

#### Hand out 4 - Stereotypes

Part 1 - Discuss these items and decide whether they are true or false.

1. ( ) Stereotypes can be positive or negative.
2. ( ) They are all unfair and misleading.
3. ( ) They reduce individuals to an inflexible image.
4. ( ) Human beings are unique and complex, so no one should be stereotyped.
5. ( ) They dehumanize people because they place all members of a group in one simple category.
6. ( ) Stereotypes can be true.
7. ( ) You can know a lot about a people if you know their stereotypes.
8. ( ) Stereotypes are not necessarily true, but there is a lot of reality in them.

Part 2 - Match the words about stereotypes with their definitions:

1. alienation	( ) a belief that one is better than others are
2. attitude of superiority	( ) fear or dislike of foreigners or strangers
3. discrimination	( ) a feeling of being separate or not belonging
4. ethnocentrism	( ) special treatment (good or bad) based on race, religion, physical appearance, age or social class
5. intolerance	( ) lack of kindness or understanding toward people who are different
6. prejudice	( ) belief that one's own group (country, race or culture) is better than other
7. racism	( ) characteristics, features
8. scapegoat	( ) A person or group who is given the blame for the mistakes or failures of others
9. traits	( ) Belief that an ethnic group is superior or inferior than other groups
10. xenophobia	( ) A negative, unfair opinion about a person or group of people based on limited information or experience

Answer key: 2, 10, 1, 3, 5, 4, 9, 8, 7, 6