





Towards a national strategy for improving gender inclusion across formal and informal STEM education





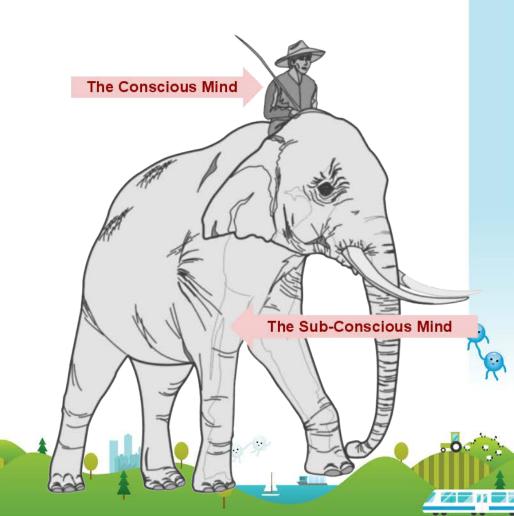






### **Our Unconscious Bias:**

- Normal, natural, quick and effective at helping us navigate the world
- Rooted in our background, cultural and environmental experience
- At the core of understanding where our stereotypes come from
- Effects our decision making and impacts those we engage with

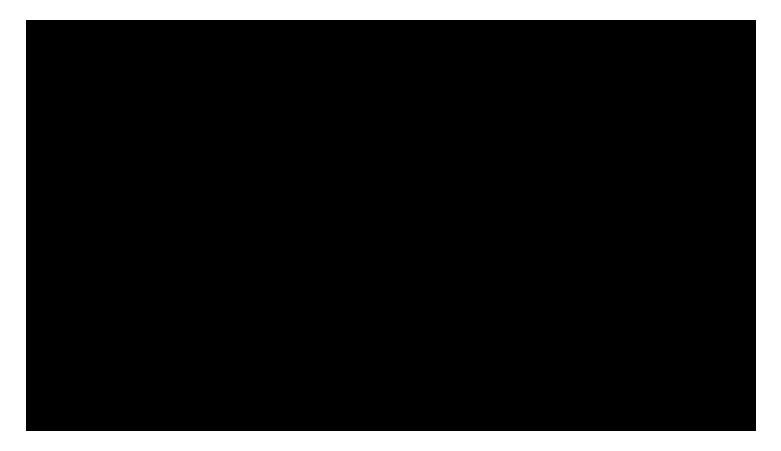


















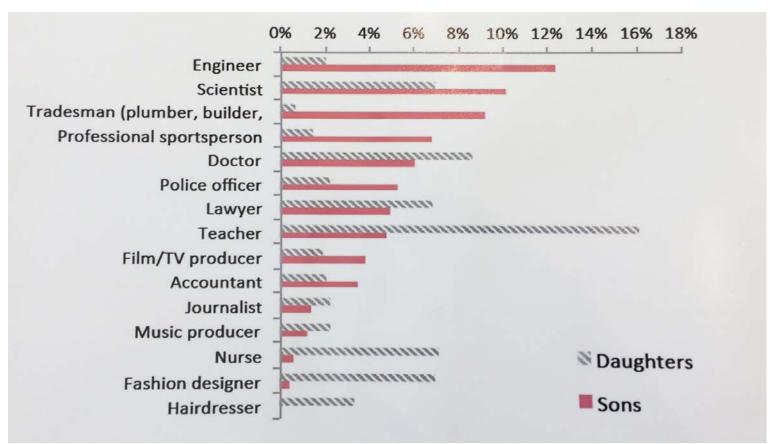








# Key influencers: Parents















## Key influencers: Teachers

"Give me three words you would associate with girls"



"Give me three words you would associate with boys"











Think about your language

"guys" "man-made" "housewife"

#### Slow down

Give yourself time and allow for less confident children to put themselves forward

Check all your written and visual

promotion, content and resources

use diverse examples



#### **Break stereotypes**

Associate female with scientist Emotional with intelligence Boys with calm

## What Works in Shows?

Your unconscious bias is easier for your colleagues to spot!

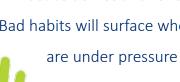
#### Stay practical and Hands-On

It is a great way for all to learn

Maintain eye contact move around and consciously make sure you encourage and give attention equally

#### Practice demos and rehearse

Bad habits will surface when you











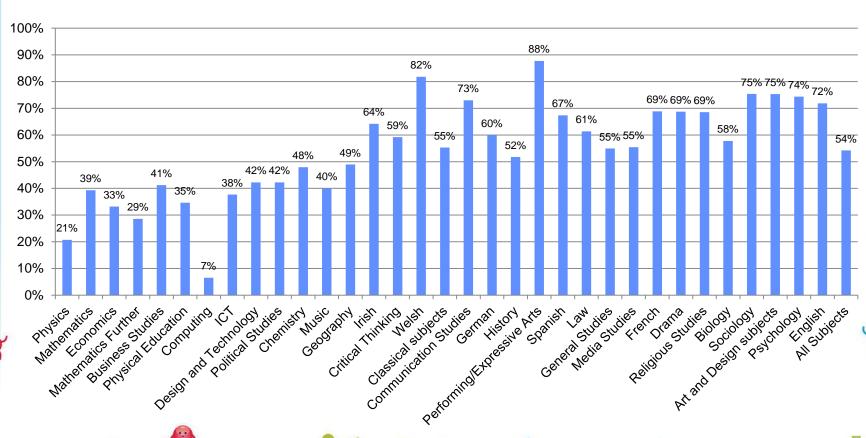








# Gender Imbalance is Common Chemistry is an exception!













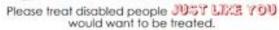
## How would you adapt your show?















































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## Further reading:

"Improving Gender Balance" Institute of Physics, 2017

"Not for people like me?" Professor Averil McDonald, 2014

"Science Centres effectively engaging under-represented groups" Dr Penny Fidler, 2014





