

Deeper Conversation.

When guiding young people through a conversation on complicated social issues such as this one there is a deeper conversation to be had. In this phase it is important to be having an interactive conversation with the young people you work with, aim being to mutually analyse their reality.

This is where critical thinking takes place, and we allow young people space to reflect about their own thoughts, feelings and opinions. Within this part of the conversation, it is also very important that young people gain an understanding of the effects of the concepts on different groups, genders and the wider community.

Deeper conversation points that may be useful...

- Discussions on power and power relations.
- Looking inwards, at the culture of which young people are a part of, taking it further from the 'superficial discussion' by looking into things like, what are the effects on them as individuals, others and the community they live in?
- Engage conversation (especially for male groups) to explore ways to make positive change.
- Introduce the concept of being 'active bystanders' and explore ways to safely intervene if they are in a situation where someone may be at risk. Maybe make up scenarios and go over them with the group asking when they would intervene and what they would do?
- Create a safe space to take responsibility where there will be no judgements (maybe refer to any group agreements you may have made when you were having your 'opening conversations')
- Intersectionality is a term that should be raised as part of your deeper discussions as it's a term that raises awareness and knowledge around social injustices faced by marginalised members of our communities.

Resources to support your deeper conversations

Use videos, clips, Ted Talks or any materials that you know to be from reliable sources to gain a deeper understanding for you and/or your youth group. Listed below you'll see some resources which may be useful.

- The following TedTalk is presented by Kimberle Crenshaw, who penned the term 'Intersectionality'. Please be aware this clip may be triggering and contains violence. It would be advised to use this TedTalk to raise your awareness and wouldn't be recommended for young people below S3 (Scotland). Also note, this clip was pre 'Black Lives Matter' which is something to also bear in mind while gathering thoughts and reflections after watching.
[https://www.ted.com/talks/kimberle_crenshaw_the_urgency_of_intersectionality?referrer=playlist-10_great_talks_to_celebrate bl](https://www.ted.com/talks/kimberle_crenshaw_the_urgency_of_intersectionality?referrer=playlist-10_great_talks_to_celebrate_black_lives_matter)
- This article and embedded clip is useful to consolidate why you need to be having conversations with boys and young men around emotional literacy and masculinity. <https://the-inkline.com/2018/07/29/the-man-cave-redefining-masculinity/>