



AT THE HEART OF  
BUILDING STRONGER  
COMMUNITIES IN IRELAND



# Roscommon Youth As Researchers



Molly Beckett, 14.....and  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Roscommon Community College

Molly believes that coming out as  
a young person in Roscommon is  
difficult. Especially in school.



# Key messages

## LGBT+ Awareness should be promoted more in schools

### Teachers should:

1. Be supportive, kind and encouraging.
2. Talk to us in a private setting if they are worried and listen to what we have to say.
3. Recognise that our coming out is a process, it has many stages
4. Realise that our friends are our support network, we need them with us.



# Katie Blain 17, Scoil Mhuire Strokestown

Katie believes that there should be youth friendly places for young people to come to and just hang out.



# Key Messages

1. Young people need a space to just hang out and chat.
2. As a result of the lack of facilities for young people in rural towns teenagers turn to drink and drugs for stimuli.



Niamh Petrie, 17  
Convent of Mercy

Niamh talks about  
teenagers fight to conform  
and be perfect.



# Key Messages

1. As teenagers we all strive to be like everyone else but it's important to be unique
2. Perfect is unachievable for anyone so just be you.



Thank you so much for  
listening!

