

Transcript: Active Citizenship 'Pushed' launch video.

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So very welcome to all the pupils that we've got here today and have travelled here today. And alongside that film today We're launching a set of resources for Key Stage 3 teachers to use that film as a starting point in the classroom to then explore a number of different issues.

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The response has been incredible I mean you couldn't ask for better. I think because it is real you know we very much pride ourselves on presenting short films that are real to young people that they can engage with you know that we don't sugar coat things.

It was also brilliant that we had 3 members of the cast of Pushed with us this morning and they were able to speak directly to the teachers and pupils who were here about the message behind Pushed.

We've all experienced a moment where you know we've seen drugs or we've seen the effects of drugs on someone and it can be scary and it's important to you know, shine a light on it I guess on how dangerous it is and how bad it is for young people to get involved with that kind of thing.

Personally, I think it will help younger people as well. cause it will help them try see that being different and not fitting in with the crowds will benefit them and it just sends out a really important message and I think everyone should see that.

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but seeing the young people actually take the script and perform it without any previous experience of drama or performing was really, really powerful.

My favourite part of today was seeing the movie because it reflects like what actually does happen in Northern Ireland and it obviously like makes you think about what happens. the consequences I think it's very inspiring as well. it actually inspires me as a teacher to change how I approach my teaching.

These resources definitely gives the kids an opportunity to explore themes that they normally wouldn't have been willing to explore or wanting to explore so there's real confidence that comes from that there.

My favourite part was those kids from Bangor Academy getting up and talking. it was unbelievable like I got goosebumps at one point. I just love seeing kids step out of their comfort zone I love watching people be the change they want to see. I think to be an active citizen is to help your community through wrong and right and actually make a difference in your community.

I think this resource helps to build skills like communication and like developing with other people and working with others Well I think anybody who was in the room today gets the feeling for what the benefits are such an incredible powerful film and to have a roomful of 14 and 15 year olds to be completely silent at the end of it is nothing short of miraculous The benefits for young people are clear but there's another sort of layer of benefits for these resources and it gives teachers confidence to address these very controversial issues. but teachers are nervous and to have a really strong set of resources that are extremely powerful and very, very useful.

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