



CURATE

CONVENE

CATALYZE

An inverted triangle with a rainbow color gradient. The top is red, followed by orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple at the bottom. The text "POSITIVE SPACE" is written in bold blue capital letters across the orange band.

POSITIVE SPACE

Being an Ally

Learning Objectives—At the end of this module, you will be able to:

1. ?

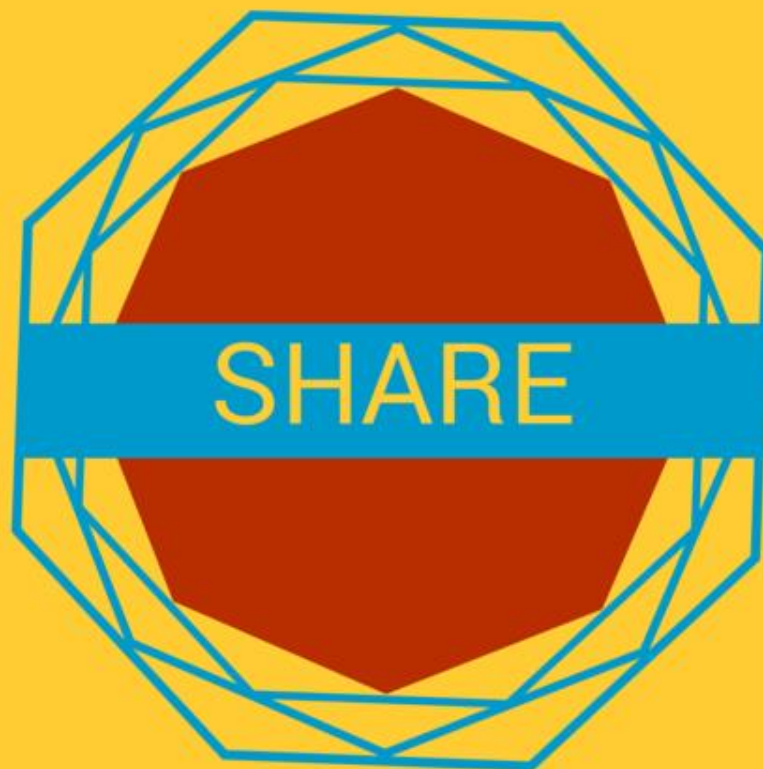
An ally is an individual who speaks out and stands up for a person or group that is targeted and discriminated against. An ally works to end oppression by supporting and advocating for people who are stigmatized, discriminated against or treated unfairly (GLSEN, 2013: 5)

Allies are critical in helping and supporting LGBTQ2S youth. Allies act as a bridge in the conversations needed to increase awareness and acceptance on LGBTQ2S issues. Allies also show the LGBTQ2S community that they are not alone in the struggle for equality. Being an ally means speaking up and taking action when you witness a homophobic, biphobic or transphobic incident.

In activist cultures, an ally is a person who belongs to a group which has particular privileges, and who works alongside people from groups that are oppressed in relation to that privilege. The hope is to create change and increase social justice in relation to this oppression (Reynolds, 2010b: 13).



LGBTQ2STOOLKIT.LEARNINGCOMMUNITY.CA



LMCMILLAN@AWAYHOME.CA

@LESLEYMCMILLAN