

Speaker 1 Especially on really sensitive issues, such as religion versus homophobia. Um, I know in our school a lot of students, um they want to pull the religion card saying, well, you know, it's an abomination and how can you support these issues? And you know, our students, we have to help them be strong when we come back and say, You know what, this issue is about human rights as no other issue. Human rights trumps all other issues. And, you know, you have a right to your beliefs but you don't have a right to promote hate literature and hateful thoughts and hateful words. So, you know, it's tough because a lot of our young students need to be strong to be able to stand up to a lot of this negativity. And it comes in other forms too such as racism and classism and uh, all sorts of isms. And, you know, as teachers we need to give them the strength to stand up and to voice the truth and to voice human rights and let their fellow students know that, you know, there are bigger issues here and of course the biggest issue of all are human rights.

Speaker 2 I don't see it in my club. I don't see discrimination in my club only because it's a big, powerful, positive club. I mean if anything we just, you know, infiltrate the hallways and just carry a message of positivity and just really get rid of the ignorance, get rid of the unawareness. And I have not seen any indication that there's discrimination in my club. It's very positive.

Speaker 3 I find that a lot of our clubs, they feel or fear some discrimination, certain some of our religious clubs, some of the members feel that they sometimes are awkward in the way in which, you know, where they're going or what they might be doing. Ah, we have three main religious clubs at the school. There's a Jewish culture club, a Muslim association club and a Christian Fellowship Club. What's really lovely is how we've been able to bring these three clubs together and they've been able to work together on various projects. And rather than them feeling any discrimination from each other as clubs, they sometimes feel a little bit of awkwardness simply about being kind of passionate about religion, for example, within our primarily secular society. But I actually to some extent don't think that that's a bad thing because I think that um, the building of resilience to some of the opposition that we face for what we feel strongly is a very important and a very positive thing that we can do for young people. We're not going to be there to hold their hands once they leave this place. And the support networks and the resilience that happen internally are so vital and so important to build that while we certainly try and diminish and reduce any point of discrimination in any way, for it to occur in a relatively safe environment in the way in which it does can actually build some of the required skills to be successful further in life.