

Gender Equality Toolkit for Primary Schools

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Background

This project was developed based on the Education in Scotland (EIS) paper 'Getting it right for girls'¹

(<u>https://www.eis.org.uk/Content/images/equality/Gender/Get%20it%20Right%20for%</u> <u>20Girls%202016%20WEB.pdf</u>) and both local and national policy. The project was an opportunity to utilise a range of resources to promote gender equality and challenge gender stereotypes within a Primary School Setting.

This toolkit aims to provide guidance and practical examples of how to use a whole school approach to embed gender equality into school policy, ethos and the curriculum in order to create and sustain a culture where our children and young people are empowered to challenge inequality and promote respect for all.

Introduction

Both the WHO Global Action Plan (2016)² (https://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/violence/global-plan-ofaction/en/) and the Scottish Government Equally Safe Strategy (2016)³ (https://www.gov.scot/publications/equally-safe/) highlight the importance of tackling gender inequalities in order to prevent and ultimately eradicate violence against women and girls.

The consequences of misogynistic attitudes and behaviours include sexual harassment and bullying; gender policing; long term impact on society; violence against women; gender inequality in economy; and disproportionately low level of participation by women in public life¹

Under the Equality Act (2010)⁴ (<u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/equality-act-2010-guidance</u>) schools are required to show that they are eliminating unlawful discrimination and harassment and promoting equality between women and men. Schools who are committed to challenging gender stereotypes/inequality promote a culture of equality and respect where children and young people are able to flourish and no one is limited by their gender⁵.

(https://www2.gov.scot/resource/doc/196713/0052704.pdf)

A wide range of evidence shows that from a very early age, gender stereotyping can have a significant impact on opportunities and choices for both boys and girls with gendered divisions over what is considered acceptable. Often behaviour or subject choices are reinforced through both the attitudes of pupils, staff and parents and through codes of practice in school, careers advice, school management and staff.

By providing children with environments that encourage non-gendered norms and expectations, children can feel more accepted and celebrated for their individuality. By creating a more inclusive culture in schools our children and young people will











benefit from a school environment where all individuals are equally safe and respected.

Rights Respecting Schools

Taking a holistic view of the wellbeing of children and young people is at the heart of the Getting it right for every child approach. Getting it right for every child has its origins in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which outlines the rights of children to have their basic needs met, and to reach their full potential. The UNCRC general principles of non-discrimination, best interests of the child, right to life, survival and development, and respect for the views of the child, are the overarching rights needed for any and all rights in the Convention to be realised⁶ (GIRFEC Policy Update, July 2017)

(https://www.gov.scot/publications/getting-it-right-for-every-child-girfec-update-july-2017/)

If we are really to get it right for every child in our schools, gender equality must be at the heart of policy and practice. Gender Equality is a crucial element of Rights Respecting Schools (RRS).⁷(<u>https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/</u>). Please find more information in the Gender Equality Policy Section below.















Gender Equality Policy, Dalmellington Primary School

Gender Equality Statement: To create and maintain a culture where our children are safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, responsible, respected and included.

Through promoting equality in all areas, we are committed to tackling gender stereotyping and raising children who are active citizens with increased abilities and aspirations.

We believe that it is never too early to question what is seen as 'normal' or what is traditionally expected of boys and girls in our society. In fact, we believe that doing so from a very young age, helps to protect children from the negative consequences of inequality and discrimination as they grow into adults.

Rationale: There is a direct link between gender inequality and gender based violence with gender stereotypes perpetuating inequality and reinforcing the difference between men and women rather than individuals being people first and equals.

Gender stereotyping from a young age can have negative consequences for both boys and girls including limiting what children can do, be and become with future decisions being influenced by gender divisions.

Breaking down gender stereotypes from a young age helps to stop negative consequences of inequality and discrimination as it can support children to grow into adults who are not limited by expectations based on their sex. By providing children with environments that encourage non-gendered norms and expectations, children can feel more accepted and celebrated for their individuality. This can broaden their aspirations and be more open to a wide range of opportunities*.

A gender equality approach means helping children to achieve and aspire, promoting a culture of equality and respect where children are able to flourish and no one is limited by their gender.

Health & Wellbeing Team











Aim: To promote gender equality and tackle gender stereotypes and discrimination to create a gender inclusive learning environment.

Rights Respecting Schools: Our commitment to being an inclusive school where every young person, regardless of gender is supported and encouraged to achieve to their highest potential links directly to the work we are doing in order to become a Rights Respecting school.

Article 2:

All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or girl, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.

Article 17:

You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

Article 19:

You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.

Article 28:

You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

Article 29:

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.













Ten Top Tips for Gender Equality

These were produced by "Gender 10", Dalmellington Primary Schools Gender Equality Pupil Group:

- 1. Everyone deserves respect- all pupils, staff, parents and visitors
- 2. People deserve to be heard. Everyone gets a turn to speak
- 3. Think about the language you use- no sexist language
- 4. Avoid stereotypes and challenge them if you hear them
- 5. Everyone can work together- not boys against girls or girls against boys
- Classrooms jobs should be shared equally- Girls and boys are as strong and able as each other!
- 7. Everyone can participate in any activity that's available there are no boys or girls only activities
- 8. Think about the classroom are they gender friendly. There are no boys toys or girls toys! They are just toys. Boys and girls can play with any toy they choose
- 9. Choose resources and books that have a good mix and balance of characters. There are no boys or girls books! They are just books and anyone can read them.
- 10. Don't assign particular colours to boys or girls everyone can choose any colour they like

Key Establishment Procedure

Leadership: Management understand and encourage a Gender Friendly environment.

Policy Review & Development : The school ensures that gender, gender expression and sexual orientation are not barriers to participation and achievement by:

- Having Gender equality reflected in the school's Visions Values and Aims.
- Treating all children, parents, carers, staff and visitors equally irrespective of their gender.
- Having policies and procedures for dealing with sexist, homophobic or sexually abusive incidents are clear and in line with local and national guidance
- Discussing Anti-bullying procedures, including procedures for dealing with sexist or homophobic bullying, with children and young people on a regular basis
- Encouraging children and young people to report such incidents
- Ensuring there is nowhere in the school where sexist or homophobic harassment, e.g. "jokes", name-calling, etc. are acceptable forms of behaviour. This includes playgrounds, staff rooms, changing rooms, classrooms, corridors, dining halls, etc.
- Valuing and Accepting Children, young people, parents, carers and staff whose behaviour and/or appearance does not conform to traditional expectations of their sex





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Learning and Teaching: All children have equal opportunity to take part in all experiences and are encouraged to access all areas of the curriculum:

- Opportunities for extending learners' experience, knowledge and understanding of equality and anti-discrimination (including gender equality) are sought, planned and delivered across the curriculum at all stages (i.e. equality and antidiscrimination are mainstreamed into the curriculum)
- Peer education is used to pass on learning about gender equality.
- Teachers are aware of the possible bias/differences in their questioning of girls and boys and take steps to monitor and if necessary improve their own practice: e.g. give equal "wait time" to girls and boy, asking higher-order, open-ended questions of both boys and girls
- Staff do not group boys together and girls together, rather they encourage a mixture of children.

Engagement of Staff: All staff understand, share and are committed to the school's aims, values and actions relating to gender equality:

- There is clear guidance on how standards of conduct, policies and strategies are to be used to ensure equality and anti-discrimination (including gender equality) permeates throughout the work of the school
- All staff have received Gender Equality training and therefore have an understanding of gender issues.
- There are two identified Gender Equality Champions in the centre.

