

# SECOND THOUGHTS!

Two engaging and interactive workshops for KS3 - 4 that develop young peoples' critical thinking skills by exploring stereotypes, misinformation, bias and propaganda.



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# Why choose Second Thoughts!?

Today, more than ever before, young people are being bombarded by messages from friends, family and the media, exposing them to stereotypes, misinformation, fake news and prejudicial views. Second Thoughts! workshops allow young people to explore these topics in a safe and open environment through the use of small group activities and whole group discussions.

## The Workshop

**Age Group:** KS3 – 4

**Duration:** 4 hours, split over two visits to the school. Workshops fit in with the normal school timetable.

**Location:** Classrooms

**Resources:** All resources are provided by EqualiTeach, including workbooks for staff and young people to keep.

**Alternative Provision:** Workshops are completely inclusive and can be tailored to suit all young people's needs.

## Aims:

- To provide young people with the opportunity to think about the information that they receive and recognise the dangers of stereotyping and misinformation
- To help young people identify bias and propaganda in the media
- To help young people explore how to utilise their critical thinking skills to build resilience and reject prejudice and hatred
- To support young people in exploring how easily divisions can be created between groups of people, which can escalate into conflict, and how to deal with it
- To help young people explore the push and pull factors involved in joining groups and how they can protect themselves and each other from involvement in extreme groups

# How do the workshops help schools meet their duties?

## **The workshops will help schools to:**

- promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, including the duty to promote Fundamental British Values
- meet the requirements of the Prevent duty
- meet the duty to eliminate discrimination, advance equality and foster good relations under the Equality Act
- assist pupil safeguarding and community cohesion
- prepare pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life

## Testimonials

### **Pupils' Comments:**

'I have learnt that young people have a voice and how to positively campaign for a cause.'

'Never automatically trust information unless you have checked at least two other sources to make sure that it's true.'

'I have learnt what stereotype means and that the media sometimes uses stereotypes when talking about certain groups of people.'

### **Teachers' Comments:**

'It encouraged students to talk about ideas and to investigate further for their own knowledge.'

'It was a really positive learning atmosphere.'

'Allowed students to speak their views, without judgement and ask questions.'

'Not to believe all the stories that are told by the media business. Be more critical in their thinking.'

**If you would like more information, or to book, please contact: [enquiries@equaliteach.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@equaliteach.co.uk) or call: 01480 470660**

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