

1.c Shared vision activity

Staff Notes

This activity could be used to assist your team (either whole school staff and/or your Relationships and Sexuality Education Team) to develop a shared vision about relationships and sexuality education. It provides a forum for individuals to discuss their own values and attitudes to relationships and sexuality education.

Resources required

Whiteboard and whiteboard markers

Time required

30 minutes

Procedure

1. Facilitator asks participants to brainstorm their response to the following:

'Imagine one of the students from this school five years after their graduation. What type of information/skills/behaviour would you like them to have/be able to access in order to be able to make responsible choices about their relationships and their reproductive and sexual health?'

2. Facilitator then asks individuals to share their responses with the group. The facilitator can list some of the answers from participants on the whiteboard.
3. As a group, shape a shared vision for relationships and sexuality education based on these answers. The statement needs to be broad enough to encompass a variety of values but specific enough to inform school curriculum and practice.

The following is an example of a shared vision for road safety education:

'We believe all young people have a right to use public roads as pedestrians in a manner that keeps them and others safe from accidents. We will provide students with information and an opportunity to develop skills and explore their values in order to achieve this.'

4. The shared vision statement can be used to inform policy and curriculum development and guide the implementation and delivery of a whole school approach to relationships and sexuality education.