Comprehensive sexuality education provides a safe space where young people can develop knowledge and skills that will support them to navigate relationships and sexuality in the months and years ahead.

Empowering young people to explore and challenge harmful social norms around gender is vital to tackling root causes of gender-based violence and building more equal societies.
So, let’s talk about consent.

Who can tell me what it means?

YES MEANS YES!

Making sure you agree on what you both want.

But what if you don’t understand and you hurt a girl by mistake?

By building cultures of consent, we can help prevent sexual and gender-based violence and equip all young people to build healthy, positive relationships. When teachers are properly trained, they can lead these crucial conversations.
After school...

It was still pretty boy-meets-girl though...

... Did she even mention non-binary people, or trans?

That was actually useful, it made me think.

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No, I guess not.

Anyway, whatever...

... Can’t wait to test my communication skills on my date tonight!

I’ve got to go, my parents are picking me up.

Here’s my bus. See you tomorrow!

Bye!

If they are to empower and protect all young people, comprehensive sexuality education sessions must be inclusive of the experience and needs of students with diverse sexualities and gender identities.

On the bus...

What a CREEP!

... he’s harassing that girl and she’s too scared to say anything...

Hey, back off, can’t you see she doesn’t want to talk to you?

By transforming young people’s views on gender, power and relationships, comprehensive sexuality education equips young people to recognise violence, help to prevent and report it, and seek support.
That evening...

Ok, er, we had that sex ed class.

Great, how was it?

What did you learn?

Oh you know, about consent and all that.

That’s great. I’m glad the school’s covering these things.

Can’t chat now, parents bugging me about school 😞

Later then...

...not really comfortable sharing!

Ok seriously, stop asking!!!

Just 1?

FFS, you’re not listening! 😞

Seriously, forget it! U never respect my boundaries.

We’re done!

I do ❤️ u, but already told u - not really comfortable sharing! ...

Go on – u know you can trust me 😊

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Schools have a vital role to play in delivering comprehensive sexuality education, but it’s important for families to be engaged as well.
Hey!, what do you identify as today? Which bathroom are you going to use now?

Shut up,IDIOTS!

So, how was the hot date?

Ha Ha! Well,... since you asked - he consented, I consented...

It was awesome!

But then...

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We need to tell someone about this

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I know you’re feeling sad!

... but love - and sex - are about trust...

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A few moments later...

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... cos I don’t think he really cares about me...

But I still love him...

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We owe all young people the **skills** and **knowledge** they need to build safe, healthy and happy relationships in our complex world!

By expanding access to comprehensive sexuality education, we can also contribute to building the cultures of consent that we all need – alongside robust legal measures – to combat **gender-based violence** and make our societies more gender equal.

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Often, young people lack concrete information on where to access confidential and quality support and services. **Comprehensive sexuality education** can make that link, and is most protective when it is clearly linked to services.