WORKSHEET

WALKING DOWN THE PATH Activity 6

Birth

1. Where there any challenges to overcome when you were little with regards to how you expressed your gender?

Family

- 2. What messages did your family give you about your gender?
- 3. How did your family react when you expressed your gender as a child?
- 4. Did you have to come out to your family?
- 5. Is your family accepting/supportive of your gender and sexual identity?

School

- 6. Did you learn anything about people of your gender/sexual orientation at school? Was that positive or negative? Or did you feel completely un-represented in what you learnt at school?
- 7. What assumptions did other peers make about you? How did other peers behave towards you?
- 8. How did teachers behave towards you?
- 9. Did you feel included when you were in school?

Relationships

- 10. Can you openly talk to others about the person you love/are attracted to/are in a relationship with?
- 11. Can you easily express affection in public to the person you're in love with or are in a relationship with?
- 12. Are you experiencing any pressure from your partner? (for instance to come out etc.)

Jobs

- 13. How easy is it for you to get a job? Can you easily get the job you want to? Are some jobs harder to get because of your gender/sexual orientation?
- 14. What obstacles/difficulties in relation to your gender/sexual orientation may you experience with regards to employment?
- 15. How do you think other colleagues will behave towards you? Is it possible that you may experience negative attitudes, harassment or discrimination?

Public spaces

- 16. Do you feel confident to seek healthcare without experiencing any negative attitudes or discrimination?
- 17. Do you feel comfortable to walk in public spaces without being rudely stared at or harassed?
- 18. Are you comfortable to use public restrooms?
- 19. Can you get in trouble with the authorities because of your gender identity or sexual orientation?

Social acceptance

- 20. What assumptions do other people make about you based on your appearance, gender expression and expression of sexual orientation? Are those assumptions correct?
- 21. Is it easy for you to make friends?
- 22. Is it easy for you to socialize?
- 23. Do you feel welcome or included in your religious/spiritual community?