Involvement with Parents, Carers, the wider community and other

partners: Parents, carers and families are given opportunities to contribute to the development, delivery and evaluation of the school's gender equality initiatives:

- Parental Engagement events have been held on the topic of gender equality and there is regular communication on new initiatives in the school via the school newsletter
- Both male and female parents and carers feel supported and encouraged to be involved in the work of the school and are satisfied with the opportunities they have to contribute to their children's learning and progress
- Local individuals, groups and projects are invited to contribute to the development, delivery and evaluation of the school's gender equality initiatives
- There are strong links in place with organisations such as women's aid and the NHS who support the school with the development of the gender equality work
- Communication with parents/carers is audited carefully to avoid assumptions about gender/gender roles etc





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Whole School Ethos: Gender equality is visibly recognised throughout the school by:

- Newsletters, posters, displays, speakers, learner's work etc.
- Staff consistently promoting the values of gender quality, use nonstereotypical language and model preferred terms.
- The creation of a Gender Equality pupil group who are fully involved in the planning and consultation process
- Staff having high expectations of behaviour from both girls and boys
- Girls and boys being encouraged equally to take on responsibilities in classrooms and across the school
- Staff offering extra encouragement for girls and boys to take part in nonstereotypical roles, for example, girls taking part in football and boys dancing.
- Inviting non-stereotypical visitors to the school, for example, female fire fighters and male nurses
- Whole school events and assemblies are held on issues relating to gender equality issues, healthy relationships etc

Resources and space for learning: All spaces and resources actively promote gender equality by:

- The inclusion of a gender equality information board for children, parents, carers, staff and visitors.
- Auditing all resources to ensure they reflect a gender balance and are gender neutral.
- Ensuring there are a variety of gender friendly books, some of which show people in non-traditional roles.
- Ensuring displays show a good variety of boys, girls, women and men in nonstereotypical roles

Key documents

Just like a Child, Zero Tolerance (<u>https://www.zerotolerance.org.uk/resources/Just-</u> Like-a-Child.pdf)

Gender Equality, Education Scotland (https://education.gov.scot/improvement/learningresources/Improving%20gender%20balance%203-18)













*Evidence of how gender stereotypes can impact on children and young people

- There is a direct link between gender inequality and gendered based violence. Gender-based violence also begins at a much earlier age than once assumed. According to a study by NSPCC a quarter of teenage girls have experienced physical violence in their intimate relationships. The study also found that girls as young as 12 had experienced pressure from their peers to send topless pictures of themselves by text and social media.
- Gender stereotypes also have negative consequences for boys. The school exclusion rate for boy is 4 times that of girls. Suicide is the main cause of death for males between the ages of 20-49 in the UK. In Scotland (2016), the suicide rate of men was more than two and a half times that for women. In 2017, Childline reported that boys were 6 times less likely than girls to seek support for suicidal thoughts.
- Research evidence suggests that young people are continuing to choose stereotyped career paths upon leaving school. Although girls are in general attaining well at school, many go on to face a pay gap of 12% within full time employment and 38% within part-time employment.
- Only one in four MPs in Westminster are women ; women are better represented in the Scottish Parliament, but still only one in three MSPs is a woman.
- On average, women earn 11.7% less than men increasing to 32.1% less when taking part-time work into consideration.

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<u>Childline</u>

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Promoting Gender Equality - Practical Examples

This section outlines the key areas to consider as well as practical ideas and examples of how to develop, promote and sustain a gender equality ethos within a Primary School Setting. This toolkit provides schools with suggested ideas and activities for exploring gender equality and we would encourage you to adapt and expand on the examples given in order to meet the diverse needs of your own school community.

Baseline - Exploring Unconscious Bias

In order to develop and plan your approach to promoting gender equality, it can be helpful to find out about the children's understanding of gender and explore any unconscious bias they may have. This can be achieved through a variety of interactive, age appropriate activities which both introduce the topic and highlight key areas of learning that may be required.

Baseline Example

Early Level: Children worked in groups using hoola hoops (venn diagram) to sort pictures into categories (boys/girls/both). This activity created discussion around different ideas and opinions about boys and girls which allowed the opportunity to explore gender stereotypes and encouraged children to challenge both their own ideas and others' (see **appendix 1 and 2** for lesson plan and materials)

First Level: Children explored gender stereotypes through participating in an interactive whole class activity where children had to decide if they agreed/disagreed or were unsure with a variety of statements around the subject of gender inequality by moving around the classroom (appendix 1 and 2)

Example Statements

- 'It's okay for boys to cry'
- 'Men are the boss of the house'
- 'Girls can be doctors'
- It's mums job to do the housework'

(For further examples see appendix 2)

Second Level: Children worked individually on a short questionnaire, where they were asked to consider statements exploring gender stereotypes and decide if they agreed/disagreed or were unsure. They then worked in groups to sort statements into categories (male/female/both). (Appendix 1, 2 and 3)







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Findings

During our baseline activities we noticed that when children were directly asked about jobs that women and men can do, they generally answered positively and confidently that 'anyone can do anything' however through using a range of statements it was evident that the children were influenced by gender stereotypes and unconscious bias. For example there was an attitudinal difference around emotions, appearance and roles in the house according to gender.



Interestingly, we noted that children within the early and first level, displayed more unconscious bias than children within second level. This would indicate that work around gender equality is required from early level in order to embed and sustain gender equality throughout the school.

Staff Baseline

In order to establish what stage the school are at in their journey towards gender equality staff were asked to individually complete a short survey and participate in group discussion around the school's strengths, challenges and opportunities to promote gender equality in the school. (**see appendix 4** for example staff survey)

Example Discussion Questions:

- Gender Equality What is going well?
- What are the barriers and challenges to promoting gender equality?
- What opportunities are available to promote gender equality?



Findings

Staff identified a real appetite for taking forward gender equality and building upon their Rights, Respecting School work.

Staff Engagement and Development (See appendix 5 for staff action plan)

As this approach requires all staff to be engaged, motivated and fully committed to addressing gender inequality, staff engagement is essential, ensuring staff have the opportunity to fully explore and challenge individual and societal bias and the impact that this may have on learning and teaching.

Example - Engagement Session

Early development work included engagement and training sessions with staff to introduce the project and to explore gender and gender equality. It was important that the whole staff, including support staff felt able to tackle these issues, both individually and collectively. The initial session raised awareness of the 'WHY' for the project to support staff to understand the importance of challenging gender inequality. The staff explored gender stereotypes and gender inequality and the impact and harm that this can cause. The session explored how we all have unconscious bias and how important it is that we are aware of these in our interactions with children. It also provided an opportunity for staff to recognise, reflect and discuss their own biases.

See **appendix 6** for example group discussion activity.

Self Reflection of classroom environment, resources and teaching practice

Staff were given the opportunity to reflect on their own practice and the school environment to highlight good practice and identify areas for development.

This included:

- Self Reflection Questions (See appendix 7)
- Observation Audit (See appendix 8)
- Gender Neutral Language Support Sheet (See appendix 9)

Gender of Characters: Child was adamant that Loch Ness Monster was a boy. I discussed with child why he thought it was a boy.

Language: Teacher commented ... "Will you be my first hand man" Child replied "It should be first hand man and first hand women" Teacher changed comment to "First hand person"

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Resources: We were exploring people who help us. We print off photos that show different professions being carried out by both men and women.











Parents and Carers

The project recognised that in order to achieve long lasting cultural change all members of the school community needed to be involved, including parents and carers. This included engaging parents and carers via the parent council, providing regular updates through the school newsletter and developing a parental survey and home link activities. This ensured that parents and carers were aware of the rationale for the project and given the opportunity to explore any misconceptions or concerns.

In the parent survey, all parents indicated that they had heard sexist/stereotypical views from their child's peer group and from other parents in the school. Although returns were low, from those who did engage it was clear to see that they wanted to support the school in challenging gender stereotypes and promoting gender equality.

See Appendix 10 and 11 for parent survey and action plan

Gender Equality Pupil Group



The development phase included the establishment of a gender equality pupil group, now named "Gender 10". This group firstly learned about gender equality and inequality and developed a pupil action plan (**see appendix 12**) to share their



learning with the whole school. All the children have now fully embraced the opportunity to become gender equality champions. This role has included:

- Developing a 'design the logo competition'
- Developing a gender equality wall
- Developing and delivering peer education sessions (see appendix 13)
- Carrying out an audit of the school surroundings and resources (see appendix 14)
- Developing the 10 top tips to promote gender equality
- Assembly presentations
- Parents evening information stall
- Promoting national days
- Gender Champions

Gender Equality Wall







Developing Understanding of Gender Equality



Peer Education Sessions



















Presentations and Stalls at Assemblies and Parents Evenings



























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Curricular Resource

The programme recognised the range of resources available nationally; therefore our curricular resource draws upon existing good practice, providing tools, resources and activity examples to promote gender equality within the primary school setting from early through to second level. This resource aims to support schools to embed gender equality into a variety of curricular areas as part of a whole school approach. Gender equality can be incorporated into many aspects of the existing curriculum and is key to delivering many of the Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) experiences and outcomes.





