



GENDER AWARENESS TACKLING STEREOTYPES IN EDUCATION

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GATE PROJECT PRACTICE COMPENDIUM

GOOD PRACTICE FROM DENMARK

The Danish Film Institute has developed teaching materials addressing gender stereotypes in Danish society and in schools. Its main aim is to challenge both teachers' and students' view on gender norms.

The material addresses curriculum goals such as 'the students have knowledge of norms for gender and body' and the can 'analyse how norms for gender and

body can affect children', and it asks the students to come up with suggestions for what their proper school can do to break down gender stereotypes.

The main activities consist of reflections beforehand, film watching and answering questions and reflecting on the film viewed.

MADISON IN BETWEEN

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39 min. | DK/Documentary | Children's films



Madison, 12, is always with the boys. She wears boys' clothes and plays on the boys' basketball team. However, now that she is older, her coach thinks it is important that she also practices with the girls. Madison finds it difficult to get used to playing with the girls, but slowly she opens up to new possibilities and experiences that she can be comfortable in several places without changing who she is. She decides to apply for an elite sports school. But is she talented enough to get admitted, and will she be able to say goodbye to her classmates with whom she has always felt she could be exactly who she is?

SOURCE: <https://www.dfi.dk/en/viden-om-film/filmdatabasen/film/madison-midt-imellem>

Find more good practices in the [GATE project database](#): an online practice compendium, gathering practices to address stereotypes in schools in France, Spain, Denmark, Finland and Bulgaria.



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EXPERT INTERVIEW

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How do you define “gender”?

Appeared in the 1970s from Anglo-Saxon research and feminist current, the concept of gender refers the physiological and biological characteristics determined by sex and their historically and socially constructed behaviours and roles.

If you were Head of State, what would be your first measure in favour on gender equality?

I would form a government with equal representation in which equality between men and women will be applied at all levels of the different ministries.

Can you give us a name/an example for you of someone involved on gender equality?

Olympe de Gouges, French author of novels and plays, was guillotined in 1793 because of her writings. One of her most memorable writings is the 1791 text on the “Declaration of the Rights of Women and the Citizen” in response to the adoption of the “Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen” of 1789, in which she spoke of the emancipation of women and equality between the sexes.



Ms. Benslimane has a long experience in education projects with and within bi and multilateral organizations. She has also coordinated an international cooperation network “Women in Development”. She has a long experience in gender issues.





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