

Totally Together

Challenging Bullying & Celebrating Diversity

Ages 8-13 (School Years 4-8)

Key Stages 2 & 3



A song-filled show, that promotes community cohesion, celebrates difference and tackles bullying, racism and discrimination in an entertaining, educational and 'totally' memorable way!

"Another exciting, fun-filled and passionate performance from Chain Reaction that delivers key messages with humour and sensitivity."

Jane E Brown, Head of Diversity, London Borough of Waltham Forest

THE PROJECT

Totally Together shows young people our multicultural world through the eyes of some very misguided comedy characters that come to realise that bullying is bad for everyone and embracing difference is the way forward! This engaging performance helps young people build empathy towards, and strong positive relationships with, people from different social and cultural backgrounds and promotes teamwork.

The project shows young people that they can play an active part in their community, and that their actions and behaviours can affect those around them. It also dispels the myths and misunderstandings around immigration and asylum seekers. *Totally Together* is the perfect way to introduce Anti-Bullying work to young pupils and helps future generations understand and respect the diversity of the society in which we live, developing greater equality and community cohesion.

The recent guidance for schools on anti-radicalisation means the themes of community cohesion explicitly addressed in *Totally Together* are more crucial than ever. The latest Ofsted guidance regarding the Prevent Duty for schools states "Teaching, learning and assessment should promote equality, raise awareness of diversity and tackle discrimination, victimisation, harassment, stereotyping, radicalisation and bullying."

Totally Together also links directly to the "Duty To Promote Community Cohesion" (DCSF, 2007) and the Equality Legislation Guide For Schools, promoting community values and equality opportunities for all, regardless of race, colour, ethnicity, religion or social background or any other factors.

THE SHOW

Totally Together centres on the comings and goings at the *Our Place Athletics Club* where Tanisha and Jake (two young *Our Place* runners) are in vigorous training for the County Championships relay race. The arrival of Kelly, a talented Tokyo 2020 Olympics hopeful from the *Somewhere Else* team, could bring great things to the club - new skills, new goals and new successes - but her welcome to *Our Place* is far from warm...

Kelly is greeted with open hostility, suspicion and even bullying by her new team, but gradually she begins to prove that she has just as much to offer as they do. The three young runners learn that by working together, accepting each other, and sharing their experiences and knowledge, they can all be winners at the County Championships, the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and in life in general.

A host of popular TV characters underline the important messages. From school bully 'Vicky Pollard' to the Little Britain 'Laydeez' and Kazakhstan's Borat, everyone learns something new about immigration and diversity. With drama, laughter and up-beat lively songs, *Totally Together* delivers its serious community cohesion message in a positive, balanced, and, at times, hilariously funny manner, perfect for engaging the 8-13 age group.

"Yet again a wonderful show enjoyed by all! Year in year out, we at Latymer All Saints have enjoyed the show the children have learnt so much knowledge and understanding of different concepts. The lesson plans were invaluable in giving our children prior knowledge and understanding before they actually watched the show. Thank you one again for a brilliant show"

Julia Christou, Head of PSHE, Latymer All Saints C of E School, London Borough of Enfield

TOTALLY TOGETHER TEACHES YOUNG PEOPLE...

- That bullying is unfair and hurtful
- About different cultures in their community
- The importance of accepting people's differences
- That people from other cultures/backgrounds can make a valuable contribution to life in Britain
- The difference between asylum seekers and refugees
- To empathise with other people and that their actions have an effect on those around them
- To make up their own minds on discrimination issues, rather than listening to others

"The show was amazing!! It has given me courage to do what's right!"

Pupil, aged 12, Brampton Manor Academy Secondary School, London Borough of Newham

A FEW FAQS...!

How long is the show? 45 minutes (35 minute show and 10 minute post-show hot-seating session)

Who's it for? Ages 8 to 13/ Years 4 to 8

What school work does it link to?

- PSHEE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education)
- SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural)
- Values Based Education
- Citizenship Curriculum
- SEAL (Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning)
- Duty To Promote Community Cohesion
- The Prevent Duty
- Equality Legislation Guide For Schools

Are there any accompanying resources?

Yes – you'll get a free hard and digital copy of the *Totally Together* Teachers' Resource Pack including further information, ideas for lesson plans and more.

You can also book an optional one hour interactive drama workshop for up to 60 pupils. Just get in touch for costs and to find out more!

For more information on this show or any of our other work, please feel free to get in touch and we'll be happy to help!

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We look forward to hearing from you!