

# 'Anti-Homophobia' Event Disrupted by Muslim Students

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A school event against 'homophobia' and assorted 'phobia' offshoots in Genk, Belgium, [was violently disrupted](#) last week.

On Thursday, May 11th, a large group of students from the trade school 'Atlas College Techniek & Innovatie' shouted the Muslim phrase "Allahu akbar," (God is great), with some assaulting two city employees and a volunteer from an LGBT advocacy group, operation OGWA (Ook Genks Wel Anders), who were there to mark the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOT), which is celebrated on May 17th. *From the looks of the website this is a college of further education for older students to take trade and professional qualifications.*

However, not all among the diverse Belgian population appeared eager to join in the festivities.

[As reported](#) by *Nieuwsblad*, one of the assailed-kept anonymous-laid out how events unfolded that Thursday. During their yearly event, the person explained, they take to the playground during break to hand out flyers and rainbow hearts. "Not everyone always agrees with us, but yesterday the atmosphere took a grim turn. A group of young people gathered around our stand and started booing us."

That number quickly swelled to over a hundred, after which "things got out of hand," the individual continued. "They kept shouting, throwing bottles and spitting on the rainbow hearts." When the bell rang, "most of the youngsters left for class and peace returned."

In what has become customary, and despite the readily

available video evidence (which *Nieuwsblad* provided in its article), mainstream Belgian media kept mum about the ethnic or religious profile of the assailants, as well their revealing chants (“Allahu akbar”).

*Students with a [#LGBTQ](#) stand and a flag at a high school in [#Belgium](#) in the city of [#Genk](#) needed to flee away, because Muslim youths "born and raised in the country" spit on the students and the flag shouting "allahu akbar" in force of intimidation. [pic.twitter.com/bBWK3FS75p](https://pic.twitter.com/bBWK3FS75p)*

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This is totally unacceptable,” said general director Christel Schepers. “This does not correspond to the warmth the school promotes. That is why we are taking action. We will engage in dialogue with the students in the coming weeks and will address this in cooperation with the city.”