



# How to find and maintain safe spaces on social media



### A definition

Safe spaces are necessary means, in real life and online, for marginalised groups to find a support system and community to help them overcome mistreatment and discrimination.

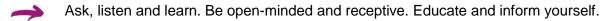


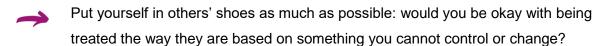
# Why is this important?

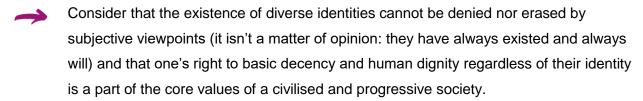
As an example, in 2021, an <u>ADL report</u> and a <u>UNESCO report</u> revealed that more than half of LGBTQ+ people experience more online bullying, harassment and aggression than any other demographic. Several <u>American</u> and <u>European</u> studies have confirmed that 40% of transgender people have attempted suicide at least once, a number which drops to the global average for individuals living in an accepting environment.



# Tips and tricks









# **Useful resources and tools**



Pam Magwaza on Commsor, "<u>7 ways to make your community a safe space for Black people</u>", explains how to create a safe environment for Black people.



Keda Edwards Pierre on Forbes, <u>"Five key aspects of creating safe spaces online"</u>, defines important elements to consider, such as inclusivity and accessibility.



Lily Jones on Panion, "Creating Safe Spaces within Your Online Community", explains why safe spaces are important and provides 8 ways to create one online.



<u>The Safe Zone Project</u> is a free online resource for educators and learners, providing courses, activities and resources to create safe spaces for diverse identities.





#### **SAFETY RESOURCES**





<u>Anti-Violence Project & LGBTQ+ Safe Spaces Protection Project</u> focuses on LGBTQ+ folks, helping create community spaces, businesses and centres.



The National Sexual Violence Resource Center provides data and resources, such as an infographic about "Four Ways We Can Build Safe Online Spaces Infographic".