

Report on the Canterbury Award

I was delighted to receive the Canterbury Award to explore the area of Gender. The proposed schools work that I planned, which would lead to a film resource, was affected by lockdown and Covid-19. I had to rethink.

I have been carrying out interviews with young people who identify as gender non-binary/gender fluid. I have also been exploring the experiences of trans women and interviewing them about their lives.

I hope these ideas will come together in the November joint Alpha/Gamma Zoom meeting on Gender, when we welcome trans women and young people who have something to say about gender expectations.

I have also started investigating and buying resources that break down gender stereotypes. These will be given to the schools I have developed a relationship with during our Revitalisation push. These include 'An ABC of Equality' published by Frances Lincoln, 'Julian Is a Mermaid' by Jessica Love and 'Pink is for Boys' by Eda Kaban.

I intend to finally produce a list of recommended resources, links and short films which will support teachers in their work in this developing area, which perhaps could be hosted on the DKG website.

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