

## Respect and Gender

### Overview

This lesson looks at gender stereotypes and how these are used to influence young people's perceptions of themselves and others. The lesson also aims to explore how these stereotypes affect how we make judgements about others.

### Aim of the lesson

- To analyse gender stereotypes by looking at commonly held attitudes on women and men.
- To look at the implications of stereotypical views of women and men and how these have an impact throughout life choices.

### Learning outcomes

In this lesson, students will have the opportunity to explore what messages are around that tell us how women and men should look, behave and what they should choose as a career.

### What's the answer?

Divide the class into small groups. Ask each group to discuss the scenario and come up with an answer. Bring the groups back together and then open up the question to the large group for discussion.

There is a road accident. A man and his son are in the car. The father is killed. The boy is rushed to hospital. He needs an emergency operation on his brain or he will die but this operation has never been tried before. The best brain surgeon in the country is visiting the local hospital and is brought in to do the operation. In the operating theatre the surgeon recognises the boy. "That's my son!! That's my son!!" the surgeon cries. What is the relationship between the surgeon and the boy?

### What's the answer?

The surgeon is the boy's mother. Most may assume that because of the occupation that the surgeon will be male and therefore be confused by the question. The exercise is to highlight gender segregation in the labour market and expectations of occupations for each sex.