

# Sexuality, equality and local governance

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# Exploring:

- resistance to sexualities equalities work
- process of cultural change
- ideas about sexuality, citizenship and local democracy
- tensions between and within equality strands



# Progress

## Drivers:

- legislative/policy changes
- community and voluntary sector activism
- leadership in statutory sector agencies
- partnership work



# Process of cultural change

- Newcastle Wellbeing and Mental Health Action Plan - reference to the needs of LGBT young people
- Launch of Community Cohesion and Equality Scheme for schools - focus on sexual identity
- RESPONSE anti-bullying team- proactive work around homophobia
- Fairer Futures – MESMAC North East anti-homophobic bullying toolkit



# Key message

## These services are for you

- planned with you
- developing in response to your feedback

