

## **A testimony about sexual pestering**

**by L. and C.**

One day I was walking in the city with two friends.

One of the two is what people consider a very attractive girl. It was kind of late and dark outside when we were going to the train station together. We went past a McDonald, when 5 or 6 older guys started shouting and whistling at us, or better said at her, obviously because she was beautiful and they wanted something from her. The shouts and the whistling were clearly sexually offensive.

She was quite annoyed because this kind of insulting situations has happened to her more than once. Normally she just ignores them but this time we had to stop her, to protect her from herself because she wanted to answer back or even slap the guys which could have been dangerous. We just took her away and went home.

So I have a message for all of you to remember. Some girls don't like this kind of attention at all and they are saying : "It's not because you like to pester that I appreciate it. Please Stop! "

## **A story about the difficulty of coming out**

**by J., P., A.**

Here is the story of Léon:

Léon is a normal guy who grew up in an intolerant family, which didn't like LGBT people. Unfortunately, he found that he was sexually attracted to boys, in other words that he was gay.

Nobody knew that he was gay except him, until he told his parents and his friends when he was 17 years old. It was not easy for him, but he managed to take heart.

As he told his parents that he was gay, they thought it was a joke. Léon said it wasn't but his parents didn't take it seriously.

Léon felt more alone than ever because even the people, whom he had faith in, didn't accept that he was gay.

One day, an association spoke about homophobia in his school, he directly decided to call the association number. The association listened to Léon's case and decided to go to Léon's house and to speak with his parents. It took a long time, but his parents finally accepted that he was gay.

Today he is delighted and his only regret was not to have accepted and told everyone that he was gay sooner.

Conclusion: accept your sexual orientation, don't be ashamed.