

# IS OUT IN SCHOOLS LINKED TO LESS BULLYING IN SCHOOLS?

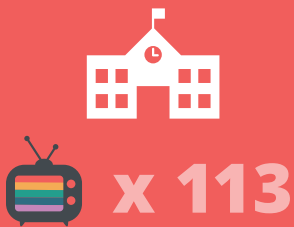
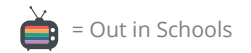


## What is Out in Schools?

The Out in Schools program uses films to explore gender, sexuality, and the lived experiences of LGBT2Q+ people. Through facilitated group discussions of the films, the program engages with youth and educators to address homophobia, transphobia, and bullying.

## Our Methods

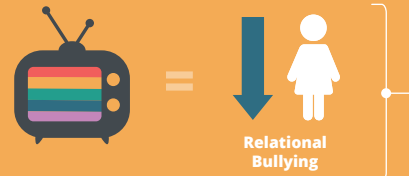
SARAVYC researchers looked at which schools hosted Out in Schools events, and if they had different student responses in the BC Adolescent Health Survey.



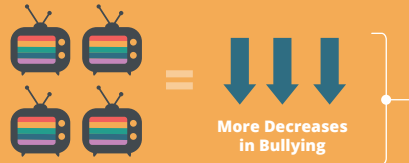
Out in Schools visited **113** schools/school programs between 2004-2014.



56 of the schools (**49.6%**) hosted Out in Schools at least twice.



In schools that hosted Out in Schools, lesbian, bisexual and heterosexual girls were **less likely** to have experienced exclusion or teasing (**relational bullying**) in the last year.



Each **repeated visit** by Out in Schools further decreased the chance of being bullied at school for all students.



Lesbian and bisexual girls were **1/3 less likely** to have experienced **anti-LGBT discrimination**.



Gay and bisexual boy's chances of experiencing **relational bullying** were reduced by **nearly 1/2**.



Even if schools had a Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) or anti-homophobia policy, hosting **Out in Schools still significantly reduced the odds of girls and boys being bullied**.



**Out in Schools has an added contribution to reducing homophobia and bullying.**