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- Jo Cox, 1974-2016



Why is it important?

- Tackles prejudice.
- Stop discrimination.
- Creates a safe space for everyone.
- Makes us richer and more united.
- We engage with other's perspectives and understand more.



Protected Characteristics:

Equality Act 2010:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender Reassignment
- Pregnancy
- Race
- Religion or Belief
- Sexual orientation

This means discrimination against these communities is seen as illegal.

What does it look to discriminate?

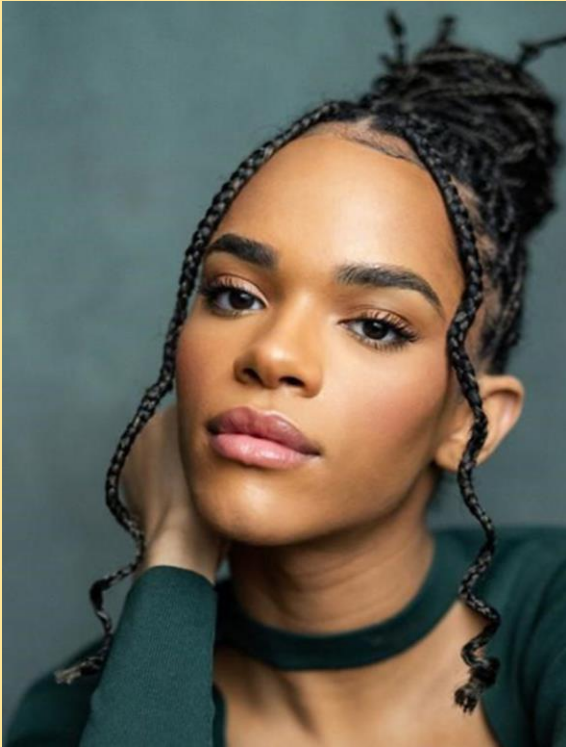
- Make hurtful comments towards someone because of gender, sexuality, race and needs.
- Isolate people because of their gender, sexuality, race and needs.

Josh Thomas

- Australian Comedian, actor and writer.
- In 2005, aged just 17, Brisbane-based Josh Thomas was the youngest ever winner of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival's RAW Comedy Competition
- Wrote, produced, and acted in tv shows "Everything's Gonna Be Okay" and "Please Like me".



Yasmin Finney



- English actress
- Known for her work as Elle Argent on Heartstopper, Rose Temple-Noble on Doctor Who, Charlie on Mars, and as a guest judge on RuPaul's Drag Race UK
- Nominee for the queerty awards 2023
- Part of award-winning show 'Heartstopper', which won Gay Times Honours, Soho House Awards, and Rose d'Or Awards, as well as being nominated for the Children's and Family Emmy Awards

Janelle Monáe



- **Janelle Monáe Robinson** is an American singer, songwriter, rapper and actress. She has received eight Grammy Award nominations, ¹¹ and won a Screen Actors Guild Award and a Children's and Family Emmy Award.
- "I have no interest in releasing who I'm dating or not dating, that's not important. But what I did feel was important that that representation of what it meant to live in your truth, regardless of friends or family supporting it, regardless of people having opinions, it was really more so for me."

Mawaan Rizwan



- Mawaan Rizwan is a Pakistani-born British actor and comedian who began his career as a YouTuber.
- Openly gay, Mawaan came out to his parents at the age of 24. Around the same time he presented a documentary for the BBC, *How Gay is Pakistan?*, and speaking to *The Guardian* he revealed how he received death threats for it.

Elliot Page



"When we're growing up there are all sorts of people telling us what to do when really what we need is space to work out who to be."

- **Elliot Page** is a Canadian actor. He has received various accolades, including nominations for an Academy Award, two BAFTA Awards and a Primetime Emmy Award.
- In March 2021, he became the first openly trans man to appear on the cover of *Time*.

How does this relate to Avanti?

We want to courage you to be your authentic self in a Diverse Environment where you can be respected, accepted and encouraged by others.

On a Friday after School, Mr Burlinski and Miss Clinton run Kaleidoscope.

A group to promote and support diversity.

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AVANTI FIELDS
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Morning prayer

*oṃ ajñāna-timirāndhasya, jñānāñjana-
śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitaṃ yena, tasmai śrī-guruve
namaḥ*

May our eyes be open
to the power and sweetness
of knowledge and illumination.
May we never be blinded by darkness.

May we honour our teachers
and all those who guide us
on our spiritual path.

May we worship the supreme,
Śrī Rādhā and Śrī Krishna, and
Śrī Chaitanya who reveals
their divine love to us.

May we know the presence of
Śrī Krishna in all persons
and in all beings.

O Rādhā and Krishna!
May your sweetness flood my heart;
May my heart always offer its love to you.

Let this day become
my offering of gratitude;
May your sacred names
dance forever
within the core of my heart:

*hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa!
kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare!
hare rāma hare rāma!
rāma rāma hare hare!*

Quiz time:

- What are the protected characteristics?
- Why is it important to accept diversity?
- What is the name of the group on a Friday?