

Exploring Healing for LGBT+ Youth in Botswana



REPRESENTATION
LANGUAGE
INCLUSION
SIMULATIONS
PERFORMING ART
HAVING FUN

- Politicization, erasure and capitalist influences to climate justice and reproductive justice.
- Exclusion, marginalization and aggravation of vulnerabilities in both issues and broader nuances of stigma & discrimination.
- 4th most unequal by gini-coefficient globally, 1st highest reported rape incidents worldwide, 60% youth demographic
- Legislative grey areas despite pockets of progress with continued compromise to bodily autonomy & integrity
- Colonial elements of subjugation against expression, agency and meaningful participation in resourcing & policy making



STORYTELLING



PHENOMENA

FOCUS GROUPS
INTERVIEWS
SURVEYS

- Healing & Transformation can be by-products of connecting, sharing space and curating community affirmative resources.
- Change is messy, ugly and can be dramatic – this is okay and challenges prescribed assumptions of success, advocacy.
- Solidarity beyond performative allyship = ubuntu; contributing to alleviating other inequities as an extension of ourselves.
- Value systems vary: time, resourcing, giving, care, justice & success.
- Holistic through direct service provision and linking to policy making forums, human rights mechanisms and media.
- Integrating disability, youth & regional engagements for learnings.