

70 YEARS OLD... AND IN THE CLOSET?

Documentary

(1 x 49min.) HD

**LGBT seniors have lived part of their lives
in a world that was toxic and dangerous to their livelihood.**

**Have healthcare professionals and seniors homes
evolved as much as they have?**

Lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered (LGBT) seniors spent most of their lives in a world where being openly gay was considered a criminal offense. Now that they are out of the closet, they are asking themselves if healthcare professionals and seniors homes have evolved as much as they have.

This documentary follows **Jean-Rock Boutin** in a mission to discover the realities and difficulties faced by LGBT seniors. According to Boutin, it would be a disappointment if, after all the progress made within the community, that once they become seniors, the members are obliged to live their final years in stress. Do they have to return back in the closet in order to protect an identity they cherish so dearly?

Boutin travels meeting seniors, experts and caregivers on aging to see firsthand what services are available if you are an LGBT senior. Boutin asks LGBT men and women about the difficulties of being a queer senior in a small town.



The documentary ends with the participants gathering in Toronto for a round table discussion. **Guy Mignault**, artistic director of the Theatre Français, directs the debate around the question: "Is it better to age in a Francophone residence where gays are in minority or in an Anglophone residence reserved for gay and lesbians but where Francophones are merely tolerated?" (Available in French)



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