

# Panel

## A LGBTI-antibullying label for schools

*Should there be a quality label for LGBTI-welcoming schools? And if yes, what should it look like?*



We invite you to a short panel discussion about the developing quality label for LGBTI friendly schools on **May 18 at 16:00** at [Spaces, Vijzelstraat 68-72](#), meeting room 10.

The discussion lasts about one hour, after which you are offered a drink and you can meet Greek, Cypriot, Lithuanian, Polish and Croatian activists and trainers.

### Background

In 2012, the Dutch government introduced an obligation to provide information about sexual diversity in primary and secondary education. It was recently announced that Minister would also like to do this for vocational schools. However, the obligation does not work well. Most schools limit themselves to a single testimonial session by volunteers. The goal of promoting "respect for sexual diversity" is therefore not achieved, according to the Education Inspectorate. Research shows that offering only a short class or curriculum has limited impact. Making group agreements about behavior and organizing friendly classes has much more impact on school safety. To address these issues in Dutch policy, Edu-Diverse and GALE, together with organizations from other European countries and the European Antibullying Network (EAN), are taking the initiative to develop a European Antibullying Certification in the coming year. EduDivers also makes an LGBTI-specific version of this.

### The panel

During the panel Peter Dankmeijer (GALE) presents a first version of the quality label. Then we briefly discuss the meaningfulness of a label and what requirements such a label must meet. The panel will take place within the framework of an exchange of the HOMBAT project (EU Rights, Education & Citizenship program), in which trainers from Greece, Cyprus and Lithuania are trained by GALE in the development of teacher training on sexual diversity. The meeting also plays a role in the Anti-Bullying Certification project (Erasmus +).

### Travel costs, registration

Travel costs for participants outside Amsterdam can be reimbursed. We would appreciate it if you sign up via <https://www.edudivers.nl/18mei>.