Early Level Curricular Resources

Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences and Outcomes	Suggested Learning Intentions
Health and Wellbeing – Planning for Choices and Changes	lanning for Choices and Aspirations I c changes Relevance of fin	I can describe some of the kinds of work that people do and I am finding out about the wider world of work. HWB 0-20a	 We are learning about a wide range of different jobs/roles We are learning that all jobs can be done by either a man or woman We are learning that gender does not limit career choices Suggested Teaching Strategies/Resources
		In everyday activity and play, I explore and make choices to develop my learning and interests. I am encouraged to use and share my experiences. HWB 0-19a	 World of Work Think about the resources and role models used when planning activities and/or discussing the world of work. Use pictures and stories which depict men and women in a variety of and non traditional roles– for example male nurse, female fire fighter. Think about the language used to describe roles and encourage children to use gender neutral terms for example fire fighter rather than fireman. Guest Speakers –If arranging guest speakers/parents to come in a discuss their job with the children, think about the gender balance/split and actively seek a wide range of different roles Jobs/Roles - When assigning jobs/roles for daily activities use a bag containing different role cards to assign roles at random. Dress Up/Role Play For dressing up games, make it clear that all children can dress up in whatever clothes they choose and avoid assuming that boys want to be pirates and girls want to be princesses. Materials – Use a range of wooden and mental materials rather than plastics of particular colour



• Explore using the house corner for a ra the opportunity to explore different roles	nge of places – garage, shop, post office with s and jobs
https://rshp.scot/early-level/ - EL5 "People v slides	who help and look after me" Activity plan and
http://lettoysbetoys.org.uk/eight-ways-to-ch	allenge-stereotypes-in-early-years-settings/
Suggested Book List:	
Princess Smarty Pants- Babette Cole	Princess Smartypants does not want to get married. She enjoys being a Ms. Princess Smartypants fights to preserve her independence in this fairy-tale-with-a- difference.
Man's Work- Annie Kubler	A picture story for younger children. This book tells the story of a dad and his son cleaning the house.



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Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences and Outcomes	Suggested Learning Intentions
Health and Wellbeing - RSHP	Physical Changes	I recognise that we have similarities and differences but are all unique HWB 0-47a	We are learning to recognise that people are individual and unique. We are learning to view ourselves as unique individuals We are learning about similarities and differences between us We are learning that treating someone badly/poorly based on a difference is not okay. We are learning to explore gender roles and begin to challenge gender stereotypes Suggested Teaching Strategies/Resources Explore similarities and differences: The Unique, Similar and Different Lesson Plan - http://lettoysbetoys.org.uk/wp_content/uploads/2015/08/Lesson-plan-R-and-Y1.pdf http://lettoysbetoys.org.uk/early-years-resources/ https://rshp.scot/early-level/ Suggested Books: Who Am I? I Am Me!: A book Frankie loves dress-ups, playing soccer, visiting
			to explore gender equality, gender stereotyping, acceptance and diversity- Jayneen Sanders Grandpa, cooking pancakes, and so much more. Frankie loves what Frankie loves! The choice is always Frankie's. Through Frankie's active and fun encounters, readers soon learn that in Frankie's world there are no gendered roles - kids are just kids!







Red – by Michael Hall	A lovely story about a red crayon who actually colours blue! He tries so hard to be red but in the end accepts that he is blueand so do all his friends.
Alex and Charlie – Edinburgh City Council	A book about gender stereotypes for young children. Developed by Edinburgh City council, teachers resource book to accompany resource
Are you a boy or are you a girl? By Sarah Savage and Fox fisher	This lovely books allows children to explore gender identity in fun but sensitive way. The main character in the book, Tiny has just started a new school but prefers not to say if they are a boy or a girl. This causes a few questions in the class but tiny is able to overcome them.
Introducing Teddy by Jessica Walton	This is a story about a little teddy bear called Thomas who is very sad. Thomas has never felt like a boy teddy bear and would much rather be a girl called Tilly. The story explores how Thomas' friends feel about their new friend, Tilly.



Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences and Outcomes	Suggested Learning Intentions
Literacy – Listening and Talking	Understanding, analysing and evaluating/ Creating Texts	I enjoy exploring and choosing stories and other texts to	 We are learning to explore gender stereotypes in nursery rhymes, fairy tales and stories We are learning to challenge 'traditional' views of the roles of girls and boys within stories/nursery rhymes We are learning about the different roles men and women can play.
		watch, read or listen to, and can share my likes and dislikes. LIT 0- 01b / LIT 0- 11b I enjoy exploring events and characters in stories and other texts, sharing my thoughts in different ways. LIT 0-01c Within real and imaginary situations, I share experiences and feelings, ideas and information in a way that	Suggested Teaching Strategies/Resources Encourage children to create their own nursery rhymes and/or fairy tales which promote gender equality. For example re-telling with gender equal roles, in a more gender equal manner. Ask the children to explore how it feels and encourage them to explore the different roles we can all play. Encourage children to explore alternatives storylines and ideas for children's play storytelling. For example storylines with a heroic princess who rescue a prince or cast girls as builders or dragons and boys in caring, and domestic roles For role play games, make it clear that all children can dress up/take on whatever roles/costume they choose and avoid making assumptions about what role/costumes children would like. Allow children to create their own costumes and characters. Actively select books that challenge gender stereotypes and incorporate them within literacy work. Take time to draw children's attention to books/stories which challenge or affirm stereotypes. . "Just like a Child" available on https://www.teachers.org.uk/files/stereotypes-stop.pdf https://www.teachers.org.uk/files/stereotypes-stop.pdf

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my message. LIT 0-09a	Suggested Books	Theme	Synopsis
l enjoy exploring	The Different Dragon – Jennifer Bryan	Family structures	This story about bedtime stories shows how the wonderful curiosity and care of a little boy, with some help from one of his moms, can lead to magical and unexpected places.
events and characters in	Man's Work- Annie Kubler	Board Book/ Picture book	A picture story for younger children. This book tells the story of a dad and his son cleaning the house.
stories and other texts and I use what I learn to invent my own, sharing these with others in	The Paperbag Prince – Robert Munsch	Stereotypical role reversal- Princess is the hero	Role reversal fairy tale.
imaginative ways. LIT 0- 09b / LIT 0-	Super Daisy- Kes Gray	Female Hero	A super-fun , action-packed story with flaps, split pages and pull tabs.
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Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences and Outcomes		Sug	gested Learning Intentions
Technology	construct design and	construct models.	We are learning ex might play with the		designs and colours of toys and discuss if this influences who
		TCH 0-09a		Suggester	d Teaching Strategies/Resources
			Looking at and Ch	allenging Gender expe	ectations through toys
			1. Explain that brought in	at today we are all thir	nking about toys. First, let the children get out the toys they have provided) and simply share them with each other and play with
			2. When they the toys wi		aying, ask the children to get into a circle and sit down, bringing
			explain you from the cl	u want them to think a hildren and select an i	et the children show everyone what toys they have brought; then bout sorting them out – how could we sort them? Get some ideas dea that might lead to some discussion about gender(e.g. m for three piles – girls', boys' and neutral toys.
					nder issues with the toys – get the children to think about: Did girls were playing just now? What (if anything) did you play with
			5. Encourage making a r		n their own gender neutral toys including drawing a design and
			http://lettoysbetoys	.org.uk/eight-ways-to-	challenge-stereotypes-in-early-years-settings/
				.org.uk/early-years-re	<u>sources/</u>
			Suggested Books	:	
			Title	Theme	Synopsis
			Interstellar Cinderella	Gender Role Reversal fairy tale	With a little help from her fairy godrobot, Cinderella is going to the ball. But when the prince's ship has



		mechanical trouble, someone will have to zoom to the rescue!	
Ada Twist, Scientist- Andrea Beaty	Girls in STEM	Like her classmates, builder Iggy and inventor Rosie, scientist Ada, a character of color, has a boundless imagination and has always been hopelessly curious.	
Rosie Revere, Engineer- Andrea Beaty	Girls in STEM	Rosie may seem quiet during the day, but at night she's a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets who dreams of becoming a great engineer	

Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences and Outcomes	Suggested Learning Intentions
Expressive Arts	Drama	I have the freedom to choose and explore	We are learning to explore and challenge gender stereotypes through role play
		how I can use my voice, movement, and expression in	Suggested Teaching Strategies/Resources
		role play and drama. EXA 0-12a Inspired by a range of stimuli, I can express and communicate my ideas, thoughts and feelings through drama. EXA 0-13a / EXA 1-13a / EXA 2- 13a	 During role play, challenge children assumptions. For example if you are a woman, you could take on the role of a scientists or explorer or the local doctor. Assign roles at random by using a hat/bag containing different role cards. For role play games, make it clear that all children can dress up/take on whatever roles/costume they choose and avoid making assumptions about what role/costumes children would like. Allow children to create their own costumes and characters. Use a range of fabric and materials in the dress up area rather than branded costumes to encourage the children to create their own costumes. <u>https://www.zerotolerance.org.uk/resources/Just-Like-a-Child.pdf</u> <u>https://www.teachers.org.uk/files/stereotypes-stop.pdf</u> <u>http://www.careinspectorate.com/images/documents/4704/Gender%20equal%20play%20in%20early%20learning% 20and%20childcare.pdf</u>



