

Types of discrimination

Discrimination means treating a person unfairly because of who they are or because they possess certain characteristics. The unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people especially on the grounds of race, sex, age or disability.

During our research we came across these five types of discrimination:

Racism:

Racism is when someone is judged by the colour of their skin or race. Racism can happen literally anywhere independently of the level of development of the country. There are several types of racism, Individual or internalized racism, interpersonal racism and institutional racism. Individual/internalised is racism that occurs within individuals. It is when a person believes negative ideas about his/her own culture. Interpersonal racism is racism that occurs between individuals. It is the belief in negative attitudes towards a different race or culture. Institutional racism is when racism is created in the form of a law or policy. For example, a law can be created where black people are not allowed to get admission to specific places. Laws like this can also sometimes end up benefiting more powerful groups at the expense of others.

Sexual orientation:

Discrimination because of sexual orientation is when you are treated unfairly because of your sexual preferences. Sexual orientation is also known as sexuality. Your sexual orientation depends on whether you are sexually attracted towards your own sex, this means gay and lesbian people, or the opposite sex, this means heterosexual people. Another category of people who can suffer from sexual discrimination are bisexual people. If sexual orientation discrimination takes place in the following situations it is illegal: employment and training, education, when providing goods and services, for example, banking, entertainment and transport, housing and any of the activities carried out by public authorities, such as the government departments, local authorities, the police and prisons.

Disability:

Disability discrimination is when a disabled person is discriminated for example a man lost one hand so he cannot play with others who have two hands or when someone with physical disability cannot access a public place because there are no ramps for wheel chairs. Another way in which, disabled people can be discriminated against is when people stare at them in public and make them feel different. Most disabled person face discrimination, especially poor people as they cannot have access to the private medical facilities. However for some people their financial stability helps to improve their living conditions. There are lots of cases like a physically disabled person is abandoned in a hospital by a family member.

Parental discrimination:

Parental discrimination is when a child's parents mistreat him/her. Some parents show clear preferences between their offspring, some prefer boys and give privileges to them and neglect their daughters. In some cultures, parents think boys need to be educated while girls just need to be pretty and make good marriages. And there are some parents who prefer their daughter over their son, just because they think that their son will go and do drugs or party all night long and they would end up in trouble. And there is another another kind of parental discrimination is when a child is being mistreated by their parents and their parents make them do chores only because they have to go out partying and if their child don't do anything that they said they would beat up the child really bad.