

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITY GUIDE

**BELOW ARE A FEW IDEAS FOR PRACTICAL WAYS WE CAN ALL PROMOTE RESPECTFUL ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOURS IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.**

## ACTIVITY

### LEVERAGE YOUR NETWORKS AND SHARE WHAT YOU'RE DOING

Every community and group is different. Reaching out to your networks can be a great way to share ideas, and see what others in your community are doing.

You can:

- › Forge networks and partnerships, to promote your activities to those in your network, and encourage them to participate.
- › Find out what others in your sector are doing, as these could be adapted for your own community.
- › Share information and resources from the [respect.gov.au](http://respect.gov.au) website in local newsletters or other publications you subscribe to.
- › Include this issue as an agenda item on any meetings or official proceedings.
- › Take the lessons you provide others home to your family.

### WHO IT'S PERFECT FOR

Faith-based gatherings, local councils, schools and groups of all shapes and sizes.

## EVENT

### HOST A COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

A community workshop session is a great way to engage the wider community in a discussion about respect. By bringing together members from all corners of your community, you can develop a practical plan to make a positive change in your area.

You can:

- › Invite a broad range of influencers of young people to attend, such as employers and business leaders, teachers, sporting coaches and members of other community organisations.
- › Consider including high profile members of your community, such as local council members.
- › Share ***Stop it at the Start*** resources and videos to encourage participants to reflect on their own attitudes, and consider their impact and influence on the young people in their lives.
- › Together, brainstorm practical activities to promote respect across your local community. The following ideas might help you get started.

### WHO IT'S PERFECT FOR

Any group or organisation in your community.

## EVENT

### HOLD A MORNING OR AFTERNOON TEA

Gathering around an informal meal is a time-honoured way to bring people together. A morning or afternoon tea is an easy way for people to come together and talk about respect.

You can:

- › Host a guest speaker and have them present or facilitate a conversation around respectful relationships, or the role of adults in influencing positive behaviours in young people.
- › Invite an internal leader to talk about their commitment to creating a respectful culture within the organisation or group.
- › Make posters and resources available in the area for people to take away and read.

#### WHO IT'S PERFECT FOR

Schools, community groups, workplaces, sporting clubs and faith-based organisations

## EVENT

### DEDICATE A SPORTING ROUND TO RESPECT

Dedicating a sporting round to respect is a fun, easy way to spread the message amongst players, members and parents.

You can:

- › Hold a training session dedicated to talking about respectful behaviours with the team.
- › Promote the 'respect round' in the team newsletter, or on social media, including links to the [respect.gov.au](http://respect.gov.au) resources.
- › Set up a marquee on the day to hand out information and resources from the [respect.gov.au](http://respect.gov.au) website to parents.
- › If possible, tie the round to an appropriate day or event, such as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25.

#### WHO IT'S PERFECT FOR

Sporting clubs

## EVENT

### JOIN IN AN EXISTING PUBLIC EVENT

Community events and activities are ideal opportunities to spark a conversation about respect. By having a presence at existing events in your area, you can tap into audiences you may not typically reach.

You can:

- › Join a community market day, school fete, festival or concert by setting up a stall to hand out resources and talk to attendees about respect.
- › Take part in a relevant conference by hosting a session on how disrespectful attitudes are formed at a young age and how we can all have a positive influence.
- › Work with a school PTA to include a guest speaker at a meeting or school assembly, or share ***Stop it at the Start*** materials such as the 'What comes to mind' video to illustrate how we influence the attitudes of young people.

#### WHO IT'S PERFECT FOR

Community groups, faith-based organisations, local government

## ACTIVITY

### DRIVE A 'WHOLE OF ORGANISATION APPROACH'

Creating a 'whole of organisation' approach is a great way to encourage respect in your group or organisation.

You can:

- › Create a policy on respect and respectful behaviour for your organisation or community group.
- › Promote the new policy internally, with posters in the tearoom or an article in the internal newsletter.
- › Host a guest speaker and have them present or facilitate a conversation around respectful relationships, or the role of adults in influencing positive behaviours in young people.

#### WHO IT'S PERFECT FOR

Small businesses, sporting clubs, community groups and schools.