

**WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES 'DIFFERENCE' MAKE?
TOWARDS AN UNDERSTANDING OF
HOMELESSNESS FOR YOUNG LESBIAN AND GAY
PEOPLE**

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This is a new working paper series designed to bring new ideas and new findings in the field of gender studies into the public arena. The authors welcome comments.

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