

Student Voices on Discrimination Clip 8 Transcript

Speaker 1: Ok, I guess some belief that I've had that has been challenged, the fact that I've been exposed to different stereotypes. Sometimes when you are exposed to something so much you kind of believe it and eventually... An equity workshop that I went to helped me think about equity versus equality. Before, I didn't really know the difference. I thought that equity and equality were synonymous and could be the same thing, like you can use them interchangeably. Well, once I went to this equity workshop I learned the difference of equity and equality are two very different things. So like if someone broke an arm as opposed to someone got a paper cut, you wouldn't give both people a band aid, like "Here you go." You would have to treat them with fairness, with equity rather than giving them both a band aid which is equality. So I guess I learned the difference that equity and equality are not the same thing. You have to look at certain things when you are treating people, or deciding to do.

Speaker 2: I think, just like Hetta, that the way you treat people, because before I joined Best Buddies and seeing the children with Autism or Aspergers Syndrome around the school, the way they act, my friends and I thought, we didn't think it was a part of the syndrome that they had, it's just the way they are. But after being a part of some of the workshop at Best Buddies, it's like "Wow!" It's not their fault, it's just it's to do with the fact that they have Autism or Aspergers Syndrome. So it's really changed the way that I act with them and how you interact with the Buddies as well.