First Level Curricular Resources

Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences and Outcomes	Suggested Learning Intentions
HWB - Planning for Choices and Changes Relevance of Learning to	I can describe some of the kinds of work that people do and I am finding out about the wider world of work	 We are learning to explore gender stereotypes associated with different careers. We are learning that all jobs can be done by a either man or woman We are learning to describe ways in which stereotyping can impact on career choice Suggested Teaching Strategies/Resources	
	Future Choices	HWB 1-20a	 Discussion/Drawing/Writing about what children want to be when they're older. Discuss reasons for this. Explore a variety of different careers. Establish that men and women can do any job they want. Look at men/women who do non-stereotypical jobs, e.g. female firefighters, footballers, scientists etc, male dancers, male teachers, male nurses etc. Perhaps invite visitors in to talk about jobs. Ask what skills are needed for certain jobs -footballer - balance, fitness, Ballet dancer – etc Look at an advert for gender stereotypical job for male – e.g. builder. Don't tell job, but just give specifications of skills needed. Ask class who would like to do job. Do the same for stereotypical job for female - nurse. Key questions: Can anyone do any job? Why do some people think particular jobs are for men or women? Are men and women better at different things? Why do some people think that men make better builders? (for example) Equality lesson available on https://www.my.worldofwork.co.uk/activity/equality Venn diagram – children sort jobs into different categories - male and female. Why did they make their choices As a class discuss results – are there any jobs male/females can't do? Children could write job description for stereotypical "male" or "female" job focusing on the skills needed for that job Children could look at a variety of different job adverts (don't reveal what the job is) Discuss the skills needed for the job. Do they think they have the skills for this job? Do they think they'd lie to do the job? Reveal the name of the job (ballet dancer, mechanic etc) Would they change their mind now?



 Why are certain jobs seen as male/female jobs? Children could then work in pairs to interview each other for different jobs focusing on the skills they need for the job. Girls could apply for stereotypical male jobs and vice versa. Ask learners to draw a range of professionals (such as a firefighter, scientist, teacher, gymnast, doctor or farmer). Ask them to identify which ones they have drawn as women and which they have drawn as men. Why did they make those choices? Are there any jobs only women/men can do? <u>https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/partner-resources</u> <u>Inspiring the Future - Redraw the Balance (2m 07s)</u>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=70&v=qv8VZVP5csA – short film about children's perceptions of which jobs are male and female

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RSHP	Physical Changes	I recognise that we have similarities and differences but are all unique. HWB1-47a	 We are learning about what gender means We are learning to explore gender stereotypes and know that it is ok not to conform to these We are learning that there are different types of relationships including gay, lesbian, bisexual and heterosexual (use age and stage appropriate terminology) We are learning to show respect to all, regardless of gender
			 In pairs or trios pupils work together to make a simple list of similarities and differences of males and females. Pupils then take it in turns to share and discuss their ideas with the class.



 Discuss findings and stereotypes of what someone looks like, for example, some girls will have short hair and some boys will have long hair What is Gender lesson - <u>https://rshp.scot/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/1.4.3-What-is-gender-Activity-plan.pdf</u> Gender Stereotypes Lesson (Available on GLOW) – Print out selection of pictures from magazines/catalogues(toys, clothes, jobs, colours etc) Get children to sort them into piles – boys/girls/boths. Establish that they can all be used by both. Explore the impact of media on gender stereotypes. Show adverts, cartoons etc which have stereotypical male/female roles and discuss impact of these. Different types of relationships (Lesbian, Gay, bisexual, heterosexual) <u>https://rshp.scot/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/1.4.5-Heterosexual_LGB-Activity-plan.pdf</u> <u>https://rshp.scot/first-level/</u> Gender Stereotypes powerpoint and lessons on Glow HWB Tile
 Alex and Charlie – Gender stereotypes - Developed by Edinburgh City council, teachers resource book to accompany resource. Red, A crayon's story by Michael Hail Are you a boy or are you a girl? By Fox Fisher Introducing Teddy by Jessica Walton I am Jazz – By Jessica Harthnel Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress



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Literacy - Writing Orga Usin	Organising and Using information	By considering the type of text I am creating, I can select ideas and relevant information, organise these in a logical sequence and use words which will be interesting and/or useful for others. LIT 1-26a I can convey information, describe events or processes, share my opinions or persuade my reader in different ways. LIT 1-28a / LIT 1-29a	 We are learning to discuss images and content in well-known childrens' comics and assess how "gender friendly" they are We are learning to design a magazine that is suitable for girls and boys We are learning to write a letter outlining our opinion We are learning to create our own, fictional characters that challenge gender stereotypes We are learning to change the characters and plot of a story Suggested Teaching Strategies/Resources Pupils explore childrens' magazines. Discussion around "girls" and "boys" magazines. How do you know they are aimed at boys/girls? What colours are used? What images are used? Do you think we should have magazines aimed at boys and girls?
			 Children then design their own magazine which is suitable for boys and girls and challenges gender stereotypes Children explore popular comics such as the beano and discuss how gender friendly they are. Do they use mainly male or female characters? Who do they think they are aimed at? Children could then write a letter to the publisher of the comics outlining their concerns and asking to make them more gender friendly Children could create complex characters that do not rely on gender stereotypes Ask children to rewrite a traditional fairy story with the main characters roles' swapped, or write a story about a brave heroine, or a male protagonist who needs rescuing.



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Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences and Outcomes	Suggested Learning Intentions
Literacy - Reading	Understanding, analysing and evaluating	Experiences and Ourcomes To show my understanding across different areas of learning, I can identify and consider the purpose and main ideas of a text. LIT 1-16a To help me develop an informed view, I can recognise the difference between fact and opinion. LIT 1-18a	 Suggested Learning Intentions We are learning to recognise gender stereotypes in fiction texts and films We are learning to compare traditional stories with more modern stories to see if there is an improvement in gender balance/representation Suggested Teaching Strategies/Resources Children can explore traditional fairy tales and explore gender stereotypes in these story. They could then compare them with more modern Disney films such as Shrek, Brave, Pocahontas and Mulan to see how women/men are portrayed. Has there been an improvement? Discuss the stereotypes in many fictional texts. What stereotypes does the book illustrate? Are they justified? Provide learners with modern stories that specifically challenge gender stereotypes. Try to include those with caring male characters as well as strong female protagonists.
			 Suggested Book list The Paperbag princess by Robert Munsch Princess Smartypants by Babette Cole My Mummy is an engineer/a scientist/a plumber by Kerrine Bryan & Jason Bryan Ballerino Nate by Kimberley B Bradley 10,000 dresses by Marcus Ewert Allie's basketball dream by Barbara E Barber Princesses can be pirates too by Christi Zellerhoff Morris Micklewhite and the tangerine dress by Christine Baldacchino



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Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences and Outcomes	Suggested Learning Intentions
Social Studies	People, Past events and societies	I can compare aspects of people's daily lives in the past with my own by using historical evidence or the experience of recreating an historical	 We are learning to compare old and modern toys We are learning to explore gender stereotypes in toy advertisements
		setting. SOC 1-04a	Suggested Teaching Strategies/Resources
			 Children will sort old and modern toys and explore how they are different Put a statement on the board "Girls don't like playing with cars" or "boys can't play with dolls". Get the children to discuss/debate Children sort toys using venn diagram into "boys" and "girls" Children will look at a range of toy advertisements and discuss gender stereotypes in adverts Children use what they have learned to create a poster challenging gender stereotypes Activity – Let toys be toys Ask the class what their favourite toys are and why. What common ground is there between the genders in their answers? If there is time, arrange an anonymous poll the previous day or lesson: ask each child to write down their favourite toy and why they like it on a piece of paper and put it in a box. Collate the answers in a chart. Create another chart during the lesson of the children's favourite toys and see how that second chart compares to the first anonymous chart. Choose a selection of toys: a doll, a car, a pink toy, a board game, loom bands or another topical toy.Show to the class and ask them 'Who is this toy for?' Wait to see if the children respond with ideas of gender.If so, ask why they think it's a girl toy or a boy toy. Watch Newsround report on toys, children and stereotypes. Read some of the comments underneath the film



