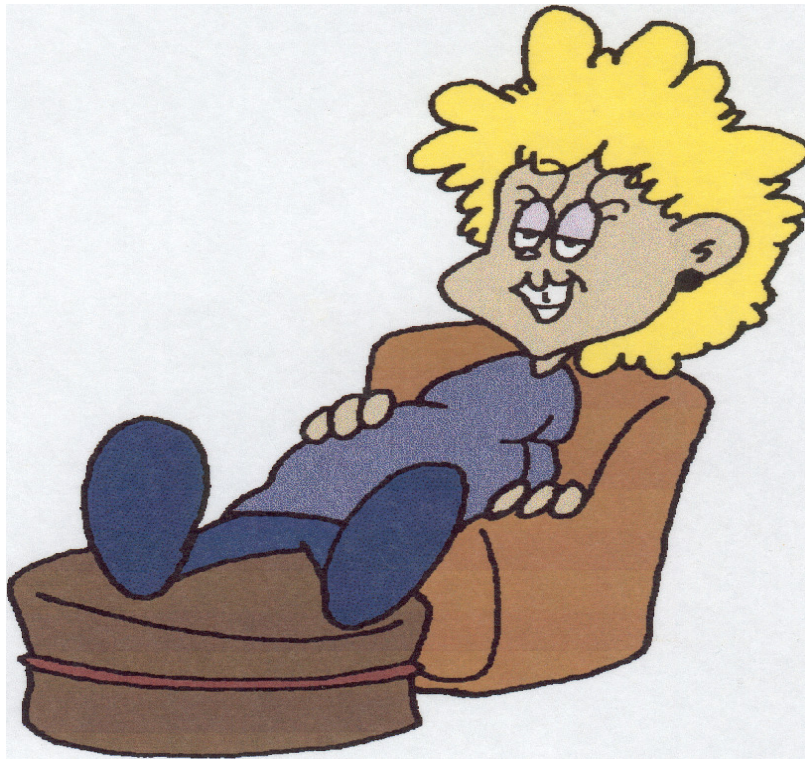


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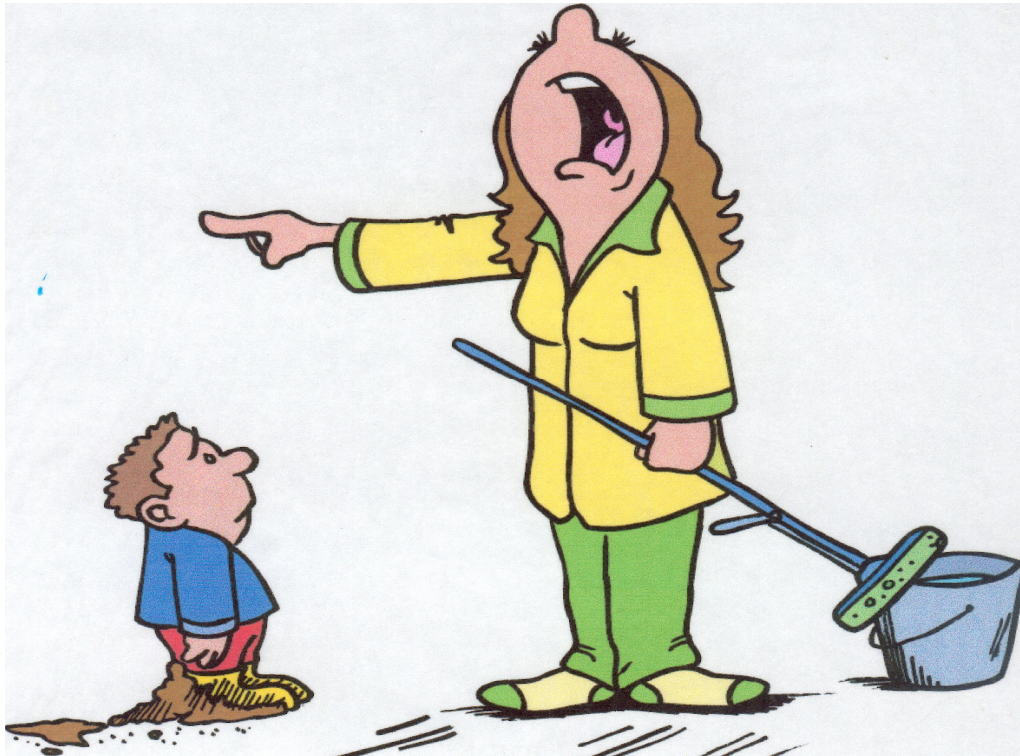
Britain has the highest number of teenage pregnancies in Europe.

