



**LiveVegan** Gay youth activist suicides in Brooklyn. His name was Joseph Jefferson. He wrote on Facebook:

"Belonging is one of the basic human needs, when people feel isolated and excluded from a sense of communion with others, they suffer. I have been an advocate for my peers and most importantly youth because most have never had a deep emotional attachment to anyone. They don't know how to love and be loved in return. The need to be loved can sometimes translate to the need to belong to someone or something. Driven by that need..... Most will do anything to belong."

#### Gay Suicides: It's Down To Us

I've been working on the story of another sad ending to a promising young gay life this weekend. Joseph Jefferson, a 2002 graduate of Harvey Milk High School, POCC and GMAD worker, and assistant to LGBT event promoters Laurence Pinckney and James Saunders, died by suicide yesterday at the age ...

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**Tom E. Mendez** As a vegan, I understand the need for humans to understand the value of non-human life. I understand the utmost importance to end speciesism, as it is the key to ending violence and oppression. As a gay vegan, I understand that without making strides to understand our own fellow human, and the broad spectrum of humanity--we are doomed on so many levels. As an activist, I know change is coming on all of those levels. :)

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