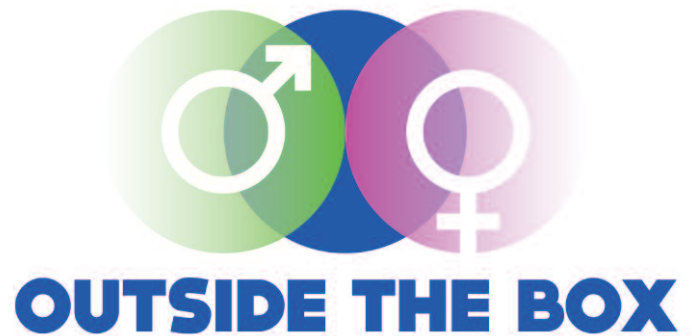


OUTSIDE THE BOX

Age Group: KS2-KS4

The aims of this workshop are to:

- Provide young people with the opportunity to explore gender stereotypes and the harm that these can cause
- Equip young people with an understanding of what sexism is and its impact in UK society
- Equip young people with knowledge and skills to recognise myths about differences between genders
- Allow young people to explore where gender stereotypes come from
- Empower young people to actively challenge sexism in the media (KS3&4)



Young people lead the direction of the workshop, participating in a range of hands on, small group and whole group activities. Pupils are provided with the opportunity to ask questions and interrogate their opinions in a safe space; gaining an understanding of the reality and harm of sexism and what they can do to challenge it.

Sample Activity (secondary): Visions of Ourselves

Young people work in small groups. Each group is provided with a pack of information and examples which look at the representation of women and men in either music, films, adverts, computer games or magazines.

Each group considers the following questions:

- What adjectives would you use to describe the women and men in the examples that you have been given?
- What roles do the women and men have?
- What differences exist between how the two groups are represented?
- What messages are being sent out?
- What does the research say?

Each group presents their findings to the rest of the class, before engaging with a whole group discussion as to what the media could do to help reduce stereotyping and inequality and what we can do as consumers of media to encourage this.

