



One in every three women experience sexual violence during their lifetime¹.

Nearly **90% of girls** have been sent unwanted sexually explicit images/videos².

Young people say that sexual harassment occurs so frequently that it is **'common place'**³.

Something has to change



Who are we?

Established by a criminal barrister, the **Schools Consent Project** (SCP) is a charity which sends lawyers and law students into schools across the country to teach young people about consent and key sexual offences.



What do we do?

We deliver hour-long lawyer-led workshops to 11-18 year-olds on the legal definition of consent, how to identify consent, bystander intervention, the offences of rape, sexual assault and 'sexting', the ages of consent, and options in the event of an assault.

The workshop is delivered through a series of fun, interactive games and exercises aimed at challenging the students' misconceptions and unearthing toxic attitudes.

Aims

We normalise conversations about consent so as to bring about healthy, respectful interactions. We believe that education is the surest preventative against sexually abusive behaviour in later life. We want to give young people a legal toolkit to change the culture in schools, universities and workplaces and to drive down sexual offending rates.

Successes

In the last 8 years, SCP has:

- Taught consent to over 40,000 young people across England & Wales
- Worked with over 260 lawyers from firms including Reed Smith, Cleary Gottlieb, Linklaters, Dentons & Orrick
- Been invited into Parliament to discuss our work

- Won an award from the UK Prime Minister
- Featured on BBC Newsnight, BBC Panorama, Radio 4, and in The Times, The Sunday Times and The Guardian
- Become the official charity partner of major West End play **Prima Facie** (starring Jodie Comer)



Feedback

The impact of SCP is evident in the feedback from our service users and volunteers:

Feedback from students

“ Before participating in the workshop I used to think that sending an explicit photo (especially boys to girls) was not illegal but just a horrible yet normal thing that happened. Now I know that sending explicit pictures that are not asked for is illegal.

“ It was thought provoking and left me with a better understanding of the proper definition of consent and went more in depth in consent than any other talk we have been given.



“ Really well delivered, all information was relevant and was good to know the stats and exactly what the outcomes are for certain situations. Was good for the boys in the group to actually see what made us uncomfortable. Should have been done earlier in the year/school so the message is clear from earlier on.

Feedback from volunteers

“ Last Monday I delivered my first workshop to a group of Year 10 students. It was an incredibly rewarding experience and I was impressed by the confident and positive attitudes of the young people in my class. The SCP is something I wish I had when I was at school. I have always believed that education is the best step forward.

“ It was a pleasure to deliver the workshops at Heron Hall. I find every session so rewarding. I only wish I was able to do more.

“ As always I really enjoyed it - always find it so rewarding as the children clearly take so much away.

“ I thought I'd drop you a quick line after my first workshop. I had such an enjoyable time, my class were so engaged and we had some really productive discussions! I'm so excited to keep delivering workshops!





Volunteers

We are actively looking for volunteers who are clear communicators and passionate about youth empowerment to present our workshops in classrooms across the country.

Volunteers can present workshops individually or in pairs, including with client lawyers. Feedback from our volunteers is that this often brings about a more lasting and meaningful connection than more conventional business development.

All volunteers must have passed an examination in a module which covers the Sexual Offences Act 2003 during their degree/conversion course.

Our training process involves a 2-hour training evening followed by a 25-minute telephone assessment. Once passed, and DBS clearance has been obtained, you will be eligible to present our workshops in schools.

Our schools cover volunteers' travel costs.

We require a minimum commitment of 6 hours annually (ie, 2 workshops per term).

For more information and to register your interest to volunteer, please contact our Director Monica on monica@schoolsconsentproject.com

