

ACTIVITY 8.6

Heteronormativity and Cissexism Bingo

Directions: This activity works best in larger groups and can be a great icebreaker. Give each member of your audience a bingo card. They will have to mingle with other members of the group and find others who can answer the questions or affirm the statements in the boxes. When someone can affirm a statement, they write his/her/zir/their name in the box. A person can only provide one answer for the full board. First person to GET five in a row wins! After the game, discuss with the group what thoughts and feelings came up for them while playing the game. Can audience members identify other areas of their life (home, places of work, school, and religious spaces) where heteronormativity and cissexism is present?

Can you find someone who . . . ?				
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Has a gender neutral bathroom at work or school	Can give an example of an LGBTQ couple in an advertisement	Learned about sexual diversity in high school health class	Was asked by someone "Are you married?" in the last month	Can name two lesbian TV characters
Can name a bisexual celebrity	Knows someone who was kicked out of the house for being LGBTQ	Has been part of a gendered baby shower	Can sing a song about a boy/man and girl/woman falling in love	Has been stared at when affectionate in public with a significant other
Grew up watching Disney princess movies	Has been teased or gossiped about because of gender expression	FREE SPACE	Has been stopped and told by a stranger that he/she/ze/they were walking into the wrong bathroom	Had parents who assumed he/she/ze/they were heterosexual
Has some diverse gender expression (e.g., man with long hair, woman who likes cars)	Has seen an elder LGBTQ couple holding hands in public	Has played with at least three gender neutral toys as a child	Doesn't want to have children	Has been misgendered
Knows at least two stay-at-home dads	Knows what the term <i>gender-queer</i> means	Knows a religious space that welcomes LGBTQ individuals	Has been made fun of because of his/her/zir/their gendered job (e.g., male teacher, female construction worker)	Knows someone who is HIV+