

## Resource 8a (Activity 4)

# Go On On Have A Drink

### Situation A

Tina, Mary and Annette are the best of friends. They go everywhere together. They went to primary school together and fortunately they stayed in the same class in secondary school. Annette asks Tina and Mary to go to a party at her cousin's house on Saturday. The three girls are really excited and find it difficult to decide what to wear. Tina asks Annette if there will be boys there. Annette laughs and tells her it wouldn't be a party without boys! Saturday night finally arrives and the three girls get the bus to Annette's cousin's house. When they arrive, they're really nervous about meeting people they don't know but they sit down in a corner and try to look inconspicuous. Annette comes over with a bottle of alcoholic lemonade for Tina and Mary. Tina grabs the bottle enthusiastically, but Mary is totally shocked that her two best friends are drinking. She certainly didn't intend to drink. She looks around the room, everyone is drinking. People are beginning to look at the scene which is unfolding. Annette is getting impatient and tells Mary to take the bottle. Mary's insides are doing somersaults - what will she do?

### Discussion points:

Mary is clearly uncomfortable in this situation, what do you think she should do?

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Do you think Mary's peers are exerting any pressure on her? Explain

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What would you think in Mary's situation?

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Do you think Tina and Annette are good friends to Mary in this situation?

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## Resource 8b (Activity 4)

# Everyone Is Going Out With Someone!

### Situation B

Carol and Karen, both 12, are friends. Karen has a new boyfriend called John. They get on very well together and try to include other friends in their outings. Carol is sometimes present in their group. Karen has asked Carol to go with John's friend Mark. Carol likes Mark and enjoys the group of friends going out together but does not want a boyfriend just yet. She feels she is too young and the idea scares her a bit. She hasn't worked up the courage to say it to Karen who keeps trying to arrange a date for her with Mark. Finally Karen comes straight out with it: 'What's wrong with you Carol? Everyone is going out with someone!'

### Discussion points:

What do you think Carol should do?

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Do you agree with Carol's reasons for not wanting a boyfriend? Why/Why not?

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Should Carol go out with Mark if she doesn't feel ready for a relationship? Explain

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Why/Why not?

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How could Karen be a better friend to Carol?

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## Resource 8c (Activity 4)

# I Can't Lose Face With The Lads!

### Situation C

Richard and Joe are both 12. Richard is Joe's best friend. They play most sports and share hobbies together. They live on the same road and see each other all the time. One Saturday in the local town, Joe and Richard and a few of the lads are waiting for a bus home. They browse in the newsagents beside the bus stop. Richard picks up a magazine with semi-naked women on the front cover and inside. Some of the lads snigger a bit, and then Richard says he wants to buy the magazine. Joe doesn't want anything to do with the magazine but feels he has to let Richard borrow the money rather than lose face with the lads. Now Richard is telling everyone that he and Joe bought the magazine together. Joe is upset about the whole episode. Richard told Joe's older brother Peter about the magazine. Peter is now threatening to tell his parents.

### Discussion points:

Describe how you think Joe is feeling

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What do you think Joe should do in this situation?

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What kind of friendship do you think Richard and Joe have?

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Do you think Joe experienced peer pressure in this situation? Explain

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## Resource 8d (Activity 4)

# They Always Looked Up To Fergal

### Situation D

Alan, Brian and Bill are close friends. Alan's brother, Fergal, is someone they have always looked up to; he has always had time for the three lads and often plays football with them. One Friday night, Brian and Bill are in Alan's house listening to a CD Alan's brother has just bought. Alan tells Brian and Bill that Fergal is in the other room with his friends. They're on their way out to a disco. Fergal's friends got hold of some Ecstasy and they're taking it before they go. Alan says that they have one spare tab. Alan wants to know would they have enough money between them to buy it? Bill is visibly shocked and tells Alan that he'd be mad to even consider taking an e-tab. Does he know what can happen? People have died after taking Ecstasy. Brian is relieved that Bill had the courage to stand up to Alan, as he didn't think he would have been able to. Bill and Brian leave the house immediately. On the way home, they both can't believe that Fergal could be so stupid.

### Discussion points:

Do you think any peer pressure was exerted in this situation? Explain

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Was this a good or bad thing? Explain

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What do you think Brian would have done if Bill had not been there?

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What would you have done in the same situation?

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