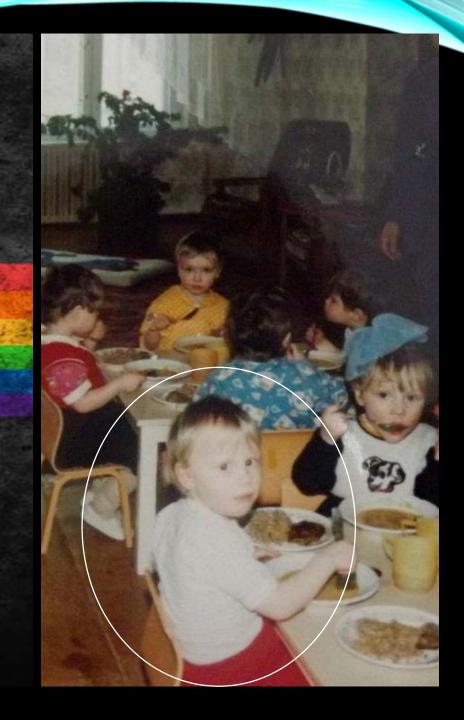


- Ekaterina Ivanova Popovskya
- Russia (1991)
- Orphan
- New Zealand (1993)
- BSW University
  of Waikato
  (student
  ambassador)
- Police force





## Let's explore the emotional impact one may feel when coming to terms with their sexuality or gender identity

Emotions have being found to influence behaviour

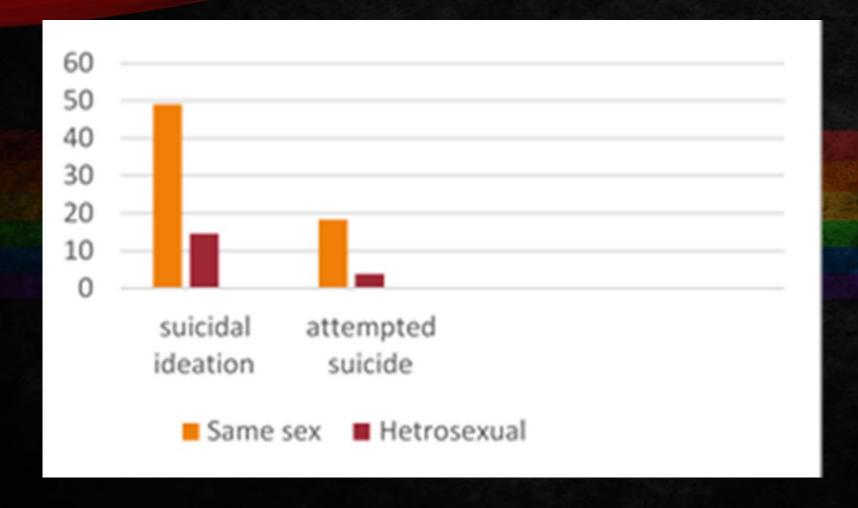
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not come out

Isolated Confused Nervous





- A report showed that onefifth of LGBTQ young people have attempted suicide
- LGBTQ may suffer a higher rate of alcohol and drug abuse
- LGBTQ are at high risk of
- Bullying
- > Social rejection
- > Threats
- Verbal abuse
- Sexual assault
- > Even, death

## That girl was ME!

- I felt unwanted
- I felt confused
- I was scared
- My ideology was that I came from one of the most homophobic countries in the world
- I believed only men and women get married
- I thought God hated me
- I was told I would go to hell for being gay
- I believed I didn't belong on this earth
- So I tried to kill myself







- Create Tauranga Pryde
- Received two Youth week awards
- Local hero medal
- Created Rainbow Corner at Toi Ohomai
- Meeting with MP's

## Local heroes rewarded for efforts

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Katerina Clark is one of the Kiwibank Bay of Plenty Local Heroes and will be awarded today. Photo / Ruth

## "Victory is only WON with good preparation"

Acceptance of diversity, understanding of differences, we prepare, we educate, no discrimination, no judgement, realising that love is love, and everyone deserves love.

We might just save a life

