

Challenging stereotypes

Stereotypes, of course, play their part in the development of prejudice. Prejudice or deciding something about a person before you even know them as an individual, can be fuelled by stereotypes. We might decide that a scruffy person is not to be trusted based not on the merits of the individual but on our preconditioned idea about all scruffy people.

Look at the following 'rules' and sort them into what you think is expected more of teenage girls and what is expected more of teenage boys. Try and make sure you put each rule in either boys or girls – not both.

- Be sensible
- Don't cry
- Be good at fixing things
- Be neat and organised
- Don't be affectionate
- Be gentle
- Take risks and be daring
- Love sport

Teenage girls	Teenage boys



Do you think it's fair that there can be different rules for girls and boys, what happens if these rules are broken and which rules do you think should be challenged?

Watch the Gender stereotype video and think about what you see and believe.

Now produce a poster that challenges stereotyping in school or the workplace – think about the pictures you include and about your message carefully.

