

## LGBTQ+ Tales of a friendship with fuck it and consent

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### ABSTRACT

In this conversation, I will take the participant on the unexpected journey that will have LGBTQ+ perspectives of their tales of a 'Friendship with Fuck It', this will include reading a ballad I wrote when I first started in recovery now 4 years ago. Today in my work with clients, I know both personally and professionally a now not so knew phenomenon called 'Chemsex'. I first saw it starting to evolve through friends in about 2005 with people having small sex parties at the weekend. These were well organised and ground rules were established with attendees, which is very different from some of the ChemSex parties of today. Then when I worked at an HIV centre in West London, 2009-2013, we saw an increase in the complexity of needs that clients presented on registering at the service. They were often facing co-infection of HIV & Hepatitis C, and dual diagnosis of drug or alcohol issues presenting themselves. Is it time that our LGBTQ+ community has a conversation about consent? As LGBTQ+ folk we have often been policed for our sexual behaviour or how we express ourselves sexually. As a former member of the kink community myself. I was fearful of going to the police to gain support. After facing a recent incident, I have come to realise that the conversation we have around consent within the kink community, is not a wider conversation we are having as an LGBTQ+ community and my feelings are that as a community, we should have had a better response to the MeToo Campaign. This will lead into beginning the conversation I feel we need to be having.



### BIOGRAPHY

Chai-Yoel Korn runs Joel Korn Psychotherapy Training, Chai-Yoel (gender pronoun: they / them) describes themselves as an LGBTQIA+ and HIV activist and ally, a passionate expert, motivational speaker and trainer. He also has experience of writing around themes of well-being and other specialisms for journals and magazines. His public speaking has taken me across the world. In 2011 they delivered a workshop on 'Dealing with Difficult Emotions' as part of the Happy Life Conference in Taipei, Taiwan. Following being on the interfaith panel at Pink Therapy's Intersectional Conference in March 2019, their paper "The Chicken Soup of Identity" has been accepted for a book called "Non-Binary Lives: An Anthology of Intersecting Identities". Editor Dr Jos Twist, Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust. Associate editors: Dr Meg-Jon Barker, Dr Ben Vincent, Dr Kat Gupta, and Dang Nguyen. This is due to be on the shelves by April 2020. Chai-Yoel's career background is in 1999, left the stress of the hospitality and catering industry, since then he has worked in the LGBTQ and HIV fields of health, social and youth work helping people to take charge of their health and well-being. He is an experienced Community Development and Volunteer Development worker, skilled at engaging marginalized communities such as the: BAME, Faith, and LGBT communities. Adept at developing trusting and respectful relationships, finding creative methods to reach out to both young people and adults.

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