

# BEYOND GENDER STEREOTYPES

## *New Curriculum for KS2 Children in Primary Schools in England*

We are seeking 40 primary schools in England to participate in an innovative three-year project to promote gender equality, and challenge gender stereotypes. The project is led by Lifting Limits, a UK-based charity[1], as part of the Global Boyhood Initiative which is coordinated by Equipundo: Center for Masculinities and Social Justice, a US-based non-profit organisation[2].

The Global Boyhood Initiative (GBI) is designed to support boys aged 4 to 13 and the adults in their lives with the resources they need to raise, teach, coach and set an example for boys to become men who embrace healthy masculinity and gender equality.

### WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACHIEVE IN THE UK?

- Gender stereotypes are internalised early in childhood, limit children's ability to achieve their full potential, and perpetuate gender inequality.
- They have negative effects on all children.
- We want children to internalise healthy and equitable gender norms, and to challenge limiting gender stereotypes.

### HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

**1. PILOT "BEYOND GENDER STEREOTYPES"**, a new curriculum for children of all genders aged 7–11 in England, which aims to promote gender equality and challenge gender stereotypes. This curriculum will offer a scalable, safe, engaging and age-appropriate learning experience across Years 3–6.

**2. DEVELOP A SELF-GUIDED ONLINE LEARNING COURSE** and associated guidance, to equip teachers to implement the curriculum effectively and support their professional development. We are also developing guidance for schools and teachers to use with parents/carers, to build support for the curriculum and engage them to promote its objectives.

**3. SEEK ACCREDITATION** of the final version of the curriculum and associated guidance as a quality assured resource from the PSHE Association.

### NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in finding out more about the project, and how you can get involved, please contact David Bartlett (Project Lead) at [david@liftinglimits.org.uk](mailto:david@liftinglimits.org.uk)

[Click here](#) to register your interest in the programme. Training and information webinars will be taking place in early 2025. We will contact you, at this time, with details of how you can get further involved

[1] Lifting Limits offers a comprehensive, evidence-based programme of training, resources, networking opportunities and ongoing support, to help schools promote gender equality and challenge limiting gender stereotypes. Their approach has been independently evaluated in this [report](#).

[2] Equipundo is dedicated to achieving gender equality and social justice by transforming intergenerational patterns of harm and promoting care, empathy, and accountability among boys and men throughout their lives. Equipundo has been developing and training partners to implement [evidence-based programs](#) with adults, adolescents and children to drive positive societal change for over two decades.

