

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER RESOURCE CENTER

What I've Always Wanted to Know (10 min.)

Introduction:

- This workshop will explore some of society's beliefs about different sexual identities
- Participants will learn some new information about gay men, lesbians and bisexuals and the ways they live
- Participants will explore and discuss how each responds to issues around sexual identity
- Remember the facilitator is not trying to change how you think or feel but rather to provide material for you to explore your thoughts and feelings

Procedure:

- Participants will complete cards with any questions they might have about gay, lesbian or bisexual issues
- Questions from the cards will be read by the facilitator
- Facilitator and participants will attempt to answer these questions towards the end of the workshop

Guidelines:

- The quality of this workshop will depend on participant's willingness to share their thoughts and ideas
- Participants are encouraged to take risks and to listen actively to others, to be as open as possible to new ideas, and to respect all viewpoints

Ground rules:

- Maintain confidentiality about what others reveal in this workshop
- Respect different opinions and experiences and perhaps agreeing to disagree
- Participate!
- Speak from own experiences, such as saying "I feel" or "I think" rather than "People say"
- Respect other's decisions to share or not share their sexual identities. Participants have the option of sharing their sexual identity. Heterosexual participants should not share their sexual identity during the workshop. This will leave lesbian, gay or bisexual participants with the option of disclosure rather than the default of "well, you didn't say you were heterosexual so by default." Heterosexuals normally have the privilege of sharing their sexual orientation at any time without fear of repercussion.