 Ask the class: What did you think of the film? Do you agree that shops shouldn't have signs? Why or why not? Does labelling toys 'for boys' or 'for girls' put you off playing with them? Write your own comment for the Newsround website. What would you like to say? Explain what an advert is and how they can be on TV, in magazines, on billboards or on the internet. Ask the children to brainstorm what adverts they've watched or seen recently.Watch an advert or choose a (current) printed advert. How does this advert let us know that this toy is aimed at a boy or a girl? Ask the class to consider:colour; gender of child in the picture; words used eg. strong / pretty / adventurer etc Toys in history: compare old and new adverts. Were toys always as gendered as they are now? - 1981 Lego ad 'What it is, is beautiful' 1976 Fisher Price toy ad Get a plain cardboard box – one per table – and design packaging or a poster to appeal to both boys and girls. Do a brainstorm of how toys might appeal to boys and girls simultaneously. Introduce the words 'unisex' and 'gender-neutral'. Ask the children for suggestions which they can then implement when they create their designs. Look at:colours; showing both boys and girls playing with the toy; what adjectives could be used to describe the toy
Gender Stereotype Toy activity on Glow



Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences and Outcomes	Suggested Learning Intentions
Expressive Arts	Drama	Inspired by a range of stimuli, I can express and communicate my ideas, thoughts and feelings through drama. EXA 1-13a	We are learning to explore inequality, stereotyping and peer pressure related to gender through role play Suggested Teaching Strategies/Resources
			 Pupils could be encouraged to create complex characters that do not rely on gender stereotypes Drama Convention: Role on the Wall using "The Tunnel" by Anthony Browne. Work in small groups. Each group creates a drawing of a boy and a girl in outline to represent the brother and sister in the book. Inside each outline, each group writes down the characteristics they image for the brother and sister just from their pictures – this can reveal a lot about gender stereotypes. Pin the drawings on the wall. In what ways, then, are the children the same? In what ways different? Role Play - Ask the children to work in pairs and prepare a script of the conversation they think the children might have about why they wanted to go in the tunnel (boy) or why they didn't want to go in (girl). Set up a role-play in the round – children sit on the floor in a circle. Ask for a volunteer pair to move to the middle of the circle and perform a role-play for the class based on their script. After they have been given a chance to get into their role-play any one of the other children can move into the middle and tap either one of the children on the shoulder, swap places with them and continue with the role-play using ideas from their own script. Carry on swapping places until all children who want to have a go have had one. Suggested Resources: Anthony Browne's - THE TUNNEL



Second Level Curricular Resources



Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences	Suggested Learning Intentions
		and	
		Outcomes	
HWB	Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood	U U	 We are learning to identify stereotypes and challenge stereotypical thinking We are learning how gender stereotypes can impact on self-esteem and self-worth We are learning to show respect for ourselves and others regardless of differences We are learning about the link between gender stereotypes and unhealthy relationships We are learning about the meaning of the words 'stereotype' and 'discrimination' We are learning about strategies to support others who may encounter prejudice or discrimination. We are learning to explore the concept of power. We are learning about who has power in society and why.


behave – HWB 2-47a	 We are learning to explore the kind of power young people have and the power others have over them. We are learning how people misuse power to try and control others. We are learning about the nature and prevalence of 'gender based violence'. We are learning about myths and stereotypes about gender based violence and about some of the causes of gender based violence. We are learning about the impact of domestic abuse on women and children and why women (and men) stay with abusive partners. We are learning to explore the wider impact of violence and abuse on everyone.
	 Collect and review materials and images from magazines, TV adverts, television soaps, films etc to explore how many include gender diversity, non-stereotypical images and diverse family structures, such as single or same sex parents. Do the same for materials and images which reinforce gender stereotypes. Compare, contrast and discuss. <u>RSHP.Scot - 2nd level - boys and girl stereotypes - Activity plan and slides</u> <u>RSHP.scot - 2nd level - We are all of one kind - Activity plan, slides and props</u> <u>NSPCC</u>, Gender Stereotypes Lesson - available at <u>https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/schools/making-sense-relationships/</u> Challenging stereotypes and discrimination lesson - available at <u>https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/lesson-activity-ideas</u> <u>Respect and Gender Lesson - Zero Tolerance</u> <u>Respect and power lesson - Zero Tolerance</u> <u>Respect and power lesson - Zero Tolerance</u> <u>Respect, power and change lesson - Zero Tolerance</u>
	Suggested Resources: https://rshp.scot/second-level/ Zero Tolerance Primary Respect Lessons NSPCC – Making sense of relationships lessons
	Film Clips



 <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTvGSstKd5Y</u> Always advert - "Like a girl" <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjJQBjWYDTs</u>
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Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences and Outcomes	Suggested Learning Intentions
HWB	Planning for choices and changes	Opportunities to carry out different activities and roles in a variety of settings have enabled me to identify my achievements, skills and areas for development. This will help me to prepare for the next stage in my life and learning. HWB 2-19a I am investigating different careers/occupations, ways of working,	 We are learning about a wide range of jobs We are learning to describe ways that stereotyping can impact on career choice We are learning to explore and challenge our own stereotypes about jobs We are learning to describe the skills and qualities required for different jobs and understand that these are more relevant than gender We are learning to represent different jobs in pictures and words
		and learning and training paths. I am gaining experience that helps me	Suggested Teaching Strategies/Resources
	recognise the relevance of my learning, skills and interests to my future life. HWB 2-20a	 Suggested Activities: Identify people in your local community who are doing non-traditional jobs and invite them into speak or devise a questionnaire asking them why they chose their job role, the barriers they had to overcome (if any) and what they would say to encourage other people in to that field of work. Display posters that show adults in non-stereotypical jobs, for example female firefighters, pilots or politicians, male ballet dancers, nurses or ELC practitioners. This 	



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	 will help prompt all children to see they can aspire to be anything regardless of gender. Move to planning for choices and changes Skills development Scotland – Equality lesson - https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/activity/equality Skills Development Scotland – Stereotypes Lesson - https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/activity/stereotypes Skills development Scotland – Stereotypes Lesson - https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/activity/stereotypes Skills development Scotland – Stereotypes Lesson - https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/activity/stereotypes Skills development Scotland – Stand up job game - https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/activity/stereotypes Skills development Scotland – Stand up job game - https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/primary-education-resources/lesson-activity-ideas/learning-area-3-explore-wide-range-jobs-and Compile a list of non traditional jobs for men and women working for East Ayrshire Council i.e. Teachers, Refuse Collectors, Electricians. Catering staff etc. Explore the numbers of men and women in these roles in East Ayrshire Council in 2005 and today. Discus if this has changed and why. Suggested Resources: Skills Development Scotland – My world of work, partner resources - https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/partner-resources https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/partner-resources https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/partner-resources https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/partner-resources https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/partner-resources https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/partner-resources https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/partner-resources https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-07-12/midwife-breaks-gender-barriers-says-men-need-to- bring-a-game/9944964 - Males breaking into non
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Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences and Outcomes	Suggested Learning Intentions
HWB	Mental and emotional wellbeing	 I am aware of and able to express my feelings and am developing the ability to talk about them. HWB 2-01a I understand that my feelings and reactions can change depending upon what is happening within and around me. This helps me to understand my own behaviour and the way others behave. 	 We are learning about self-awareness, self-worth and respect for others We are learning how to cope with challenges, manage change and build relationships We are learning about diversity and understand that it is everyone's responsibility to challenge discrimination Suggested Teaching Strategies/Resources Collect and review materials and images from magazines, TV adverts, television soaps, films etc to explore how men and women, boys and girls are represented in relation to emotions and strength. Compare, contrast and discuss are these accurate, are they fair, could they be harmful? Design a non gender specific superhero with all the qualities you would want in a friend in particular the kind of emotions and values they would have? Design posters with positive statements that support your super heroes values and display around the school, in school publications, newsletters etc. Film clips How being a boy or a girl influences those around us and the choices they make for us https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWu44AqF0il
		HWB 2-04a	Social experiment where boys and girls are dressed as the opposite gender exploring the toys the adults select for them. Highlights the unconscious bias society has around boys and girls toys and the influence this may have in the home and at work – Move to section on toys
			 Boys and Girls talk about emotions <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnMvPwGsASc&list=PL4B448958847DA6FB&index=106</u>
			Boys and Girls talk about aggression and sports (3m 56s)



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJxgybreVQI&list=PL4B448958847DA6FB&index=104
My Heroes" challenges gender stereotypes with Halloween costume choices. (2m 06s) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pC2UHYizag

