



Experiential schools workshops

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ask us anything

What happens when you get an atheist, a Muslim, a feminist, a police officer, a migrant, and someone living with a disability in the same room?

What happens when your students have the opportunity to ask them anything?

The *ask me anything* workshop is about teams of diverse volunteer presenters visiting schools around Canberra to share highly personal stories and experience.

The workshop encourages students to ask questions they may not normally have the chance to, and gives students the opportunity to talk to diverse people, face-to-face, about anything. The *ask me anything* project creates a safe space for students to discuss identity, culture and society, political difference, gender, religion, and core Australian values.

Our ultimate aim is to demonstrate and encourage mutual respect and understanding, reduce prejudice, and combat stereotypes.

at no cost

The *ask me anything* workshops are volunteer run and organised. The workshops are free for Canberra high schools and colleges.

we are

ask me anything presenters are:

open

and genuine in responding to questions

confident

to speak about our identity, faith, culture, challenges and personal stories

flexible

and able to work within the hours and locations required by schools

collaborative

in working with schools and our co-presenters

prepared

by undergoing prior training and briefing about your school

safe

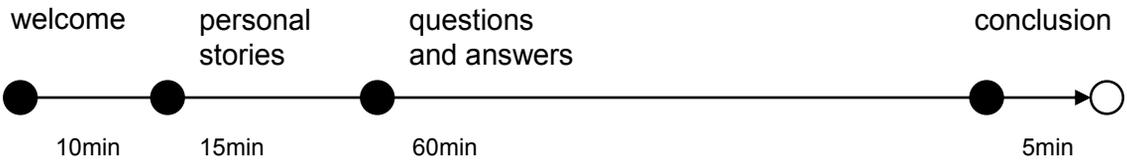
having obtained working with vulnerable people checks

Each 90 minute* *ask me anything* session will be allocated three to four presenters.

Your school may choose from a pool of presenters depending on availability and curriculum focus. Presenters can come from a range of communities and identity groups to demonstrate diversity of occupations, belief systems, ethnicity, social background, sexual identity, mental or physical abilities.

While this brochure provides an indication of possible presenters, a detailed list of available presenters will be provided during discussions with schools.

the program



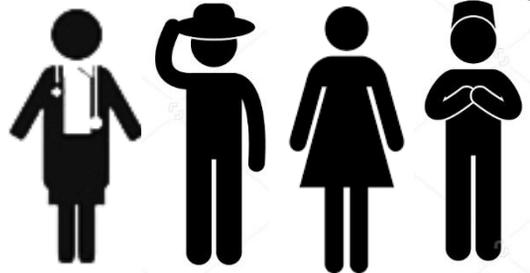
welcome and introduction



- While we welcome all questions we require that:
 1. Questions are relevant, and related to each presenters' personal story
 2. Questions are asked politely
- There are no silly questions.
- We may not always have the answer to every question and can only provide a personal perspective.
- Students' may never again have the opportunity to ask open questions of such diverse presenters in a safe and open environment.

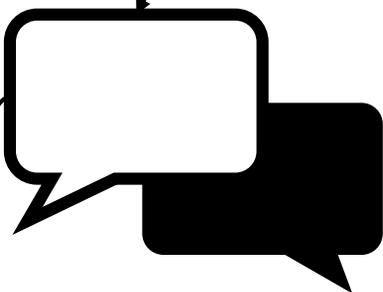
personal stories

- Each presenter will speak for 3-4 minutes about their identity, their personal journey and an object or item that is important to them. These stories will trigger relevant questions from students.



questions and answers

- The open-ended question and answer session will run for about 60 minutes (some schools invite us to run a longer Q&A session).
- Students will be given the opportunity to challenge stereotypes, build understanding and get answers to questions they might not otherwise be comfortable asking.
- Our aim is to highlight a diversity of views, while also showcasing common values across different identities.



conclusion

- The session concludes with a reflection on insights and values discussed during the session.



*Session length can vary depending on your school's requirements and preferences.

Student
Police officer

Muslim

Feminist

Buddhist

Atheist

Rabbi

Engineer

Designer

Migrant

Australian

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