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Zero Tolerance

Title of programme: **Gender Equal Play in ELC and the Talking Gender Campaign**

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About the programme:

Zero Tolerance developed [Gender Equal Play in Early Learning and Childcare](#) resource in partnership with the Care Inspectorate. The resource was developed for early years educators but is also inclusive of parents, and anyone working with young children. It explains the importance of challenging gender stereotyping in the early years and provides ideas and examples of existing practice from across Scotland. ELC practitioners are in a unique and important position to influence children's development. They also have the capacity to create environments that encourage equal and respectful relationships, break down harmful gender norms and promote gender equality to ensure that children are free from limiting gender stereotypes.

Our [#TalkingGender](#) blog series on ending gender stereotyping young children and saying that [#AnyoneCanPlay](#) also has a wealth of information to combat common misconceptions and myths, and answer tricky questions. We help readers answer a variety of questions, including:

- What are gender stereotypes?
- Are they really so bad?
- Aren't boys and girls just different?
- Don't we already treat boys and girls the same?

Links to further information

Gender Equal Play in Early Learning and Childcare:

<https://www.zerotolerance.org.uk/resources/Gender-equal-play-in-early-learning-and-childcare.pdf/>

Talking Gender: <https://www.zerotolerance.org.uk/talking-gender/>