



## Pilot Film Project for Schools - Whistleblowing

**Project aim:** *To foster a culture of social responsibility from an early age and equip young people with basic film-making skills.*

**Project outline:** For many students this may be their first encounter of whistleblowing or they may have considered speaking up in relation to bullying. The project will allow young people aged 13 to 15 to explore the human dilemma of whistleblowing, relate speaking up to their own lives and think about the consequences of not doing so. Students will consider what they would do if they witnessed dangerous and or illegal practices in the workplace; would they blow the whistle or not and what may stop them from doing so. This is a creative project which will help young people think about social responsibility as well as gaining practical film-making skills.

Initially we intend to work with six schools in London to produce short films on speaking up at work and its importance. PCaW will run a workshop covering whistleblowing, why it matters and barriers. At the beginning of the workshop PCaW will gauge awareness and attitudes. PCaW will work in partnership with the media/citizenship teachers providing support round ideas and practical assistance, where possible. To help with filming and project costs, PCaW will give the school between £100-£150. We expect each film to last between 2-3 minutes. A selection of the films will be showcased at a London venue. At the end of the project we will gauge awareness and attitudes by undertaking a short survey of those involved.

The project fits in with the media/ citizenship curriculum.

Starting with this small pilot will allow us to assess impact of the project with a view to launching it nationally as a competition with clear guidance for students.

**Partnerships:** We are working with a media professional from the charity, The Media Trust.

This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in this project in its initial stages. We are looking for a corporate partner to provide financial support to the project- for more information please contact Shonali Routray on 020 7404 6609.

### **About us:**

Public Concern at Work (PCaW) is the independent authority on whistleblowing. Our aim is to empower people to speak up in order to safeguard the public interest. We were set up in 1993 and were closely involved in the setting up of the UK law that protects whistleblowers (the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998). We run a free confidential helpline enabling individuals to speak up about wrongdoing or malpractice they have witnessed in the workplace. We have spoken to over 18,000 individuals on our helpline. We also work with organisations across all sectors providing consultancy and training on whistleblowing issues. We have worked with the Bank of England, Serious Fraud Office, NHS, Lloyds Banking Group, Home Retail Group and Care UK.

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