



# Youth Outreach Pilot Project

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# Introduction

- Youth Outreach worker for Rape Crisis (Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks)
- Engage young people in discussion around issues of Good Relationships, Gender, Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence
- To introduce Rape Crisis and the services that we offer

# Topics of Discussion

- I will be talking about the pilot project that was run in three schools in High Wycombe and South Bucks

# The Pilot

- Three schools
- One mixed grammar school (MGS)
- One all girls private school (AGPS)
- One girls school for young people with moderate learning difficulties (GMLD)

# MGS

- 150 year 10 students in five classes of 30, twice a week for five weeks

# The subjects Covered

- Healthy Relationships- Listening Practice
- Gender- Comparison of the difference between traditional gender roles/qualities and ones today
- Domestic Violence- Stats and Council role play
- Sexual Violence- Myths and Realities

# AGPS

- 80 Sixth form students
- 1 ½ hour presentation

# Subjects covered

- Sexual Violence
- Statistics
- Survivor coping mechanisms
- Grooming
- Case studies
- Q&A session



# GMLD

- 40 year 10 students with moderate learning difficulties
- Divided into classes of two
- Each class received an hour and a half of lessons, over a period of two weeks

# Subjects Covered

- Gender- Difference between Sex and Gender
- Domestic Violence- Maria and Mark
- Sexual Violence- Fear Reaction

# Student Attitudes (MGS)

- 64% of students believe a woman who has been raped bears part of the blame unless she actively resists
- 73% of students believe women lie about rape to get revenge on a man or because they feel guilty about having sex

# Students Attitudes (AGPS)

- 27% of students believe a woman who has been raped bears part of the blame unless she actively resists
- 78% of students thought that women lie about rape to get revenge on a man or because they feel guilty about having sex

# Evaluation Questionnaire (MGS)

- 78% of students felt more able to help themselves or a friend
- 56% of the students felt more able to come forward with these issues
- 55% of students were glad the training had been made available to them

# Student Quotes

- “ Yes I feel more confident as now I know I have someone who will listen to me and understand how I feel”
- “ It was interesting to learn new things that made us feel mature and respected”

# Conclusion

- I think this training, if promoted in schools, colleges and youth clubs would have a significant impact on young peoples ability to deal with sexual and domestic crimes.
- It would provide support and information for young people to help themselves and their friends
- It would go a long way to alleviate the prejudices towards victims of sexual and domestic violence.