



School talks: FAQs

- **How do I book a Just Like Us school talk?**

To book a school talk, simply [fill in our booking form](#) (it takes 6 minutes). You can also [visit our website](#) to learn more before booking. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email info@justlikeus.org and we'll be more than happy to answer any questions you have.

- **Are these talks age appropriate?**

Yes. Our talks are designed for pupils aged 11-18, and our speakers are trained to ensure they know how to confidently pitch their stories in an age-appropriate manner. All of our school talks content is in line with the RSE curriculum. The speakers' stories focus on sharing learnings from the speakers' journeys, with an emphasis on the experiences that have helped them to become proud of who they are. Sessions conclude with some key steps that schools can take to become more inclusive. In short, sessions are age appropriate, celebratory and positive. Our talks do not cover Relationships, Sex or Health Education (RSHE), our focus is on allyship and anti-bullying.

- **What's covered in the talk?**

Our talks aim to provide positive representation for young LGBT+ people whilst inspiring allyship in non-LGBT+ young people. Our talks cover the personal journeys of growing up LGBT+, allyship, anti-LGBT+ bullying, positive LGBT+ role models and sources of support for LGBT+ young people.

We also have a range of add-ons available for schools to help make our talks fit your school's unique context. The add-ons available include: LGBT+ history, anti-bullying, Pride, LGBT+ terminology and LGBT+ faith inclusion.

- **Are the talks in person?**

Yes, we can offer school talks in person. The areas we're most able to deliver in-person talks are London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester and Cardiff. As our talks are delivered by LGBT+ volunteers aged 18-25, we are sometimes dependent on their availability and location but we always will do our best to meet the needs of each school.

In addition, we are proud to deliver easy and impactful virtual talks to anywhere in the UK! [Find out more about our online school talks.](#)

- **Who are the speakers and can I have a bio on them?**

Our talks are delivered by our trained LGBT+ 18-25 year old volunteers, known as Just Like Us ambassadors. They are relatable speakers who hold a range of identities and experiences.

Two weeks prior to your booking, we aim to provide you with the names and pronouns of the ambassadors delivering your session and will update you should any speakers need to change.

Although we don't provide in-depth bios about individual ambassadors, here is a general bio about the role of Just Like Us ambassadors:

"Just Like Us ambassadors are LGBT+ young adults who are trained to speak to young people in secondary schools. Their talks draw on their personal experiences to champion LGBT+ equality, provide representation and encourage young people to be proactive allies."

- **Can I see some testimonials from schools you've worked with in the past?**

Yes! We've worked with hundreds of secondary schools, including many who book talks with us year after year. [Find out why so many schools recommend a Just Like Us school talk.](#)

[You can also watch this video](#) where you'll hear from school staff and pupils about how impactful they have found our talks.

- **How are the virtual/online talks delivered?**

Our live virtual talks are an easy way for schools to deliver a Just Like Us talk to pupils, including to multiple classrooms at once.

We ask that schools set up the link for the talk on whichever platform they prefer (e.g. Zoom, Google Meet, Teams). We advise checking with your IT team to ensure external speakers are able to access the call and share their screen. Once you've booked, please send your call link to school.talks@justlikeus.org as soon as possible so we can forward this on to our volunteers.

On the day, our speakers will join 15 minutes before the scheduled call time in order to ensure everything is working as planned. Please have a member of staff present to admit them to the call.

- **How do I pay?**

You can pay via invoice which you can select when completing our booking form linked [here](#). We will then send you an invoice via email along with your booking confirmation email. This is to be paid by your school within 30 days of the invoice being issued.

- **Do you have supplier details?**

Yes, we are able to provide our supplier details on letter-headed paper upon request. Email info@justlikeus.org if you need this. We are also able to confirm these details over the phone (0300 365 5002) when needed.

- **How much do the talks cost?**

Throughout most of the year, the off-peak cost of talks is £50. This goes for online and in-person sessions. During peak periods, which are February, March and June, the cost is £100. This refers to the month in which the talk takes place, not when the booking is made.

- **Do you do talks for staff?**

Currently we do not offer talks for staff, although we hope to in the future. You are welcome to bring all staff to our talks for pupils - many find the sessions really interesting!

However, our [Pride Groups programme](#) offers teachers and staff the opportunity to network and access free CPD-accredited training on how to run LGBT+ and ally pupil groups in secondary schools.

- **Who is eligible for school talks?**

School talks are available to all secondary schools and colleges in the UK and are designed for young people aged 11-18.

We do not currently offer talks to primary schools. However, we do provide [free resources to primary schools](#).

We are able to offer talks and panel sessions to universities, companies and organisations as long as these fit within our scope as an organisation. To enquire these opportunities please contact info@justlikeus.org. The cost of these sessions will be dependent on the request and sector.

- **Can I reschedule my talk or change my booking?**

When amending a booking (e.g. changing timings), we ask that schools give at least 72 hours' notice. This is to allow Just Like Us to liaise with our volunteer LGBT+ speakers.

If 72 hours notice is not given, the school's talk may not be eligible for amendments and will instead need to be postponed. This is because we are dependent on the availability of our volunteers, and last minute changes and cancellations can therefore be particularly challenging.

If you have booked a talk during an off-peak month and ask to reschedule to a peak month (February, March or June), you must pay an additional £50 in order to meet the peak rate of £100. Otherwise you can reschedule to another off-peak month at no extra charge.

If you book a talk during a peak month and ask to reschedule to an off-peak month, no refund will be issued but you can instead book two talks during an off-peak period. If you reschedule to another peak month we can facilitate this as no additional charge.

If a booking is postponed and is not rescheduled within the same academic year, the booking will be cancelled.

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