

Challenging Stereotypes (suitable for KS3, KS4, staff)

Hotchi | Film about identities in the Traveller community by Jason & Lisa Smith | FIRST ACTS

This short film (3:40) shows how we all make assumptions, often based in stereotypes, when we are unaware of all the facts. It shows a surly man leave a trailer on a Traveller site, go on a bus and behave suspiciously in a shop. Finally we see him at a scrapyards where he is nearly run over by a truck. However there is a plot twist!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLQgPKkzzjQ>

We suggest you show the video, stopping at certain places to ask questions/what happens next/discuss what you've seen. After viewing it all the way through, re-watch the video and discuss how their view of the situations has changed.

Below are some suggested discussion questions and where to stop the video.

- 0:10 – what language is the child reciting in?
- 0:15 – where does the man live?
- 0:38 – what do the parents' think of the man?
- 0:50 – what is the man doing? What do you think the girl at the till thinks, why?
- 1:37 – what do you think is happening?
- 1:57 – what is the beeping noise?
- 2:20 – what will happen next?
- 2:33 – What is the man doing?
- Why is this film called Hotchi (hedgehog in Romany)?