

## International Literature Project Series

Preparing Social Work Students to Practice in An Interconnected World

GAY LIFE, OUTSIDERS

### NONFICTION FROM RUSSIA: [On the Moscow Metro and Being Gay](#)

*Poet Alexei Bayer reveals how he makes sense of the world and situates the Soviet response to his gay identity in the political context of the country.*

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SOURCE: Words Without Borders Campus ([wwb-campus.org](http://wwb-campus.org))

Click on the title above to access the reading and related multi-media teaching and learning resources, including author and translator bios and representations of socio-geographic-political and cultural context.

## **SOCIAL WORK TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES**

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### **Social acceptance of LGBTQpeople in 174 countries – 1981 to 2017**

[UCLA School of Law Williams Institute](#)

This comprehensive survey spanning nearly four decades examines the degree to which LGBTQ people are accepted in a multitude of countries across the world. Patterns in acceptance as well as future recommendations are presented.

### **Witness: Beaten for being gay in Russia – Andrey’s story**

[Human Rights Watch](#)

This tragic story describes an incident of anti-gay violence at what was supposed to be a pro-LGBTQ rally. The police failed to protect the LGBTQ protestors, in an example of institutionalized discrimination against LGBTQ individuals.

### **“No gay person can slip through the cracks in a small town” – stories of LGBTQ life in Russia’s rural villages**

[Meduza](#) – An international publication released in Russian and English

This article discusses the constant scrutiny faced by LGBTQ individuals in rural Russia by exploring the author’s lived experience. The author was open about his sexuality, and was embraced as a close friend by male and female friends alike. While they called the author derogatory terms at times, they still interacted with him socially and truly considered him a friend.

## **Love is love**

### TED Talks Playlist

This audio media is a series of talks shared by individuals who provide us a window into their personal lives. These inspiring stories show how LGBTQ individuals' love of their partners helps them to overcome the struggles in their lives.

## **An interview with an LGBTQactivist: Why we shouldn't lose hope**

### Equal Rights Trust – An organization with a mission to combat discrimination and promote equality

Equal Rights Trust was established in 2007, focuses on fostering equality for oppressed individuals, and spans more than 45 countries in the Middle East and Africa. The article in question focuses on Alexander Yermoshkin, a Russian supporter of LGBTQ rights who was forced to leave the country. His inspiring story strikes a hopeful note despite his difficult journey.