

# Respecting Each Other

## AfriAus iLEAC Active Bystander Training Evaluation Snapshot



**Session Title:** Respecting Each Other  
**Target Audience:** Children and young people aged 5-17 years  
**Date:** 1 July 2023  
**Location:** Officer

Women's Health in the South East (WHISE) and AfriAus iLEAC partnered to deliver a 60-minute Active Bystander Training empowering children and young people to stand up against harmful gender stereotyping and sexism.

### Learning objectives

- Increase knowledge and understanding of gender stereotyping and how it is harmful to children
- Increase children's knowledge and confidence in recognising when they are experiencing or witnessing gender stereotyping
- Increase children's confidence in safely reporting gender stereotyping
- Increase children's confidence in safely standing up for other children who are experiencing harmful gender stereotyping behaviours
- Indirectly influence the thoughts, perceptions, and attitudes of the parents in the crowd regarding the gender stereotyping of their children at home.

Real life scenarios were worked through together, which included harmful gender stereotyping examples that could occur at home, school, or in community.

#### Scenario 1

It is lunch time at school and you are hanging out with your close friends. A couple of boys from the year above come over and start teasing your female friend. They call her names, make fun of her body and clothes, and comment on how shiny her skin is.

What do you do?



### Insights from the training

WHISE trainers were pleased to hear and observe comments that showed the children understood how to question harmful gender stereotypes. It was reported by a trainer that she heard a child saying that if they heard a boy being teased because he wanted to be a nurse, they would say, it is okay to be whatever you want to be. One trainer also reported:

“ I remember one of the children shouting out, 'of course, girls can wear blue, I wear blue and I'm a girl.'  
- **Krissy, WHISE facilitator.** ”

How many community members attended?



114

How many children and young people attended the event?



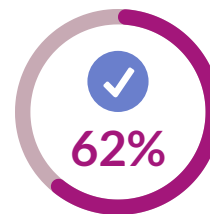
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How many children and young people participated in the evaluation?



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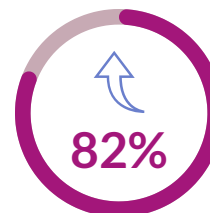
### Key Statistics



62% of the children and young people that attended the event participated in the evaluation



95% of children and young people felt the session had increased their confidence to safely challenge gender inequality and other forms of discrimination in social situations



82% of children and young people felt the session had increased their understanding of harmful gender stereotypes

