

One in every three women experience sexual violence during their lifetime<sup>1</sup>.

Every 98 seconds someone is sexually assaulted in the United States.

70 women commit suicide each day in America in the aftermath of sexual violence.

# Something has to change



## Who are we?

Established by a criminal lawyer from London, the **Schools Consent Project** (SCP) is a non-profit that sends lawyers into schools to teach young people the legal definition of consent.



# What do we do?

We deliver hour-long lawyer-led workshops to high-schoolers and middle-schoolers on the legal definition of consent, how to identify consent, bystander intervention, key sexual offenses, the ages of consent, and options in the event of an attack.

The workshop is delivered through a series of fun, interactive games and exercises aimed at challenging the students' misconceptions and unearthing toxic attitudes/behaviours.

Our 'unique selling point' is twopronged. Firstly, the workshops are exclusively led by lawyers. This enables us to bring our professional experience into the classrooms and respond to students' questions with accuracy and authority.

Secondly, we are the only organization of its kind that provides this type of education to school-age children. While several organizations teach consent at university, we believe that these conversations ought to be happening at a much younger age for there to be real and lasting change.

For public schools, each workshop costs \$200, and we deliver to up to 35 students per workshop. Please note that we understand the budgetary restraints of public schools at this time and if this fee is outside of a school's budget, we are willing to come to an alternative arrangement. We want to work with you, please don't hesitate to ask.

# **Aims**

We normalize conversations about consent to bring about healthy, respectful interactions. We believe that education is the surest preventative against sexually abusive behavior in later life. We want to give young people a legal toolkit to change the culture in schools, universities and workplaces and to drive down sexual offending rates.



# **Successes**

In the last 8 years, SCP has taught consent to over 30,000 young people across England & Wales through its network of 200 lawyers. We won an award from the UK's Prime Minister, we have been invited into Parliament to discuss our work, and we have featured on BBC Newsnight, BBC Panorama, Radio 4, and in The Times, The Sunday Times and The Guardian.

SCP is the official fundraising partner of **Prima Facie** play starring Jodie Comer, who won a Tony Award for her performance of the play at the Golden Theatre on Broadway this past Spring. Of the collaboration, Comer commented:

'The Schools Consent Project is something that I wish had been available to my friends and me growing up. It's crucial that we include younger people in this important conversation. It's an honor to be able to partner with this great initiative'.

# **Feedback**

The impact of SCP is evident in the feedback from our service users and volunteers

#### **Teacher in Brooklyn**

I haven't seen my kids this engaged about anything all year.

#### **Students from Manhattan**

This was a needed conversation.

I think you should bring them back for the class next semester.

I think everything was really eye opening. I knew most of the stuff but it was interesting seeing how the law defined each thing.

It was fun to do interactive activities such as the red light, yellow light, green light scenarios and the paper shredding scenario. It gives you a new perspective and caution about certain things.

From an early age, I was already aware of the concept of consent. Even in my schools there has been a multitude of lessons open to me about consent, how to ask for it, how to respond, what to do when witnesses a hostile situation, etc. Yet, I was not aware of the consequences of child pornography. It really expanded my horizons on the lengths the law goes to ensure safety on minors. Solely making me feel much more safe and secure when going outside and navigating social media.

#### **Students from the Bronx**

I really like how it was presented.

I found the topic very interesting because it is something we don't normally speak about.

91.4%

of those students said this answered their questions about rape and sexual assault



## **New York**

SCP opened its first overseas arm in New York in Spring 2023 to teach the young people of New York the State and Federal law applicable to them.

Since launching, we have booked workshops in all five boroughs for grades 6-12. We have presented workshops at Beacon High School, Charter High School for Law and Social Justice, Basis Independent School, and many more. In our first year alone, we have successfully presented to hundreds of young people in New York City in schools and non-profit organizations.

Please contact us to make a booking for your school.

For more information on delivering a consent workshop at your school, please contact our New York Manager at kaitlin@schoolsconsentproject.com

Thank you again for your interest in the Schools Consent Project, and your commitment to a better society.



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Before joining Schools Consent Project, Kaitlin worked in Brooklyn Family Court and spent 14 years as an attorney at The Legal Aid Society in the Juvenile Rights Practice, where she represented thousands of primarily low-income children who were subjects of child abuse, neglect, juvenile delinquency and custody proceedings. She is a graduate of City University

of New York School of Law and Fordham University.

Kaitlin spent her career having difficult conversations with children who were victims of horrific crimes, along with children who were arrested for juvenile delinquent acts. Oftentimes, children from both of those groups could not articulate what happened to them, or why it was something that led to court involvement. The Schools Consent Project aims to change that by educating young people on their rights and responsibilites to each other.

Kaitlin is a parent of two Brooklyn kids in public school and she is honored to continue serving the children of New York in this new role at Schools Consent Project.