November and international Men's Day

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Pilgrim; a person who journeys to a sacred place through all conditions

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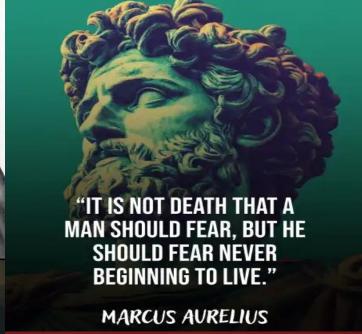
INDEPENDENTLY REFLECT:

Which of these 4 quotes do you identify with the most?
Why?

A MAN WHO STANDS FOR NOTHING WILL FALL FOR ANYTHING.







THE GOAL IS NOT TO BE BETTER THAN THE OTHER MAN,

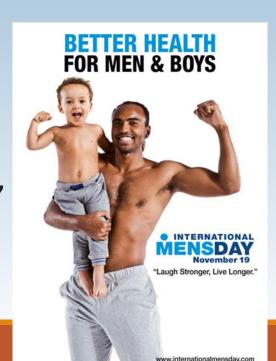
BUT YOUR PREVIOUS SELF.







- Making a positive difference to the wellbeing and lives of men and boys
- Raising awareness and/or funds for charities supporting men and boys' wellbeing
- Promoting a positive conversation about men, manhood and masculinity



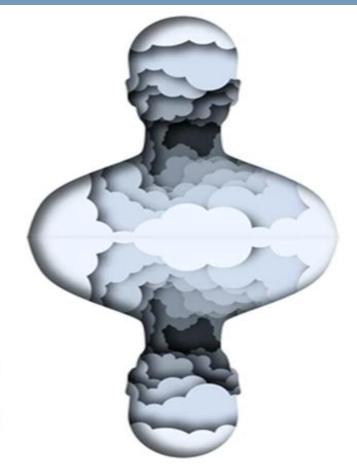
Why do we need to have a TfCHA on Men?



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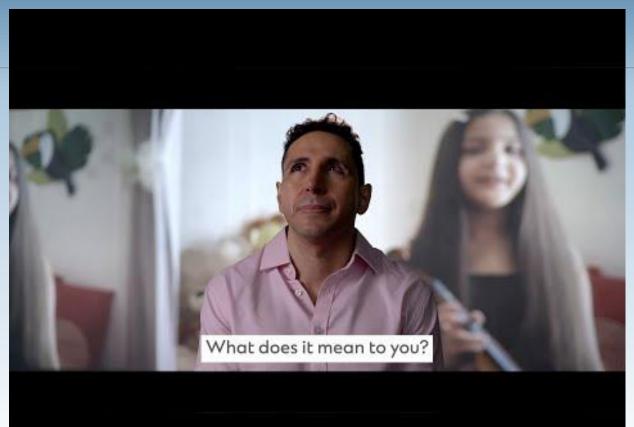
BECAUSE

76% OF SUICIDES ARE MEN
85% OF HOMELESS ARE MEN
70% OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS ARE MEN
40% OF DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIMS ARE MEN
MEN ARE THE MAJORITY VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME
MEN ON AVERAGE SERVE 64% LONGER IN PRISON
MEN ON AVERAGE ARE 3.4X MORE LIKELY TO BE IMPRISONED
THAN WOMEN WHEN BOTH COMMITTED THE SAME CRIME



What does it mean to be a man?





What isn't being a man? Toxic Masculinity

- Masculine traits that are considered 'toxic' include:
- Using or threatening violence.
- Controlling others.
- Acting aggressively.
- Suppressing emotions.
- Trying to appear 'tough'
- Treating sex as a competition.
- Feeling entitled to sex from others.
- Using power over women, 'weaker' men, and marginalised groups.







Toxic masculinity hurts men, but there's a big difference between women dealing with the constant threat of being raped, beaten, and killed by the men in their lives, and men not being able to cry.

— Robert Jensen —

Toxic masculinity is a term that has been gaining traction in the past few years. This term refers to the dominant form of masculinity wherein men use dominance, violence, and control to assert their power and superiority.



When someone says 'Be a man'! Character What does that even mean?



How has your family, home, and culture influenced your identity as a man?

What are harmful societal norms? What societal norms for men do you think are harmful?

Think about it



How do you express your emotions?
Where do feelings of shame come from when men express their emotions?

How do you
define success?
What does society
tell you about
success as a man?





For more information & how to get involved:

https://ukmensday.org.uk/





Prayer for International Men's Day

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ

to deliver us from a manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity,

May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards being kind to all, creating caring communities

Let us be thankful for our open minds and kindness.

Let us embody our values and strive to be a good friend.

We thank you, Lord, for enriching our lives

Amen