

Our Schools Now in Swindon



Rates of public sexual harassment amongst school aged children are incredibly high, with over two-thirds of schoolgirls having experienced unwanted sexual conduct in public space¹. Yet 64% of pupils are never taught about it at school, and 76% say they would not discuss it with a member of teaching staff².

We work in secondary schools and colleges, offering training sessions with staff, and workshops with pupils, to ensure both groups feel confident and equipped to challenge harmful behaviour and educate others.

Workshops for Young People

We offer Changemaking and Peer Education workshops and programmes for young people to explore the issues surrounding sexual harassment in a safe environment, where they develop, pitch and implement their ideas for how the school and community can tackle public sexual harassment.

The details

These workshops are for pupils in Year 10 upwards that are affected by or invested in making change. We can deliver to:

- ~ All girls & non-binary students from a year group
- ~ A student council
- ~ A feminist society
- ~ A self-selected group from across the years as an extracurricular activity

We can accommodate up to 60 pupils in each session. This programme can be as a one-off workshop or a programme of up to 4 workshops spread over a school term. Each workshop is 2-3 hours long. The workshops and programmes can be booked now for anytime from January 2023 to March 2024.

Expected outcomes for young participants

- ~ Increased knowledge of PSH
- ~ Increased knowledge in how to tackle PSH
- ~ More confidence in ability to enact change on the world
- ~ Improved teamwork, communication, creativity and campaigning skills
- ~ Development of community around shared interest in tackling PSH

Expected outcomes for wider school/college community

- ~ Awareness of pupils priorities for change
- ~ The opportunity to implement solutions which are genuinely youth-led and reflect lived experiences



"I liked how interactive it was, and how a safe space was created for people to feel confident enough to speak their thoughts on everything as a whole."

¹ Plan International UK 2017

² Our Streets Now 2020

Sessions for teaching staff

Our sessions for teaching staff focus on increasing understanding of youth experiences of sexual harassment and equipping staff with the tools to teach about and respond to the issue. We provide free lesson plans, posters, assembly kits & more to go along with our sessions.

Content

- ~ Understanding youth experiences of sexual harassment
- ~ Identifying root causes and stereotypes
- ~ Responding to disclosures
- ~ Facilitating conversations
- ~ Answering difficult questions
- ~ Engaging men and boys in the topic
- ~ Including young people in the solutions

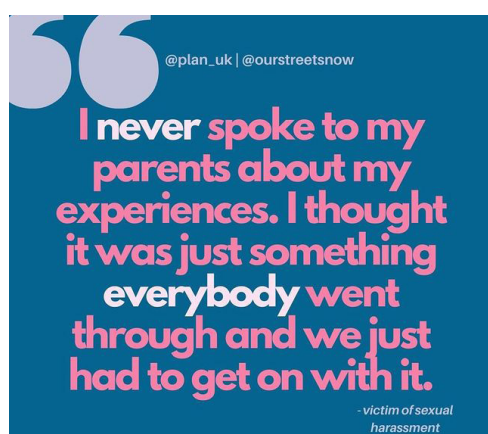


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The sessions can be any length from 1 hour upwards to fit in with your timetable and CPD slots. We have up to 4.5 hours of training content that we can deliver to staff, but schools/colleges can select the content that is most important to them out of the above list.

They can be delivered as interactive sessions for up to 40 staff, or in keynote presentation style for larger groups. They are relevant for all teaching staff, particularly pastoral care & safeguarding leads, PSHE coordinators and heads of year.

All secondary schools and colleges are eligible.



"Really great session. It felt empowering and refreshing, like things are finally changing and being taken seriously. It made me feel hopeful for the future. I feel more confident in how to deal with PSH if I hear anyone talking about it. "

"Key information to embed into lessons; informative and thought provoking. "

"The facilitators presenting were really passionate about the topic area, and therefore the session was very engaging."

How to book

BOOK NOW by emailing: OSNschoools@outlook.com or calling us on **07881 962923** Please include details of your school/college and whether you are interested in staff or pupil sessions.

We are open to being booked in advance for INSET or enrichment days up until March 2024.

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