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Workshop as described in conference brochure:

[ ] Exceeded expectations  [ ] Met Expectations  [ ] Did Not Meet Expectations

Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

I found everything in this workshop of value. The video was spectacular, and the following discussion was very enlightening.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

I have nothing to add; it was well done and well put together.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

The video was very well done, and the discussion after was very enlightening. Seeing people’s perspectives was very helpful.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

I feel as though this program was very well done.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

It helped educate me and helped me see what the LGBTQ communities struggles are.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

maybe have ways to deal with younger children

being LGBTQ and how to open the conversation with younger students

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

I found this workshop to be very valuable and the discussion that followed the video was very interesting and helpful as a future educator who is a part of the LGBTQ community.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

I thought that the video and presentation was wonderful overall and I honestly cannot think of any changes that would make it any better.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

I feel that this video could make a lot of people feel more comfortable with who they are and not have to worry about what others think.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

I thought the girls did a great job overall, no need to change anything.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

The video was awesome. Great conversation.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

I actually feel like you could make it longer. I was left wanting to hear more from their stories.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

I found it valuable because in school, since I am an education major, people need to be more accepting of others who are different.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

I thought you guys did a really good job, and the movie really inspired me to be an ally and speak up when people are saying things that are offensive.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

I thought the whole workshop was awesome. Very hopeful for the community

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

Add more about transgender identity on interesting topic

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

Knowing that there are people out there that share my experiences. It was teaching, educational, and inspiring.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

I have no suggestions. This workshop was extremely well put together.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

Seeing things from a different perspective

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

[ ] This video was wonderful and inspiring. Their message will help so many students and inspire social change.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

[ ] More events concerning learning to help the LGBTQ community.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

Acceptance is more powerful than tolerance. Making students aware and let them be in a safe community and teach them how to become allies in this!

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

Maybe have people from our own school community help hosting the workshop (or are in charge) to make it a little more "close to home" so to speak.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

Very eye-opening & exciting conversations.

A lot of inspirational stories discussed.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

Really nothing!!

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

I was impressed with how the video defined and explained how to be an ally. As a teacher, I found it very helpful.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

The discussion after the film was very useful and eye-opening to see many perspectives in the room.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

Don't be nervous! You guys are great!!

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

Discussion afterwards. Poignant questions. Video itself.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

Microphone!

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       Americorps VISTA
       Youth+Family Volunteer Coordinator
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Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

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Leaders (name, phone, email, etc.)
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I wrote that first time that there (I)

Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

Discussion: I am gay/bi (not sure which one) & I'm not out yet. This discussion allowed me to speak without being judged for my views.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

Come back to campus & lead workshops in the dorms.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

Everything, the video itself and the following conversation were informative and inspiring. It showed that the world really can get better and even change.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

Smaller space, hard to hear many people in such a large room.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

This workshop was extremely inspiring and motivational. It helped me realize that there is a very large open and accepting community out there.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

More information on how we can carry this out in the classroom/school, programs etc.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

[This workshop educated me in how I want to run my classroom.
And how I want my students to be accepting of one another.]

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

[In the future, I would target more on transgender
as it is becoming more painful and people need to be more educated.]

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

Wow! I can't tell you how amazing this project was - you need to keep spreading the word! This showcases to educators exactly how important these issues are.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

Just keep spreading the word! Go to RIDE with this thing.
State House, the President!!! I'm not kidding. You could save lives and promote Allied!

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

Super, super powerful! Hope for creating a safe place in a future middle school

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

Maybe a better room—conversation wasn't easy, though the film was easily viewed.
(That's it — IT was AWESOME! 😊)

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

I thought the video is empowering, inspiring and educational for both the LGBTQ community as well as the straight community.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

Possibly talk more about how the video is not only for the LGBTQ community and is inspiring to anyone.

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Please describe what you found of value in this workshop:

The video was so poignant, I think I'll carry that memory with me in the future. The discussion was also eye-opening. The individuals' stories were meaningful.

Please make suggestions that may help in future programming:

Just keep doing it at other schools and set their vision.

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M. It Gets Better (Horace Mann 193 - Auditorium)
Discussant: Sue Pearlmutter, Dean, School of Social Work, RIC

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Annemarie Vatcaro, Kim McGuiness, Jen Kaye, Christina Kinney

Inspired by the “It Gets Better” national video campaign, URI students, faculty, staff, and administrators come together to give personal accounts of what it means to be an ally or member of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning (LGBTQ) community. This film, produced by the URI LGBTQ Women’s Group, shares moving stories of struggle and perseverance, discrimination and compassion. It also illustrates how URI is working toward ending discrimination and intolerance against the LGBTQ community. In this session, you will view the film and then have an opportunity to dialogue with the student producers about the making of the film. Workshop participants will also be asked to reflect upon the ways the suggestions for improved climate, shared in the film, could be implemented in other educational settings.

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