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Literacy and English	Listening and Talking, Writing and Reading	To help me develop an informed view, I can distinguish fact from opinion, and I am learning to recognise when my sources try to influence me and how useful these are. LIT 2-08 As I listen or watch, I can identify	 We are learning to identify adjectives that describe males and females We are learning how to write a job application We are learning how to challenge views and opinions in letter writing We are learning to identify gender stereotypes used in advertising and marketing We are learning how to use persuasive techniques to advertise/market a gender neutral product We are learning to identify gender stereotypes within literature
		and discuss the purpose, main ideas and supporting detail contained within the text, and use this information for different purposes. LIT 2-04a To show my understanding across different areas of learning, I can identify and consider the purpose	 Explore the use of gender stereotypes within literature. Children design a gender neutral cartoon character or super hero and label them with adjectives to describe positive adjectives that can be used to describe males and females As part of a discussion on women's rights children could be encouraged to apply for particular jobs and write job applications. They would then receive replies saying that they could not do the job because they were a girl (or boy). Children would then be encouraged to reply to the letter challenging the views they



and main ideas of a text and use supporting detail. LIT 2-16a I can:discuss structure, characterisation and/or setting recognise the relevance of the writer's theme and how this relates to my own and others' experiences discuss the writer's style and other features appropriate to genre.ENG 2-19a	Use the gilette advert as a stimulus for discussion around adverts that have been created to challenge gender stereotypes. Can the children think of any more? Ask
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Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences and Outcomes	Suggested Learning Intentions
Sciences	Topical Science	Through research and discussion I have an appreciation of the contribution that individuals are making to	 We are learning about careers in Science, Technology and maths We are learning about men and women who work in Science, Technology and maths We are learning about famous female scientist and inventors and contributions they have made to society
		scientific discovery and invention and the impact this has made on society.	Suggested Teaching Strategies/Resources
		 SCN 2-20a I can report and comment on current scientific news items to develop my knowledge and 	Consider opportunities to link with Dalmellington Dark Sky's Observatory Do they have any people in non-traditional roles that could come and talk to the pupils about their work in science and associated career path. Link with Ayrshire college, pupils can either go there or the college can come to them to Learn about careers in STEM– contact - sara.turkington@ayrshire.ac.uk
		understanding of topical science. SCN 2-20b	• Explore female contributions to science. Discuss issues from the past where female scientists, Jocelyn Bell and others work was claimed as work done by males <u>https://www.theguardian.com/science/2018/oct/07/five-women-the-nobel-prize-missed</u>
			She Can STEM: Lucianne Walkowicz, Astronomer at the Adler Planetarium
			 <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=27&v=XDKyD-XBfG8</u> (30s)
			https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6M62LcuP2Q - She can Stem so can you film
			https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=29&v=X7SVvTLmFXU - Women in Science video



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Curricular Area	Organiser	Experiences and Outcomes	Suggested Learning Intentions
Social Studies	People, Past events and societies/People in society/economy	I can investigate a Scottish historical theme to discover how past events or the actions of individuals or groups have shaped Scottish society. SOC 2-03a	 To look at the historical context of power and privilege in relation to gender. To show that current gender roles are not rigid; that they have changed over time and that making change is possible. To consider collective power and how power can be used positively to challenge misuse of power.
	and business	I can compare and contrast a society in the past with my own and contribute to a discussion of the similarities and differences. SOC 2-04a	Suggested Teaching Strategies/Resources
		I can discuss why people and events from a particular time in the past were important, placing them within a historical sequence. SOC 2-06a I can gather and use information about forms of discrimination against people in societies and consider the impact this has on people's lives. SOC 2-16b I can discuss issues of the diversity of cultures, values and customs in our society. SOC 2-16c	 <u>Respect. Power and Change Lesson – Zero Tolerance</u> Reasons for women's invisibility in some historical accounts could be explored when considering the nature of historical evidence Explore Historical inequalities and injustice relating to gender Exploring Women's Rights– Pupils could create a timeline showing how these have changed over a period of time Suggested Resources: BBC History – quiz game about women's rights in the Victorian era https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/launch_gms_womens_rights.shtml SCAN Education Women's Suffrage in Scotland http://www.scan.org.uk/education/suffrage/index.html Women in World History – a resource website including lessons, biographies and articles - http://www.womeninworldhistory.com/



Impact of Gender 10 Project

The project highlighted the real appetite for change and the opportunities within the curriculum to embed gender equality. The co-production methodology demonstrated the value in pupils leading the project resulting in a sustainable approach for schools.

Quotes from pupils:

"The teachers now say "everyone" to us instead of always "boys and girls", Corey, P6

"The teachers have changed the language that they use. For example they don't say things like can I have 2 strong boys to help me move that table." Amy, P4

"We have learned about Gender equality in our class. We played the stand up job game, where the teacher read out things that boys and girls can do. One boy in my class thought that boys couldn't be a ballerina but they can." Amber, P6

Quotes from staff:

"After the training I am more aware of my language around gender and the negative impact that this could have."

"I am more aware of how I speak to the class and groups of children. E.g do not refer to the children as girls and boys."

"The training and inputs have given me the confidence to challenge gender stereotyping and consider different ways of doing things."

"I am more aware of the gender attainment gap and consider this when planning and evaluating."

Key Learning

Having an enthusiastic pupil group who were empowered to lead and develop the project was crucial to the success of gender 10. Pupils had complete ownership of the project, they developed and implemented their own action plan and ultimately inspired and created an appetite for change amongst pupils, staff, parents and the wider community.













"Boys can play with girls toys and girls can play with boys toys" Amber, Primary 4

"Everyone is equal", Amy, Primary 4

"I've learned that everyone can love different things and be different and that's ok", Corey, Primary 6

"That you can be whatever you want to be, no matter what", Amber Primary 6

Using a peer approach was highly beneficial. The Gender 10 pupils were encouraged to develop their skills:

'I've got better at speaking out in front of an audience and to adults. Being part of Gender 10 has really improved my confidence', Corey Primary 6

'I've got better at working with other people, especially adults outside the school', Amber Primary 6

Having key partners from the local community engaged widens the reach of the project and can provide extra support and resources. For example Dalmellington Primary have regularly engaged with the local Campus Police Officer to promote positive role models and promote wider connections. The campus Officer has spoken to the children about the issue of Gender based violence and made important links to the Mentors in Violence Prevention(MVP) Programme, a peer education programme which tackles gender based violence in secondary schools.

Challenges

Within our initial project plan, we had intended to develop a parent working group. Whilst parents were interested and enthusiastic about the project, developing and sustaining the parent working group proved challenging. This was due to a variety of reasons including time and availability to meet and take forward the parent's action plan. On reflection, we would recommend using a variety of different approaches to engage parents in order to ensure their skills and experience are utilised and they are fully on board to work in partnership with the school on promoting gender equality.











Next Steps

To measure the impact of the project in terms of attitudinal change and school ethos, we hope to carry out a follow up evaluation which will be compared to the baseline results. Dalmellington Primary school are also planning on exploring and reflecting upon levels of attainment after introducing and embedding a gender equality ethos.













Further Resources and Support

- Reflective Questions to support self reflection in the area of Gender Equality -Education Scotland (https://education.gov.scot/improvement/learningresources/Reflective%20questions%20to%20support%20selfevaluation%20in%20the%20area%20of%20gender%20equality)
- Just like a Child Zero Tolerance (https://www.zerotolerance.org.uk/resources/Just-Like-a-Child.pdf)
- Gender equal play Zero Tolerance and Care Inpectorate (https://www.zerotolerance.org.uk/resources/Gender-equal-play-in-earlylearning-and-childcare.pdf/)
- Equal Choices, Equal Chances Equality and Human Rights Commission (https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/primary-education-resources)
- <u>RSHP.Scot Website</u> (https://rshp.scot/)
- Boys' things and girls' things National Union of Teachers (https://www.teachers.org.uk/files/boys-things-revise-8875.pdf)
- Improving Gender Balance, 3-18 Education Scotland (https://education.gov.scot/improvement/learningresources/Improving%20gender%20balance%203-18)

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- 7. Rights Respecting Schools (https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respectingschool)













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Appendix 1 - Gender Equality/Gender Based Violence Baseline Activities

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TIMING	ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES
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10 Minutes	Introduction – Here to find out about their opinions on subject of gender. Discuss what	
	word gender means.	Blu-tack
	Agree/Disagree/Unsure Activity - Go over the words and what they mean. Show symbols	
	on cards and where in the room they are placed. Tell children you are going to read out	Questions
	some statements/sentences. They should go to area of room to indicate whether they	
	agree, disagree or are unsure. Make sure they understand not to copy their friend. They	
	should go where they think. There are no right or wrong answers. Ask teacher to record	Sheet for recording answers
	results according to gender using sheet.	
	Sorting Activity	
	Ask children to get into groups of preferably 3 or 4. For this activity you would like girls to	
	go together and boys to go together. Once seated, lay out hoops with symbols in each	
	section. Explain you will give them some cards they should put them into a section of hoop,	
	boys, girls or both. They should decide as a group where is best to place them. Go over	



