender identity.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAUDKEI4QKI>

***Why Pronouns Matter for Trans People*** - 2015 (2:30) – Upper-intermediate/secondary  
This short video strings clips of interviews with a wide variety of trans individuals, showing the importance of pronouns and the variety of ways in which they are used. It also provides a few short practical points on discussing pronouns and asking others about the pronouns they prefer.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N\\_yBGQqg7kM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_yBGQqg7kM)

***Gender Machine*** - 2017 (2 min) Intermediate/Secondary  
This video uses the production of toy robots as a metaphor for gender identity. The robots initially consist of only two colours (representing the gender binary), but something ultimately happens to vary production.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3trJe1U-vRU>

***I'm Transgender*** - 2017 (1:32) - Intermediate/Secondary  
A 16 year old transgender student shares their story and it is animated through Storybooth.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EM8X9yacpNM>

***“I’m That Scary Transgender Person the Media Warned You About...”* - 2017**

(7:12) - Upper-primary/intermediate/secondary

A family shares their story about raising Rebecca, a transgender child in the United States.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3M2kd\\_VmeM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3M2kd_VmeM)

***An Introduction to Transgender People* - 2016 (4:05) - Intermediate/Secondary**

A number of transgender people are introduced and share their stories.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSuJ70OMo3I>

**Sexual Orientation and Diversity**

***Amar: Deaf is an Identity* - 2016 (4 min) – Upper-intermediate/Secondary; Canada**

Communicating through American Sign Language, Amar Mangat shares his journey navigating the city as a deaf, queer South Asian youth living in Vancouver.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wR2QNHvW1t8&t=62s>

***Love is All You Need* - 2013 (19 min) – Upper-intermediate/secondary**

Dark story of a bullied young teen who lives in a world where heterosexuality is considered immoral.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCoFoKvfc6Y>

***Taiwanese Coming Out Story (McCafe Commercial)* - 2016 (1:30) -**

Intermediate/Secondary

This advertisement shares a coming-out story between a father and son. There are some subtitles but little dialogue.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqLFpbFiulY>

***Proud to Play: Celebrating Diversity in All Athletes* - 2014 (2:02) -**

Intermediate/Secondary

Featuring a myriad of celebrities and political leaders, this video speaks to the important role that sport can play in celebrating diversity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S14QJcl4KNs>

***In a Heartbeat* - 2015 (5 min) - primary/intermediate**

This animated story features a romance between two boys. This video is of high-quality animation with a story that will resonate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2REkk9SCRn0&t=152s>

***#OneTeam: Athletes Stand Up for Inclusion in Sport* - 2015 (1:50) -**

Intermediate/Secondary; Canadian

Canadian Olympic Committee video featuring LGBTQ+ athletes advocating for inclusion in sport.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhsYfKQcE>

***STAND UP Against Homophobia*** - 2011 (4:25) - Intermediate/Secondary  
Irish video calls on everyone, gay and straight, to support each other in taking a stand against homophobia.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzFfTiOSz4U&feature=youtu.be>

***The Welcome: United Nations Free and Equal*** - 2014 (2:43) - Upper Intermediate/Secondary  
Upbeat Bollywood music video for gay rights, featuring actress and UN Equality Champion Celina Jaitly.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lihVCIFamb0>

***Diversity is Strength*** - 2018 (2:05) - Intermediate/Secondary  
Produced by a Rugby team from New Zealand, this video takes aim at discrimination.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sLLEdBgYYY>

***I Am NOT Black, You Are NOT White*** - 2015 (4:35) - Upper-intermediate/Secondary  
Spoken word piece creatively addresses how “labels” were created to divide us.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0qD2K2RWkc>

***Love Has No Labels*** - 2015 (3:19) - Primary/Intermediate/Secondary  
Moving Ad Council video that uses an art installation to tear down differences while also celebrating diversity.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnDgZuGhHs&t=11s>

***Fans of Love: Love Has No Labels*** - 2017 (2:42) - Primary/Intermediate/Secondary  
Moving Ad Council video that uses a Kiss Cam at an NFL game to show that love is not contingent on gender, race, religion, ability or age.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-xScLlevw0>

***Burger King: Bullying Jr.*** - 2017 (2:58) - Intermediate/Secondary  
This ad features a hidden camera in a Burger King restaurant to see if customers are willing to intervene when they witness bullying. There is some SOGI content.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnKPEsbTo9s>

***Expressing Myself My Way*** - 2016 (3:36) - Intermediate/Junior Secondary  
This production from Amaze.org looks at gender expression and stereotypes.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITRdvGnpILU&t=34s>

***Boys and Girls on Stereotypes*** - 2018 - (2:50) Primary/Intermediate  
New York Magazine interviews a number of elementary-aged students to ask them for their opinions on gender stereotypes.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTvGSstKd5Y>

