

# LET'S MAKE FOOTBALL WELCOMING FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

#### THINK ABOUT THE LANGUAGE YOU USE

Using the word 'gay' to mean something is bad can make gay people feel put down or uncomfortable.

Saying someone is 'gay', 'queer', a 'poof', a 'faggot' (or any other homophobic term) just because they do something wrong on a football pitch or are having a bad game is disrespectful.

Saying men are playing 'like girls' or 'like women' not only offends women and girls, but can also make gay supporters and players feel uncomfortable too.

# CHALLENGE HOMOPHOBIC LANGUAGE AND BEHAVIOUR IN OTHERS

If you feel safe, always challenge language and chanting that puts lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people down. Remember, saying nothing only allows prejudice and discrimination to get worse.

## REPORT IT

Homophobia is against the law and against the Rules of the Game. You can report homophobia in football via Kick It Out by calling 0800 169 9414 (freephone), downloading the app to iphone and android devices, visiting the website www.kickitout.org

Find out more about the Football v Homophobia campaign www.footballvhomophobia.com



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