

Mars n Venus, an attempt at understanding



This was a great piece of work that I've been meaning to write up for ages, it's some cool group work that was about girls understanding blokes and vica versa! Even cooler it was completely designed by the teenagers!

Prior to a residential for the Firm (14+ group) it was a typical Friday drop-in at the youth building. A few of the teens were in the office and we were talking about blokes not understanding girls and the girls obviously pointing out confusing things that blokes do!

The idea was flagged up of doing something on the residential that would help there to be a degree of understanding. Anyway this is what they designed:

Split the guys into one group, the girls into another! Each group had a couple of leaders of the same sex. They had a series of questions to answer as honestly as possible and only answers that there was agreement on were recorded. A useful exercise in itself! But here was the genius The girls then joined the male leaders, the blokes to the female leaders. They had the chance to see if they could work out what had been written down for each question, they then obviously got the real answers and the chance to ask a bit more.

After the formal bit there were some great conversations over the rest of the weekend and a MUCH greater degree of understanding!

Here are the questions:

- If boys could get girls to understand one thing about them it would be....
- What do boys want in a romantic relationship?
- What makes boys most insecure?
- What are boys ashamed of about themselves?
- Why do boys drink?

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What question would boys most like to ask the girls?

What do boys do to impress girls?

What's the most important thing about being a boy?

What are boys biggest fears?

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