

# SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES



Assemblies are a chance to reach a lot of the school at once so they can be a powerful way to raise awareness about issues that matter to you. Sometimes Assemblies aren't used this way so think about reclaiming them! If you don't want to stand up in front of your peers or teachers, use film, media, music or dance to make a digital presentation that can be played in your assembly hall or on school TV.

**Newid-ffem** is a school-based feminist youth group that meets weekly to "rant about all things gender related". They took an issue each to talk about in their assembly on feminism, including: **sexist comments in school; gender and racial stereotyping in Disney; sexism in sport; sexism in the orchestra; heteronormative bullying of mixed-gender friendships; and body image in the media.** They delivered their assembly to each year group. At the end of the assembly, they invited students to write down what they thought about their assembly and asked them why they felt joining a feminist group was important. Here's what some students wrote:

To show that younger generations are fighting inequality

It's important to spread the word throughout our school

I'm intrigued and I support it

Because feminism isn't discussed enough in school

To change perceptions of women

# CONFERENCES



Presenting at or hosting your own conference or event is a great way to share your ideas with others, especially those that are focused on young people's lives.

**#WAM (We Are More)**, a powerful group of young people, have created a dramatisation of the kinds of everyday sexism they experience. Their rallying call 'WAM: We Are More' is their response to derogatory marks about skirt length, make up and body shaming. Read more about their performance and other young people's work on domestic violence, healthy relationships and anti homophobia at Wales' **Educating Agenda Conference** or watch the video of the conference [here](#).

One secondary school ran an Inclusive Schools conference with and for local primary schools. Pledges were collected from children and teachers about what they wanted to see from an inclusive SRE programme. The pledges were posted into a rainbow Piñata and they included:

"Tackle the issue, don't shy away from it."

"Gender equality and sexuality to be taught and implemented into the curriculum as being 'normal' with no stigma."

"All students to feel safe and happy in a completely inclusive school."



The cabinet secretary for education, Kirsty Williams, read out the pledges at the **Educating AGENDA** conference.

Go to **SPEAK OUT** to find out more

**WOW Women of the World** host events in the UK and around the world which include workshops, art installations, inspiring talks, and speed mentoring on everything gender related.

Read about the Australian Fitzroy High School's Feminist Collective youth-led conference **YOUR VOICE** #unite #inspire #disrupt. They offered workshops on: toxic masculinity, feminism as a person of colour, queer identities: unpacking community and many more ...

If you are invited to take part in a conference, or want to host your own, **this guide** and **these top tips** might be useful.