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15 mins	cards so children know what the pictures represent. Remind them they can ask you if unsure. Give out laminated cards – children to get started!	Hoops (if space is available)
		Sorting headings
	Tidy up and close. Take pictures of results. Thank the children and let them know you'll be coming back to work with them over the summer!	Sorting Cards
5 mins		

<u>P2/3</u>

TIMING	ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES
		Agree, disagree, unsure cards
10 Minutes	Introduction – Here to find out about their opinions on subject of gender. Discuss what word gender means.	Blu-tack
	Agree/Disagree/Unsure Activity - Go over the words and what they mean. Show symbols on cards and where in the room they are placed. Tell children you are going to read out some statements/sentences. They should go to area of room to indicate whether they agree, disagree or are unsure. Make sure they understand not to copy their friend. They	Questions Sheet for recording answers



	 should go where they think. There are no right or wrong answers. Ask teacher to record results according to gender using sheet. Sorting Activity Ask children to get into groups of preferably 3 or 4. For this activity you would like girls to go together and boys to go together. Once seated, lay out hoops with symbols in each section. Explain you will give them some cards they should put them into a section of hoop, boys, girls or both. They should decide as a group where is best to place them. Go over cards so children know what the pictures represent. Remind them they can ask you if unsure. Give out laminated cards – children to get started! 	
15 mins 5 mins	Tidy up and close. Take pictures of results. Thank the children and let them know you'll be coming back to work with them over the summer!	Hoops (if space is available) Sorting headings Sorting Cards



<u>P3/4</u>

TIMING	ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES
10 Minutes	Introduction – Here to find out about their opinions on subject of gender. Discuss what word gender means.	Questionnaires
	Agree/Disagree/Unsure Activity - Hand out questionnaires. Remind them to write gender. Go over how it works. Explain what agree, disagree, unsure mean. There are no right or wrong answers. Ask children to be honest and put it what they think. It is anonymous. Read out questions and do as whole class. Remind them of what words are agree, disagree or unsure. Collect in questionnaires. Sorting Activity	
15 mins	Ask children to get into groups of preferably 3 or 4. For this activity you would like girls to go together and boys to go together. Once seated, lay out hoops with headings in each section. Explain you will give them some cards they should put them into a section of hoop, boys, girls or both. Choose a reader in each group to read out the cards. They should decide as a group where is best to place them. Remind them they can ask you if unsure. Give out laminated cards – children to get started!	



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5 mins	Tidy up and close. Take pictures of results. Thank the children and let them know you'll be coming back to work with them over the summer!	Hoops (if space is available) Sorting headings Sorting Cards
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<u>P5-7</u>

TIMING	ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES	
10 Minutes	Introduction – Here to find out about their opinions on subject of gender. Discuss what word gender means.	Questionnaires	
	Agree/Disagree/Unsure Activity - Hand out questionnaires. Remind them to write gender. Go over how it works. There are no right or wrong answers. Ask children to be honest and put it what they thin. It is anonymous. Do silently on their own. If anyone is struggling with reading our understanding questions put hand up and we will help. When finished turn over sheet and draw either a boy or a girl. Write down as many words as they can think of that they associate with a boy girl e.g. personality, how they act, what they look like, jobs they might do, what they're good at, hobbies etc. Collect in questionnaires.		



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	Sorting Activity	
15 mins	Ask children to get into groups of preferably 3 or 4. For this activity you would like girls to go together and boys to go together. Once seated, lay out hoops with headings in each section. Explain you will give them some cards they should put them into a section of hoop, boys, girls or both. Choose a reader in each group to read out the cards. They should decide as a group where is best to place them. Remind them they can ask you if unsure. Give out laminated cards – children to get started!	
5 mins	Tidy up and close. Take pictures of results. Thank the children and let them know you'll be coming back to work with them over the summer!	Hoops (if space is available) Sorting headings Sorting Cards



Appendix 2

Cards for Sorting P5-6

Firefighter	Hairdresser
Likes	Likes
dancing	computers
Good at	Good at
Football	Gymnastics
Sensitive	Emotional
Well-	Gets into
behaved	trouble
Has long	Has short
hair	hair













Wears	Can marry
jewellery	a man
Can marry	Does the
a woman	housework
Goes out to	Likes cars
work	
Strong	Aggressive
Builder	Teacher
Childminder	Doctor
Good at	Talks a lot
driving	













Competitive

Good at cooking

Pictures for Sorting P1-4





















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Appendix 3 - Questionnaires



Please read the following statements carefully and then circle to indicate if you **agree**, **disagree** or are **unsure** about it. This questionnaire is anonymous, please fill it out honestly according to your beliefs. Thank you ©

Boys are better at maths than girls	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Girls are better at reading than boys	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
It is ok for boys to cry	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Girls are strong	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Boys are good listeners	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Boys can be nurses	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Girls can be doctors	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Girls like football	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
It is a woman's job to do the housework	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
It is ok for girls to cry	Agree	Disagree	Unsure











Men are the boss of	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
the house			
Girls can have short	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
hair			
Boys can wear pink	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Boys can wear	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
dresses	•		
It is ok for a man to	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
marry a man			
Men should be paid	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
more than women	•		
Women should stay at	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
home			
Men are more	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
successful at work			
than women			
Girls should look	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
pretty			

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Gender Stereotypes P5-7

Gender:____

Please read the following statements carefully and then circle to indicate if you **agree**, **disagree** or are **unsure** about it. This questionnaire is anonymous, please fill it out honestly according to your beliefs. Thank you ©

Boys are better at maths than girls	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Girls are better at reading than boys	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
It is ok for boys to cry	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Girls are strong	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Boys are good listeners	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Boys can be nurses	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Girls can be doctors	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Girls like football	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
It is a woman's job to do the housework	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
It is ok for girls to cry	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Men are the boss of the house	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Girls can have short hair	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Boys can wear pink	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Boys can wear dresses	Agree	Disagree	Unsure







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It is ok for a man to marry a man	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Men should be paid more than women	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Women should stay at home	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Men are more successful at work than women	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Girls should look pretty	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
It is ok for a man to hit a woman	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Girls should not fight	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Only men are violent	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Men who like dancing are gay	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
A husband can tell his wife what to do	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Only men should fight in the army	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Men and women should have equal rights	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
I am happy to show affection to someone who is the same gender as me	Agree	Disagree	Unsure













Appendix 4

Gender Equality Project Dalmellington Primary School

Staff Survey

Pre-Survey – October 2018

To allow us to plan further support for this project, we are asking you to take a few minutes and complete this survey. **There are no wrong or right responses.** Please answer the questions by responding to each item as **you personally believe or perceive** them to be.

Please circle a response for each of the following statements that best represents your view.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Awareness of equality and diversity issues are high on the schools' improvement agenda					
Our school monitors a range of data to ensure gender balance					
Gender based violence is an issue in our school community					
Gender bias is an issue in our school					
Gender bias is too embedded in society for schools to do anything about it					
Through training, policies					













and procedures, staff are empowered to tackle any gender biased attitudes and behaviour they encounter in school			
I feel confident in responding to sexist comments from parents and children			
l engage differently with boys and girls			












Appendix 5 - Gender Equality Project – Dalmellington Primary Staff Action Plan

Key Actions	What support/resources do we need?	Timescale
1. Gender Equality Audit	Audit Template Disseminated GIRFG collect and collate – DEC 2018	November 2018
2. Staff Information Session	GIRFG deliver staff information session	Oct 2018
3. Developing curricular resource	Working with GIRFG Group to test out/pilot curricular resources	Jan to March 2018
4. Support Gender 10	Working with/supporting Gender 10 to carry out audits/consultations to develop a class wish list for books. Support Gender 10 with Peer Educator activities and equality champions	Jan to March 2018
5. Gender Equality Policy	Work with GIRFG Group to develop Gender Equality policy for school with parents and pupils	Jan to March 2018
6. Promote Gender Equality	Work with Gender 10 and Parent Group to plan promoting gender equality events calendar (tie in with assemblies, parents nights, world of work week	TBC













Appendix 7 - Smartie Challenge!

Take it in turns to take a smartie from the tube. Answer the corresponding question, depending on which coloured smartie you get -no eating the smartie until the question is answered! Have fun!

Do you ever group/segregate children by gender? When? Why -What are the benefits? Discuss any potential negative impact this may have on the children.

Do you ever use girls to "police" boys. Give examples of when you do this. What are the benefits of this. Discuss any potential negative impact this may have.

Discuss some of your own biases, values and belief systems in relation to gender. How might these influence the way you interact with children?

Think about the organisation of your classroom. Are there certain areas of the room favoured by one gender in particular? What could you do to change this?



