

SOCIOMETRY OF OPPRESSION FOR TEENAGERS

1. Going to school every day is something I look forward to.
2. I am confident that I will do well in most of my school subjects.
3. I look forward to seeing my friends at school.
4. I have plans for post-secondary education.
5. I plan to go to the school dance with my favourite friends.
6. I usually meet my friends for lunch.
7. I usually buy my lunch in the cafeteria.
8. I get along well with the teachers at the school.
9. I feel comfortable walking down the hallway at school.
10. I feel comfortable in the change room before and after Physical Education classes.
11. I am well regarded by other students.
12. I am considered to be a leader at school.
13. My parents listen to my plans and support them, most of the time.
14. My parents are happy to have my friends visit me in our home.
15. My parents approve of the person (or people) I date.
16. I am able to be open with my friends about my sexuality.
17. I am able to be open with my parents about my sexuality.
18. I feel comfortable visiting my friends at their home and meeting their parents.
19. I am able to speak up in class and know I will be heard.
20. The teachers at my school are good role models for me.
21. I feel comfortable letting others know my religious beliefs.
22. I am able to speak freely with others about what is important to me in life.

DEBRIEFING QUESTIONS (FEEDBACK FROM INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS)

[Feedback may be verbal—especially a,b,c,d,e,—or students may write/discuss/reflect.]

- a. What holds people back?
- b. What gives people privilege ?
- c. Are there inherent assumptions in our school system?
- d. Are there assumptions in our school system? (about roles, aspirations, abilities, interests of students)
- e. Are there assumptions in homes?
- f. How can we support other people to be themselves and to achieve their potential?
- g. What insights have you gained through this exercise?
- h. What would you like to tell others about identity?
- i. How important is a person's identity in achieving goals or in having a happy life?