

DO YOU HAVE WHITE PRIVILEGES: creating awareness for teachers

How can you use these statements

As a test for all staff members:

Put the statements in "forms" or give it on a paper, so people can fill in the statements with true or false.

As discussion cards in teams

Put every single statement on a card, and put them in a bowl or jar. Every team member can pick a card and reflect on that statement. A group discussion can start.

As a way to stimulate the discussion

Put these statements on posters and every week you hang a poster with a new statement in the staff room.

1. I Have never been discriminated of my skin colour
2. I have never been rejected for a job application because of my last name
3. If I have a child with a different skin colour, nobody thinks that I am the nanny
4. If my child goes to secondary school, the advise will be based on grades not on my ethnical or cultural background
5. If I drive an expensive car, nobody will think that I bought it with drugsmoney or stolen money
6. If I lost the key of my bicycle and I force the key lock, nobody will think I am a thief
7. I can move freely through a shop, without being watched by security service
8. My name is regular pronounced right and I don't have to repeat it all the time or to explain where it comes from
9. I am not often questioned about things that people of my ethnic group do
10. In my city or town there's a building for my religion
11. If I send my child to a school with a religious signature, nobody says that I raise my child to become a terrorist or fundamentalist
12. I can decide whether I want think about racism or not
13. If I watch the tv or look in the papers, I see a lot of people like myself
14. When people talk about our national heritage or civilization, It's clear people of my colour has establish that
15. When I visit the hairdresser, I can easy find someone to do my hair
16. My children will hardly be in danger because of people who possible dislike them
17. I can swear, dress scruffily or not answer letters without having people attribute these choices to the bad morals, poverty or illiteracy of my race.
18. I can wear second hand close without people mentioning that I am probably from a pour ethnical group
19. I can do something very well and not be seen as an example for my ethnical group
20. I can easily buy books, children's toys, posters, greetings cards or magazines featuring people of my race
21. When I work at a company who has a policy of positive discrimination, the members of the company will not think that I got the job because of my ethnicity
22. I can think about a lot of choices; social, creative, political, work without considering that it may not be in my reach
23. I can be late at a meeting and it will not be referred to my ethnical group
24. I can find plasters in the colour of my skin

25. I can easily find a house in an area where people approve my family
26. I feel welcome and normal in public area; institutional and social
27. If something is called skin colour, than it is the colour of my skin
28. No one is surprised that I speak "English"
29. When I want to participate in the nightlife, I can enter any restaurant, bar or dancing
30. History lessons in school are always from the perspective of my ethnical group
31. I can be sure that no one doubts my professional quality's because of my name or skin colour
32. I have never been searched preventively
33. I don't have to learn my children about structural racism for their own safety
34. I don't have to swallow insulting jokes everyday because of the ethnical group I am part of, to not be socially excluded
35. I can say that colour is no issue for me
36. When I introduce myself, I don't have to tell where my ancestors are from or "really" are from
37. I can be pretty sure that the neighbors in my area will be nice or neutral towards me
38. At school and university I could be sure that most of my teachers were the same colour or race as me.
39. I am never asked to speak for my entire racial group
40. If a police officer stops me I can be sure I haven't been singled out because of my race.
41. I can be pretty sure that if I ask to talk to "the person in charge," I will be facing a person of my race
42. If I wish to, I can arrange to be in the company of people of my race most of the time.
43. I can be sure that if I need legal or medical help, the colour of my skin will not work against me.