

EVALUATION TOOL 27:	PROJECTIVE TECHNIQUE		
OVERVIEW:	This technique is excellent for those occasions when you want to talk to young people about sensitive issues such as sexual behaviour, use of substances, or illegal activities. In these situations the young people may not wish to divulge personal information as it is too risky for them. This tool provides them with a safe alternative.		
WHAT YOU WILL NEED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flip chart paper (a) with two stick people drawn on it and flip chart (b) with a road and a T junction drawn on it • Pens • Optional puppets 	PREPARATION:	Make sure you are confident about the steps so you know how to prompt the young people.
PROCESS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain what you are going to do and that you are not asking them to talk about themselves, rather talk about an issue X that someone like them might experience. 2. Ask the young people to imagine two young people who engage in X 3. Ask them to tell you words that would characterise a girl who does X; write them on the flip around the character – name/age/where she lives/what she wears/who her family are/what she does/what she looks like. Repeat for a male character. 4. Ask them to describe what life was like for the characters at the start of the map before issue X started. Write down what they say at the start of the map. 5. Ask them to describe what the moment looked like when the characters had to decide whether to continue as they were or start issue X. Write down what they say around the crossroads. 6. Ask them to describe what life is like now for the characters with issue X. Write it down at the end of the map. <p>Add any extra questions that are useful around this basic framework, for example who helps, who makes matters worse, how they could get back onto the previous path etc.</p>		
ANALYSIS:	<p>You can now identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Characteristics of young people at risk of X Risk factors for X Characteristics of young people who do X Consequences of X <p>You can bullet point all of the statements from the flip charts under each of these building a picture of the young people's lived experiences of X.</p>		
STRENGTHS:	Great for tackling sensitive subjects	WEAKNESSES:	You will only get group rather than individual answers.