

LSFS7/8 YTS [TRAINING CENTRE]

[NAME OF TEACHER]'s drama class – I went and spoke to them and explained more what the Project was all about. There were three young women there and then Alicia, a large black women arrived, They looked at the q'aire again and asked about a few of the questions, two of them were a bit disparaging in attitude and I could see that one of them was pointing to the ethnic origin question and saying that's really stupid, I explained the need for background information but she and her friend still not interested, Alicia and another young woman, Chantel, however said they would fill it in and went away and did so. The q'aires were returned to me upstairs later. They said they would be willing to be interviewed but only if they could come together. I said OK why not, which is what happened. In fact as soon as we started talking they just took off, both talking a lot about sex and AIDS and relationships and we went on for almost an hour. [NAME OF TEACHER] came in once to ask how long we'd be and I said ten minutes, because she clearly wanted them back and said the group was waiting for them. They themselves were very casual about this, saying to me after that they wanted to carry talking and surely the group could continue without them. So we went on for about another 20 minutes until [NAME OF TEACHER] arrived again and was a bit fed up so we stopped. I was very apologetic, she was politely also apologetic and said she hadn't realised it would take so much time. Anyway, we agreed that as I was coming back the following week anyway, perhaps I could see them again at a time when they weren't in their class. (But unfortunately this never happened.)