

**Faculty of Business, Law and Social Sciences**

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| **Proposed Title:**  LEARNING: Understanding the LGBTQ teaching row in Birmingham |
| **School:** School of Social Sciences |
| **Proposed Supervisory Team:**  Dr Lesley Storey - Project Lead / Director of Studies:  Dr Piotr Godzisz - Project Co-Lead / Co-Director of Studies:  Dr Keeley Abbott - Second Supervisor |
| **Abstract:**  Birmingham is host to tensions around LGBTQ inclusion in schools, which could be seen as an aspect of a wider anti-LGBTQ campaign currently taking place in Europe. The content of the debates, their effects on young LGBTQ people, as well as the teachers’ confidence in incorporating LGBTQ content into their teaching, are yet to be critically assessed. This interdisciplinary, mixed-methods research project aims to contribute to our understanding of the issue by exploring selected aspects of LGBTQ inclusion in Birmingham schools. It does so with a view to fill existing gaps in scholarships and inform future policy and practice at local, national and global levels. By taking this approach, the project responds to calls for engaged, needs-driven research, and helps strengthen BCU’s reputation and intersectoral cooperation. |
| **Research Environment:**  This interdisciplinary research will fall within the remit of two of the School’s Research centres – Identities and Inequality and Health and Wellbeing. This will ensure that it benefits from and contributes to a vibrant and creative research environment. |
| **Applicant Requirements:**  **Essential:**  A minimum of an upper second-class UK UG degree in a relevant subject (eg psychology, sociology, politics) or the overseas equivalent.  Computer proficiency (Microsoft office, SPSS)  Good communication skills  Good writing ability  PG Cert or willingness to gain  Undergraduate level quantitative statistical analysis  Undergraduate level qualitative analysis  Effective oral and written communication skills  Ability to work as a member of a team with shared goals  Interpersonal skills: ability to relate to others with tact and diplomacy  **Desirable:**  First Class BSc Psychology (Hons) degree  MSc in Research Methods, Public Health (or similar)  Experience with online questionnaire design (e.g. Survey Monkey, Bristol Online Survey Qualtrics, Google Forms)  Transcription experience  Experience conducting interviews and/or focus groups  Previous experience in Discourse Analysis |
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