



Understand, React To & Prevent

Public Sexual Harassment

Sessions for Teaching Staff



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Overview

Our Streets Now is a grassroots, youth-led movement founded on a very simple principle: we believe that everyone deserves to feel safe and be safe in public space.

Right now, this goal couldn't be further from the truth. Public sexual harassment¹ (PSH) is an endemic part of our society, marking, in particular, the lives of women, girls and marginalised genders. This problem starts incredibly young, with two-thirds of schoolgirls in the UK having been sexually harassed in public, and a third having experienced this behaviour while in school uniform. The impacts of PSH are far-reaching: it restricts mobility, infringes on fundamental human rights, and causes untold damage to mental health and self-confidence.

The Our Schools Now branch of our campaign is our answer to this disturbing problem. Our vision

is for every young person to be taught about public sexual harassment (PSH), its root causes and its impacts in school. We hope to raise a generation who are equipped to challenge harassment, oppression, and prejudice; to empathise with those who experience it; and who never become perpetrators of this everyday violence.

We provide free ready-made lesson plans and other resources for teachers to use to talk about PSH in the classroom, but many teachers tell us that they feel under-equipped to answer difficult questions about PSH, to engage pupils of all genders in the conversation, and to respond to disclosures of harassment.

This is why we are offering a range of interactive sessions to equip teaching and leadership staff with the knowledge and skills to tackle public sexual harassment.

“ I reported this guy who was a persistent offender who used to walk around our school's area when we were let out of school, and he did it for 6 years straight. Initially the teacher seemed worried and listened to me but nothing ever happened. I probably reported him over 10 times. ”

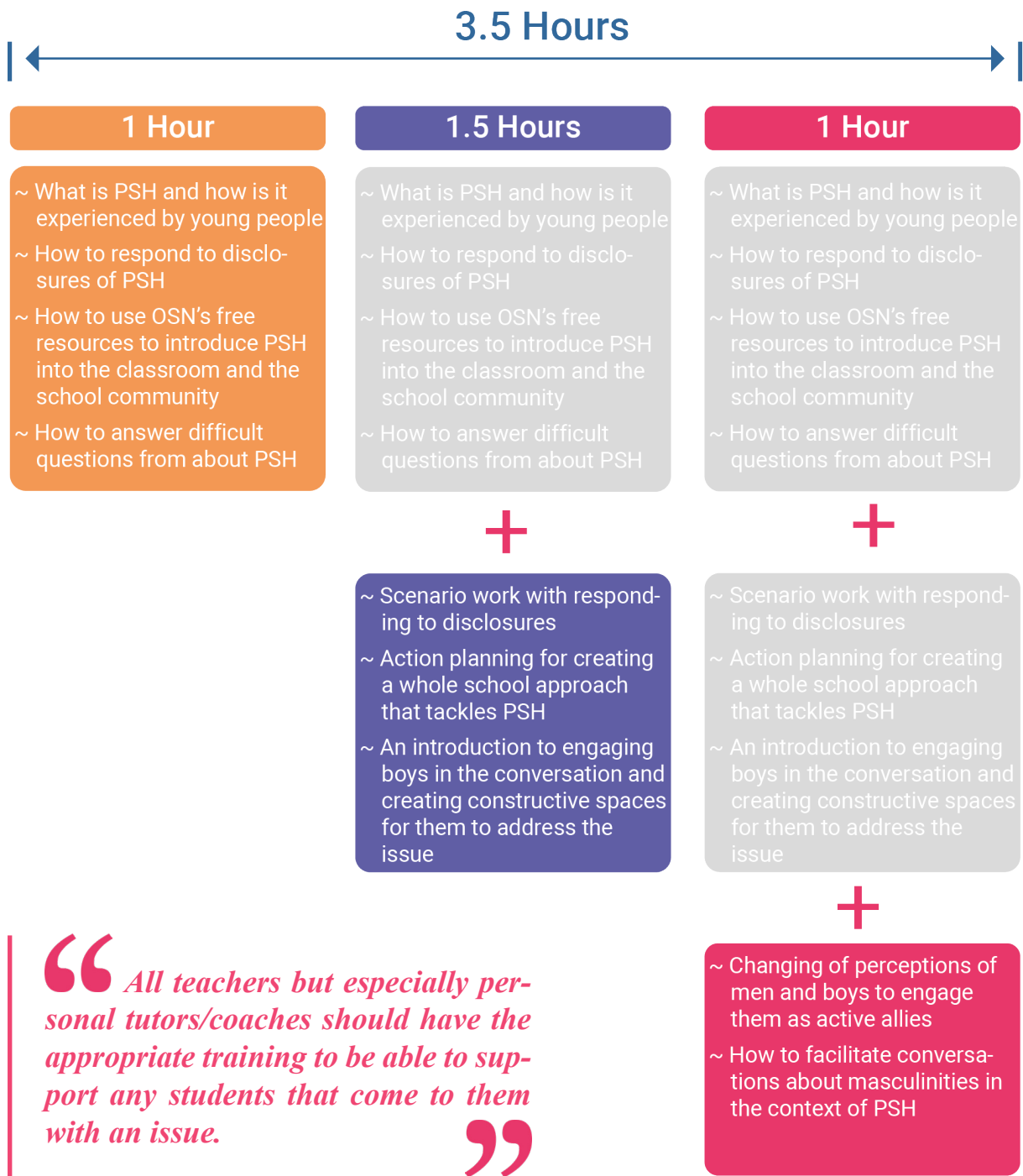
Key Information

- ~ To book, email OSNschoools@outlook.com and we will send you a form to fill in the details of your school.
- ~ We operate an accessible and flexible pricing system, so cost is never a barrier to schools with low budgets.
- ~ We can deliver these sessions online or offline, within or outside of school hours or on an INSET day.
- ~ The sessions can be delivered to the entire teaching staff or to a segment of the school. We particularly recommend the training for heads of years, heads of pastoral care and PSHE coordinators.

¹ By Public Sexual Harassment we refer to any unwanted sexual advances in a public places, including noises, gestures, verbal phrases and physical intrusions.

Interactive Sessions

We offer three different length sessions to fit around your timetable:



We encourage schools to at least book us for the 2.5 hour training given that the 1 hour presentation is much less interactive and more limited in its impact

“ I was a young teenager and on a non-uniform day I was walking to school when a van drove past me and yelled at me that my “boobs couldn’t be real”. I was just starting puberty and felt scared any other time we had to wear our own clothes to school. ”