Science, Stigma and Solidarity

World AIDS Day • Form time • KS3-KS4 • 15 minutes

THE FILM'S QUESTION

If the medicine has changed but the fear has not, whose job is the fear?

Watch and check

5 MIN

Watch the film. Decide whether each statement is a myth or a fact.
Then use the facts below to check your answers.

Statement	Myth or fact?
HIV can spread when people share a cup.	
AIDS can develop if HIV goes untreated.	
People taking effective HIV treatment can live long, healthy lives.	

CHECK THE FACTS

Sharing a cup cannot spread HIV. HIV is a virus that attacks the immune system.
AIDS is an advanced stage of HIV infection. Effective treatment helps prevent it.
When HIV treatment keeps the virus undetectable, it cannot be passed on through sex.

Talk it through

5 MIN

What can happen when people believe a myth about HIV?

Think quietly or talk with a partner. Use imagined examples and keep health details private.

Write a response

5 MIN

Imagine a classmate says it's unsafe to share a cup with someone living with HIV.
What could you say to correct the myth? What could you do to include the person?

For a private question, speak to your form tutor, school nurse or pastoral team.

HIV facts from Great Ormond Street Hospital (NHS)

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