Can you think of any language you use that may unconsciously add to gender stereotypes in the school?

What assumptions might you unconsciously make about which curricular areas and types of activities boys and girls prefer?













<u>Appendix 7</u>

Gender Equality Audit of Classroom environment, practice and resources

Questions to consider for reflection

- 1. Are there certain areas of the room favoured by one gender in particular? If so talk to the children about why they like or don't like playing/learning there. Talk to them about why everyone can play/use any area or use any toy/resource. You should encourage blending areas/resources across the classroom to encourage use by everyone.
- Think about how you organise the space. For example the presence of a "home corner" and a building block area can unconsciously segregate girls and boys. Consider the colours used in the home corner is it mostly pinks and pastel colours? Consider decorating the home corner with greens, reds, yellows, oranges etc.
- 3. Do you have any posters/resources that show adults in non-stereotypical jobs e.g. female firefighters, pilots or politicians, male ballet dancers, nurses etc?
- 4. Do you have male and female dolls in the home corner?
- 5. Do you have images/materials in your classroom that promote gender diversity, nonstereotypical images and diverse family structures such as single or same sex parents?
- 6. Check your library. Are there an equal balance of books that give children a wide range of role models?
- 7. Are your dressing up or role play props limited to costumes that may be aimed specifically for boys and girls? Consider moving from providing ready-made superhero or princess costumes to providing a variety of general clothes that children can use creatively to dress up.
- 8. Are toys and activities gender neutral? Or are they geared towards boys or girls?
- 9. How are children lined up for movement around the school: coming in and out, fire practice, going to PE etc.
- 10. If children are given jobs to do in the classroom how do you decide who does what? E.g. do boys do the 'heavier' lifting type jobs while girls might do the tidying up? Who runs the messages?
- 11. Is the learning content / outcomes of an activity viewed critically with regard to gender? Do changes need to be made? Items removed? Replaced? E.g. worksheets and the subtexts they carry restriction of colours / types of material (e.g. glitter)
- 12. Are both girls and boys equally challenged to interact within the classroom environment?
- 13. Do you challenge gender restrictive language / assumptions? Girls can't do that, boys don't cry? Among other children and staff?
- 14. How do you refer to the children? What terms of address are used?
- 15. Are the children separated by gender for any activities? PE, Group work?
- 16. Do you vary who you choose to demonstrate certain skills? In PE, Art etc?
- 17. Do you comment on children's appearance / behaviour within gender specific confines? Eg. Pretty dress / ear rings. Strong boys?
- 18. Do you make assumption about the capabilities of children based upon their gender? E.g. boys don't like reading? Girls are quiete











Appendix 8 - Gender Equality Project – Dalmellington Primary

Observations Audit

Observe, identify, reflect on gender equality or gender inequality

	Actions/Activities/Attitudes and Behaviours which promote gender equality?	Actions/Activities/Attitudes and Behaviours which reinforce gender inequality?
Day 1		
Day 2		
Day 3		
Day 4		
Day 5		

Keep your observations to discuss and reflect with your staff team













Appendix 9 - Improve your gender-neutral language skills

The words we use to communicate influence how we think and act. Think about whether what you say to the children reinforces gender stereotypes, and if so, use more neutral and inclusive language. This will support their understanding that everyone can do or like anything, regardless of gender. Here are a few suggestions:

- Try greeting the children with "hello everyone or children" instead of "hello girls and boys"
- Compliment a girl because she has achieved something and not because of how she looks; try a compliment such as "I like your skipping" and not only comments on her appearance such as "I like your hair, I like your nails."
- Use the same words of flattery for girls and boys
- Tell boys it's ok to be scared, upset or emotional
- Tell girls it's OK to get angry and to express this in a healthy way
- Praise all children when they share and display cooperative behaviour with other children
- Be mindful of phrases that may undermine boys or girls "e.g. can I have a strong boy to help me carry this box." "I'm looking for a sensible girl" etc.

Points for reflection

- Think about whether you treat girls and boys who are crying the same --why?
- Think about whether you treat disruptive behaviour of boys and girls differently –why?
- Think about whether you interact more with boys or girls why?













Appendix 10

Gender Equality Project Dalmellington Primary School

Parent Survey

Pre-Survey – October 2018

To allow us to plan further support for this project, we are asking you to take a few minutes and complete this survey. **There are no wrong or right responses.** Please answer the questions by responding to each item as **you personally believe or perceive** them to be.

Please circle a response for each of the following statements that best represents your view.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
It is important to treat boys and girls the same in early					
childhood					
Boys and girls naturally like doing different things					
Gender stereotyping is an issue on TV/movies					
Gender stereotyping is an issue in children's toys					
I have heard sexist/stereotypical views from my					
child's peer group					
I have heard sexist/stereotypical views from other parents					
Gender stereotyping occurs in the nursery					
Gender stereotyping occurs in early primary school					
Gender Stereotyping occurs in the later stages of primary					
school Books in the school show stereotypical					













male and female images			
I would like support to challenge gender stereotypes			
I am aware of resources on gender stereotyping			













Appendix 11 - Gender Equality Project – Dalmellington Primary Parents

Key Actions	What	Timescale
	support/resources do	
	we need?	
1. Story Sacks	Support the development of Story Sacks – What information/resources would parents want/need	
2. Gender 10 logo	Support Gender 10 to create Gender 10 Mascots	
3. Parents Survey	Complete parents survey and arrange with Claire for wider dissemination – GIRFG Group Collate responses – NHS A&A	
4. Newsletter/Parent Information	Support the development of information for parents	
5. Parent Evening	Support the development of information for parents – what information would be helpful for parents at parent evening	
6. Gender Equality Policy	Work with GIRFG Group to support development of Gender Equality policy for school with teachers and pupils	Jan to March 2018
7. Promote Gender Equality	Work with Gender 10 and teachers to plan promoting gender equality events calendar (tie in with assemblies, parents nights, world of work week)	TBC













Appendix 12 - Gender 10 Action Plan

Gender Equality Project – Dalmellington Primary Pupil Group

Key Actions	What support/resources do we need?	Who?	Timescale
1. Develop Gender 10 logo/marketing	Develop logo and posters/models	Gender 10 with parents group	
2. Audit Class Library/Resources	Develop a template to audit class books/resources Time to carry out audit	Gender 10 with support from GIRFG Group	
3. Class Wish List	Consult each class on what books they would like, using book suggestions	Gender 10	
4. Promoting Equality Wall	Create a promoting equality wall with positive words/phrases/activities	Gender 10 with parents group	
5. Peer Educator Activity	Develop activity to deliver to class around toy marketing	Gender 10 with support from GIRFG Group	
6. Promoting Equality in Playground	Develop activity to promote Gender Equality in the playground (Posters outlining positive gender equality)	Gender 10 with support from GIRFG Group	











7. Promoting Equality in classrooms	Develop key messages for promoting equality in classrooms (10 top tips)	Gender 10 with support from GIRFG Group
8. Gender Equality Policy	Work with GIRFG Group to help develop the school Gender Equality Policy with teachers and parents	Jan to March 2018
9. Promote Gender Equality	Work with Teachers and Parent Group to plan promoting gender equality events calendar (tie in with assemblies, parents nights, world of work week	твс













Appendix 13 – Peer Education Task

Your challenge is to plan, prepare and deliver 2 peer education lessons - one for P1-3 and one for P4-7. The lesson should be focused around gender stereotypes in toy marketing/toy advertising. The lesson should start with either a video or powerpoint which shows them how gender stereotypes are used to advertise the toys currently and you should lead a discussion about this. The children will then be expected to produce a poster which challenges gender stereotypes in toy marketing.



For P1-3 the children could make a collage using pictures from catalogues or their own drawings showing what people think girls/boys should play with versus what they can actually play with. For P4-7 you could challenge them to design their own poster to challenge gender stereotypes in toy marketing. The posters should be displayed in class/around the school and you will choose a winner for each class to be put on the "Promoting Equality wall"

Suggested Criteria for Posters

<u>P1-3</u>

- Poster should show how toy companies use gender stereotypes in their advertising
- Poster should challenge this and make it clear that boys and girls can play with whatever they like!
- Poster should be colourful and attractive
- Poster should have a suitable title

<u>P4-7</u>

- Poster should challenge gender stereotyping used in the marketing of toys and should explain some of the dangers of this
- Poster should be colourful and attractive
- Poster should have a suitable title
- Poster should be neat and easy to read











Appendix 14 - Gender Equality Project- Dalmellington Primary

Gender 10 Audit of Environment and Resources

Resource	Gender friendly? / Equality in terms of Gender?	Action to be taken











