

STATEMENT CARDS

Statement 1

“Sometimes people go out of their way to mention my femaleness, to sort of advertise they ‘know what’s up’ (i.e. that I’m a butch lesbian) and that they are very accepting of it. This is both frustrating and hilarious, because they could not be more wrong. I’m far more attracted to men than I am to women and I’ve never been a part of the lesbian community.”

Statement 2

“It’s all about having an open mind. LGBT youth want people who will support them and treat them like they belong. They’re normal. Just because they label themselves as something else doesn’t mean anything. They just want somebody to accept that, ‘I am Mary. This is me. This is how I am.’”

Statement 3

“And even when I got really close with a staff member who was sensitive about the fact that I was queer, they made it so I could no longer talk to that staff member, because they thought the relationship was getting inappropriate. There was nothing inappropriate; it’s just that I found someone who would support me. People often label us as sex-offenders and whatever. And the truth really is that we’re no different than anyone else.”

Statement 4

“I’ve met a lot of straight people who want to help. Just because they don’t know anything doesn’t mean they don’t want to learn. And some of them know a lot more than some LGBT people.”