



IT'S ABOUT TIME THINGS CHANGED.

A guide to using our film to call
time on sexual harassment
and abuse at school.

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Introduction

This film was created by the the End Violence Against Women Coalition, and was co-produced with girls, young women and non-binary people.

The film aims to spark conversations about the national crisis of sexual violence in schools and drive long-term change.

Who are the End Violence Against Women Coalition?

The End Violence Against Women Coalition is a group of feminist organisations and experts from across the UK, working to end violence against women and girls in all its forms.

Made up of over 135 specialist women's support services, researchers, activists, survivors and NGOs, EVAW believe that violence against women is not inevitable and work to tear up the systems that enable it and build a fairer world in its place.

What's the Issue?

We're facing a national crisis of sexual violence and harassment at school.

Recent public attention has focused on online misogynist influencers promoting violence against women and girls and their worrying impact on boys and young men's attitudes and behaviour.

Girls and young women are facing sexual harassment and assault on an alarming scale: almost a third of young women surveyed by EAW don't feel safe from sexual harassment in school, and again almost a third of girls think schools wouldn't take reports of sexual harassment seriously.

This echoes the 2021 Ofsted review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges which highlighted just how commonplace sexual harassment is for children and young people.

Sexism is at the heart of violence and against women and girls, and nearly three-quarters of young women surveyed by ERAW say sexist behavior makes them feel uncomfortable.

Black girls and others who are marginalised are at the sharp edge of this abuse, with racism and other forms of discrimination compounding the abuse they face.

Making of the film

In 2022 ERAW, in partnership with Women and Girls Network, spoke to a group of young women and non-binary young people to discuss making a campaign film about their experiences.

The film depicts a series of all too common experiences of sexual harassment in schools - including unwanted sexual touching and pressure to share intimate sexual images.

Young people wanted the film to show the range and complexity of feelings in relation to these issues - including sadness, fear and rage, as well as the joy, resilience and solidarity they've found through their friendships.

What's next - campaign together!

Young people deserve better. Schools, teachers, and the government must do better. We must go much further and take proactive action to create a culture in which girls are safe and can thrive.

EVAW's 'Its #AboutTime' campaign seeks to make this happen! Join their campaign today and take action - click here.

Support

It is important to recognise the difficult nature of the content of the film and taking care of those who are watching it, and signposting for support where relevant. Find help here.

It's #AboutTime things changed!



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