***If We Used Childhood Gender Stereotypes on Adults*** - 2014 (1:47) -  
Primary/Intermediate/Secondary  
This comical video imagines a workplace with the same gender messages we regularly send to children.  
<https://youtu.be/381beLOZreA>

***Always #Like a Girl*** - 2014 (3:18) - Primary/Intermediate/Secondary

This advertisement is the first in a series comparing stereotypical ideas of “Like A Girl” to the ideas of girls themselves.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjJQBjWYDTs>

***Always #Like a Girl: Keep Playing*** (extended version) - 2016 (1:54) -

Primary/Intermediate/Secondary

This advertisement is one of a series that examines gender-coded messages and stereotypes in sports that reduce girls’ confidence and often lead them to quit certain activities and passions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N433aXwj59E>

***How Privileged Are You?*** - 2016 (6:00) – Upper-intermediate/Secondary

This eye-opening, humourous and entertaining BuzzFeed video shows a group of teens discussing a quiz that helps them to understand their various levels of privilege.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UmowwMivyU&t=23s>

***Inspire Her Mind*** - 2014 (1:02) - Intermediate/Secondary

This advertisement movingly demonstrates the negative impact of gender stereotypes on girls.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XP3cyRRAfX0>

***It’s Still Elementary: Re-examining LGBT Issues in Schools*** - 2009 (Trailer 3:28, Film 51 min) – Professional

This moving story revisits the students and teachers from the original groundbreaking film, and discovers the impact of the film in helping elementary educators discuss SOGI topics in their classrooms. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XV\\_YYc7G4lw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XV_YYc7G4lw)

***Straightlaced: How Gender’s Got Us All Tied Up*** - 2009 (Trailer 2:05, Film 67min) - Upper intermediate/Secondary

From girls confronting popular messages about culture and body image to boys who feel that they must be sexually active to “prove” that they aren’t gay, the students in *Straightlaced* illustrate the toll that deeply held stereotypes and rigid gender policing have on all of our lives.

<https://vimeo.com/52956698>

***Tomboy*** - 2010 (11:48) - Primary/Intermediate; Canadian

Animated short film about a girl who is teased because she doesn’t conform to gender stereotypes.

<https://vimeo.com/10772672>

***Tomboy*** - 2011 (trailer 2:11, film 84 min) – Intermediate/Secondary; French with English subtitles

When a family moves into a new neighbourhood, one of the children, 10-year-old Laure, deliberately identifies as a boy named Mickael.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jb-Oys-lcWE>



***Two Spirits*** - 2009 (Trailer 2:10, Film 65 min) - Secondary

This film interweaves the tragic story of a mother's loss of her son with a revealing look at a time when the world wasn't simply divided into male and female, and many Native American cultures held places of honour for people of integrated genders.

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1296906/videoplayer/vi1540620825?ref=ttovvi>

***The Year We Thought About Love*** - 2015 (Trailer 2:46, Film 68 min) - Sec

Celebrates the powerful work of a Boston youth theatre troupe as they write a play about love, sexual orientation and gender identity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuElrh-Xsrc>

***Out in Schools: Youth-Made Films*** - Upper-intermediate/Secindondary; Canadian

BC's Out in Schools program includes award-winning short films made by LGBTQ+ youth to help their peers understand SOGI issues, realities, and perspectives.

<https://outinschools.com/film/>

**LGBTQ+ Rights and History**

***Jim Loves Jack: The James Egan Story*** - 1995 (excerpt 8:30) – Intermediate/Secondary; Canada

This documentary tells the remarkable story of James Egan, a pioneer champion of gay rights in Canada who challenged sensationalistic media stereotypes of gay people, and then fought for same-sex marriage with his partner of 50 years. *Jim Loves Jack* is an inspiring story of political activism and a moving testimony to the dignity of LGBTQ+ relationships.

<https://vimeo.com/137426305>

***The Price of Exclusion*** - 2015 (3:36) - Secondary/Professional

This UN Human Rights video exposes just how much LGBTQ+ exclusion really costs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvSxLHpyFOk>

***The Times of Harvey Milk*** - 1984 (trailer 3:26, film 90 min) - Upper Intermediate/Secondary

Academy Award-winner for Best Documentary, this film tells the powerful and tragic story of Harvey Milk, LGBTQ+ civil rights leader and San Francisco's first elected gay councilor who was assassinated in 1979.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZqCDsgbwjo>

***A History of LGBT Rights at the UN*** - 2013 (2:50) – Upper-intermediate/Secondary

This short infographic video shows what has happened in the context of LGBT rights since the 1948 UN Declaration of Human Rights, and how there is still much progress to be made around the world.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvpHn\\_zdkTY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvpHn_zdkTY)