

Guided Reflective Journal:

Reflection 8: My values and beliefs about sexual diversity

☒ What are my views about sexual diversity?

I believe that we should respect the privacy of individuals when it comes to sexual orientations. Personal information of someone's sexual orientation typically considered private, unnecessary disclosure can infringe on their autonomy.

☒ What are my own experiences with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, (questioning), intersex, asexual, or (agender) (LGBTQIA) people?

I have really good experience with LGBTQIA people, as one of my colleagues is gay, who is very supportive and adaptable. In addition to this, good problem-solving skills, positive attitude are his main contributions to collaborative work environment.

How would I feel working with LGBTQIA students? How would I feel working with LGBTQIA colleagues?

From my perspective, everyone has unique set of attributes. Embracing diversity in skills and characteristics contributes to a richer or more dynamic environment. If I would get a chance to work with LGBTQIA students or colleagues, I will make sure to recognise and appreciate their unique qualities and contributions irrespective to focus on their sexual orientation or gender identity. I will put efforts to offer support, understand and create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone (students and colleagues).

☒ How would I feel having my children being educated by teachers who are open about their sexual diversity and identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or other?

My perspective emphasizes the importance of focusing on the quality of education rather than the personal identity of teachers. I believe that a teacher's ability, dedication, motivation as well as strategies of educating students should be the primary consideration which will assist the children to become successful and respectful member of society, rather than pointing towards teacher's sexual orientation.