



Survivors Stories DVD

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And I remember I had a very supportive deputy head teacher at the school who I could talk about anything. And there was a lot of homophobia at the school that I did suffer from.

But I was very empowered by that, I was able to fight against the homophobia and bullying what happened to me at school. And that was so different from the bullying I was receiving in the relationship because at school the homophobia was to me unjust. I didn't deserve that, but in this relationship because the abuse was very subliminal I didn't realise I didn't deserve it. To me it was just normal.

And I remember saying, talking to this deputy head teacher about some of the homophobia and then it sort of clicking in my mind after some conversations with friends and this deputy head teacher that a lot of the stuff people are saying at school, he is using the same sort of tone with me, the same sort of words and his abuse is completely different to theirs, but his abuse is directed at me, when their abuse is directed at my sexuality.