



CHILD ON CHILD ABUSE / SEXUAL AGGRESSION AND VIOLENCE

LESSON OVERVIEW SHEET

NAME OF FILM:	CHOICES
RUNNING TIME:	15.26 mins
KEY TOPIC AREAS:	Controlling Friendships
CHARACTERS:	Joe – Perpetrator Sinead – Victim Amy – Sinead and Joe’s flatmate Finlay – Sinead and Joe’s flatmate Ruben – Sinead’s new boyfriend
<p>Choices is set in Student Accommodation where the four key characters of Joe, Sinead, Amy and Finlay are living. It examines the role of Controlling Friendships have in a group of young people and the subsequent impact on everyone involved. When Sinead forms a new relationship with Ruben, Joe is not happy and sets out to ruin this before it has even got started.</p>	
QUESTIONS / ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the role of each character in the story – what emotions did each one provoke in the audience, was this different for males and females – if so, why? • What are the reasons for Joe’s behaviours – how could he be educated? • What is the role of the bystanders; Amy and Finlay – what did they do to help / hinder the situation? • Ruben cares for Sinead but could he have acted differently – if so how and what could he have done? Why didn’t he take that action? • Sinead – why did Joe have such a hold over her? Why was it difficult for her to escape? When she did, what do you think influenced her to leave? • Links to Abuse – Emotional and Domestic Abuse – are these understood and where could this situation have led? • Unhealthy relationships – where to go for advice and support? 	
SUGGESTED FOLLOW UP / LINKS (<i>Listed at the end of the film</i>)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Families Social Care 0191 424 5010 (<i>office hours</i>), 0191 456 2093 (<i>evenings, weekends, and bank holidays</i>) • National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 • Childline 0800 1111 • NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000 • Kooth.com • Talk to a trusted adult at school / college or at home 	

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