# Government policies



- A report in 1999 stated that the Government wants to halve the numbers of teenage pregnancies by 2010.
- In 2004 the rates went down slightly but in London, they went up.

# Government recommendations



- Young people need to know what it's like to be a parent
- Young parents need to be supported to go back into education and employment

# Why do we want young people to wait?

- They are missing out on their education
- They are not mature enough to be parents
- They need council housing which could be for other people
- They are more likely to live in poverty and deprivation
- They are missing out on their childhood
- Their children are more likely to become teenage parents
- We don't want our taxes to go on young people having babies

# Straight Talking.....

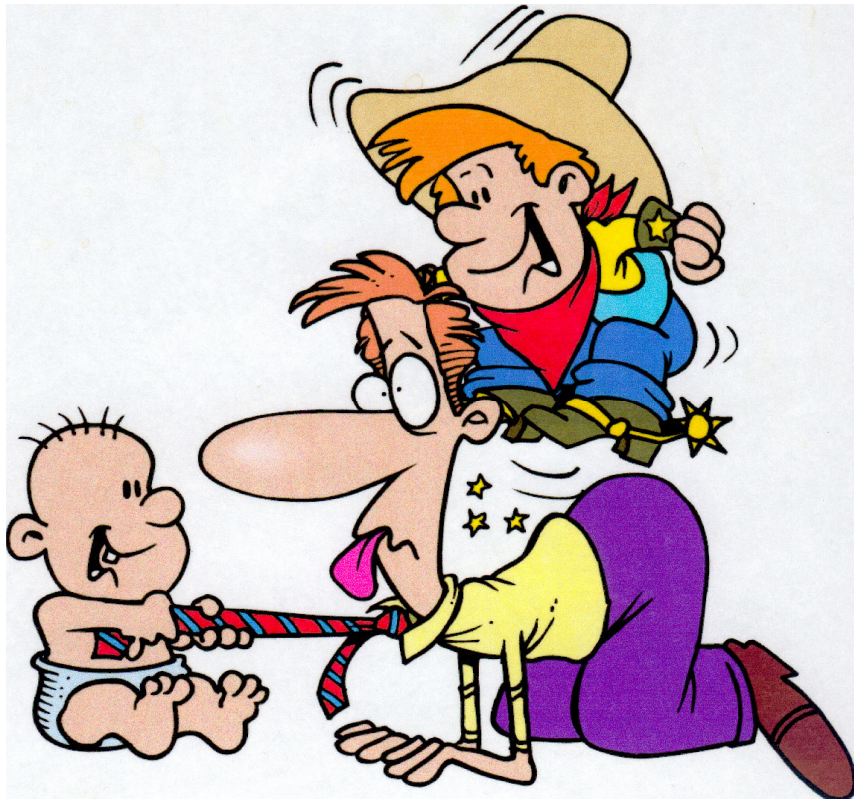
shows pupils in schools what it's like to be  
a parent

# Straight Talking.....

recruits, trains and employs young parents and gives them the confidence they need to move on



# How do we get our message across?



- Interactive
- Games
- Youth friendly equipment
- Role playing
- Videos
- Up to date information
- Looking for new methods
- Peer education model
- Asking young people to design the material



Young girls only get pregnant  
so that they can get a house

It's easy bringing up a baby

You get lots of money from  
the social when you have a  
baby

# Our Mission

Straight Talking raises young people's awareness of the problems associated with teenage parenthood with the aim of reducing the high rates of teenage pregnancy. Young parents delivering the programme are supported and empowered to reach their potential. The charity works with other organisations and disseminates its work throughout the United Kingdom and abroad.

# Where do we deliver our programme?



- Kingston
- Merton
- Richmond
- Sutton
- Barking & Dagenham
- Redbridge
- Parts of Surrey

# The Programme

- 13-16 year olds
- 5 lessons of one hour per week
- Both sexes
- Activities and games
- Pupil involvement





# Employing, training and supporting teenage parents

- Employed part time
- Supported
- Trained
- Mentored
- Driving lessons
- Moving on to education and employment



# What does it do for the young parents?

- Raises levels of confidence, self esteem and sense of achievement
- Breaks down the negatives of going back to education
- Gives them experience of employment
- Gives them a reference to take to employers
- Gives them more money for their family
- Gives a good image to their children

# How do we know it works? We ask.....

- Pupils
- Teachers
- Course Leaders
- Pupils 3 years later
- Outside professionals to look at our work



# What are our future plans



- Comprehensive sexual health service
- Linking with other charities
- Local schemes