FGM Fact-file: an Interactive Teaching Resource
An educational resource for raising awareness of Female Genital Mutilation

The FGM Game is a FORWARD teaching resource made by young people, for young people. It is for use in secondary schools as part of PSHE and is suitable for use with pupils in years 9-11. It aims to:

- Raise young people’s awareness of Female Genital Mutilation;
- Help young people realise that FGM is a form of child abuse and gender based violence;
- Empower young people to know where to go for help if they have concerns about a girl or woman.

The resource comprises:

- A comprehensive teaching pack containing guidance notes concerning disclosure and background information about this harmful practice, ready to use powerpoint presentations that work alongside clear lesson plans with a step by step approach to a range of classroom.
- A series of teaching aids for use in the classroom including three, large scale, boards, an extensive range of movable characters, speech bubbles to stimulate discussion, a dvd, posters, leaflets and a card sort activity.

The resource can be used with groups of young people who have no prior knowledge of FGM, and also with those who wish to build upon their learning. All learning is clearly differentiated. Some of the teaching aids can also be adapted for use in teaching about other ‘controversial’ topics, such as teenage pregnancy or sexual health.

The FGM Game helps open up discussion and debate amongst young people in a safe context allowing different views to be expressed and challenged. It equips teachers with high quality materials and up to date research.

Piloted in four state secondary schools in Bristol, feedback has been overwhelmingly positive:

- “I am impressed with the sheer professionalism of the resource. It is such a switched on game and that is what gets people talking. It is effective when younger people raise awareness. I’m all for prosecution but prevention is key and that is where this resource fits. And it is equally important to educate boys too which this game does.” Sue Mountstevens, Police and Crime Commissioner
- “Students were very interested and emphatic they learned a lot.” (Teacher from Colstons Girl’s School)
- “Sparked great discussion – students found the cultural challenge interesting and took something away from it.” (Teacher from City Academy)
Further copies of the resource are due to be funded by Bristol Healthy Schools programme with a view to every state school in the city having a copy by December 2013.

For more information, including how you may purchase a copy of the resource, please contact FORWARD’s Youth Team – youth@forwarduk.org.uk