



Activity: 7-8.6.3

Key Message

- Sometimes the way we classify according to gender is valid and sometimes it is based on stereotypes and unfair classifications.

Activity Details

Victorian Curriculum

Health & PE Examine the benefits to individuals and communities of valuing diversity and promoting inclusivity VCHPEP132

Capabilities VCICCB013

Time 30 minutes plus homework

Levels 7 & 8

Equipment • a class set of In my opinion handouts

In my opinion

Purpose

This homework activity encourages students to reflect on gender roles and stereotypes and compare their views with a different generation.

Teaching notes

Be prepared for a lively discussion and a diversity of views and values during this session. Remember to be values fair and allow all students to be heard. The only time to step in is when a student expresses a view that is against the law. Explain that while it is okay to have a view that contravenes the law, to act on it has consequences.

Procedure

1. Handout homework. Explain it's to be completed by both the student and their parent/carer. If this is not possible a person from a different generation, that is someone at least 20 years older than the student, can be asked to assist the student with this activity.

Discussion

2. Look at the homework during the next session and discuss the following:
 - Were there any real differences of opinion between yourself and the adult?
 - If yes, what were they?
 - Why might that happen?
 - If no, what do you think is the reason for this?
 - Do you think people change their opinions as they get older? Why?

Adapted from Micheletto, G 1992, *Sexuality in context: integrated units for grades 4-6*, Dellasta, Mount Waverley, Vic.



In my opinion...

In my opinion, the following jobs or activities should be done by females, males or both females and males. Tick your answer in the relevant box using a blue pen. Ask your parent/s to tick their answer/s in a different colour.

Job or activity	Female	Male	Both
Clean up outside (clean up rubbish, mow lawn, sweep, garden)			
Ask someone out on a date			
Do the ironing			
Cook a meal			
Pay for a meal at a restaurant			
Take care of the children			
Play with the children			
Ask someone to marry them (propose)			
Read to the children			
Fix the car			
Paint a room			
Discipline the children			
Buy a car			
Open the door when two people are going through at the same time			
Fix a bicycle			
Vacuum the carpet			
Clean the bathroom			
Pay the bills			
Decide how much the family will spend on leisure (trips, films, etc.)			
Fix a leaking tap			
Decide when it's a good time to have a baby			
Build a cubby house			
Mend clothing			
Do the grocery shopping			