

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN ALLY?

- To accept and support the LGBTQ+ community.
- To have strong and genuine concerns for the well-being of the LGBTQ+ community.
- To advocate for equal rights and fair treatment.
- To stand up to challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING AN ALLY

Allies are welcomed by the LGBTQ+ community, they can be effective and a strong voice when defending LGBTQ+ issues. They can provide a link between people who do not understand the issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community and also make LGBTQ+ people feel comfortable to be themselves.

## HOW TO BE AN ALLY

**Be Informed:** Stay up to date with the current issues that affect the LGBTQ+ community. If you do not know about the difference between sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression, ask or read our Trans Ally leaflet.

**Be Heard:** It can be awkward or difficult to correct someone when they use a word or sentence that can offend others, it is here where you can make a difference and educate someone, and prevent them from saying it in the future.

Words can hurt.

**Be Honest:** Do not be afraid to talk about people who are close to you who are LGBTQ+. If they are open about their sexual orientation and/or identity and do not mind.

**Be Supportive:** Especially when new policies that are designed to protect LGBTQ+ people are rolled out. If you see a rule or policy that is not right, talk to a trusted person about your concerns

**Be open about being an Ally:** Let others know about you being an ally, do not shy about it, the more awareness that is created, the quicker the society will become more inclusive.

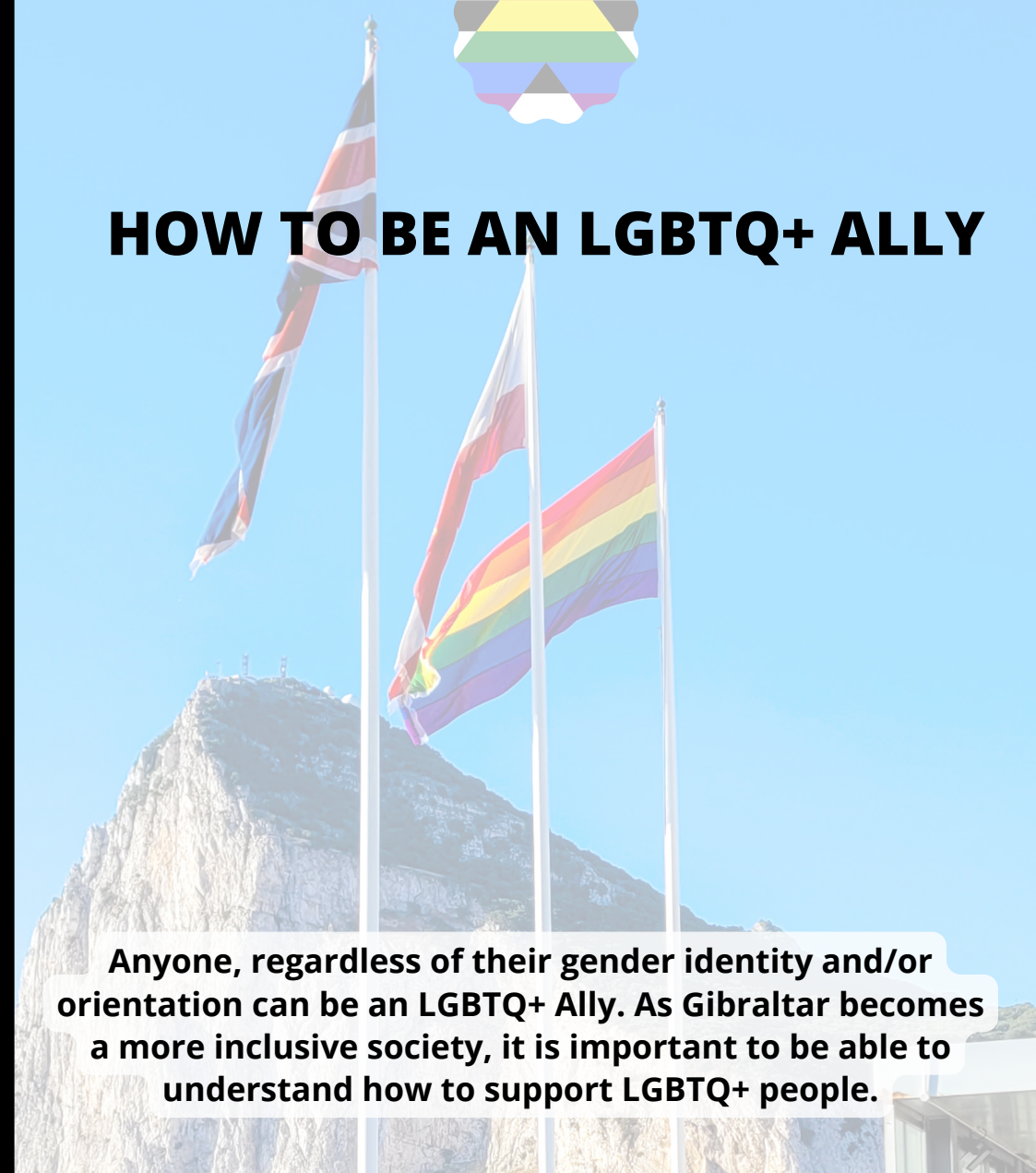


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**Anyone, regardless of their gender identity and/or orientation can be an LGBTQ+ Ally. As Gibraltar becomes a more inclusive society, it is important to be able to understand how to support LGBTQ+ people.**