



Bystander Interventions Exploitation in Communities

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There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Child Exploitation Awareness Day

- Tuesday March 18th 2025
- <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/LQuDYsPhT2wfG1Yi?ref=Link>
- Say Something if you See Something; Disruption
- General business community
- Hotels and accommodation
- Music venue and events
- Food Outlets
- Transport Sector
- Sport and Faith Communities
- <https://nwgnetwork.org/resources/?search-query=&categories%5B%5D=929>
- <https://stop-ce.org/ssss/>

What is a Bystander?

- Is a witness to a situation
- Is not directly involved – not the victim or wrongdoer*
- Can make a decision to get involved or not
- **Note we choose to use victim to mean a recipient of harmful behaviour and wrongdoer as the perpetrator*
- A question to think about is....why do we look the other way ???

Four Stages of Intervention



1. Notice the event



2. Interpret it as a problem



3. Feel responsible for dealing with it



4. Possess necessary skills to act



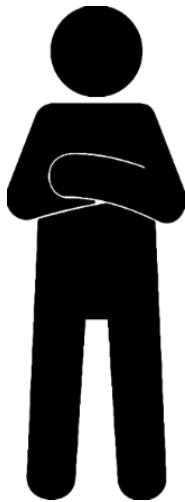
(Adapted from Berkowitz, A. (2009) *Response Ability: A Complete Guide to Bystander Intervention*, Beck & Co., p.10)

Active v Passive Bystanders

Passive bystander:
does nothing

Can intervene to stop events
before they happen

Preventing a potential outcome



Active/prosocial bystander:
intervenes

Can intervene while an event is
occurring

Dealing with an outcome



Safeguarding in Sport, a recent history



Passive bystanders do nothing. Active bystanders make the difference at the earliest opportunity and prevent harm occurring



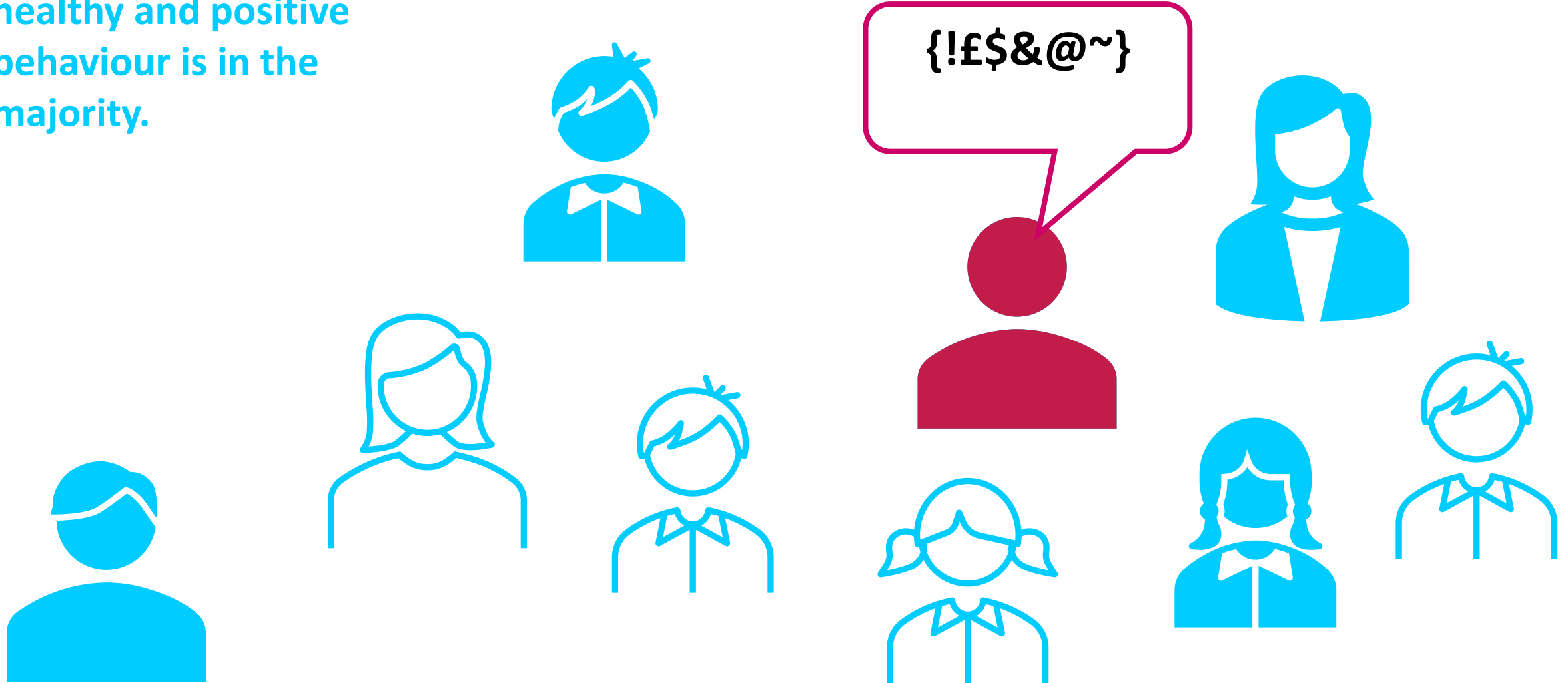
In sport:

Whyte review
Sheldon review
Swim England
Cricket
Rugby Union
Athletics (et al)
And don't forget
CSPR SAR

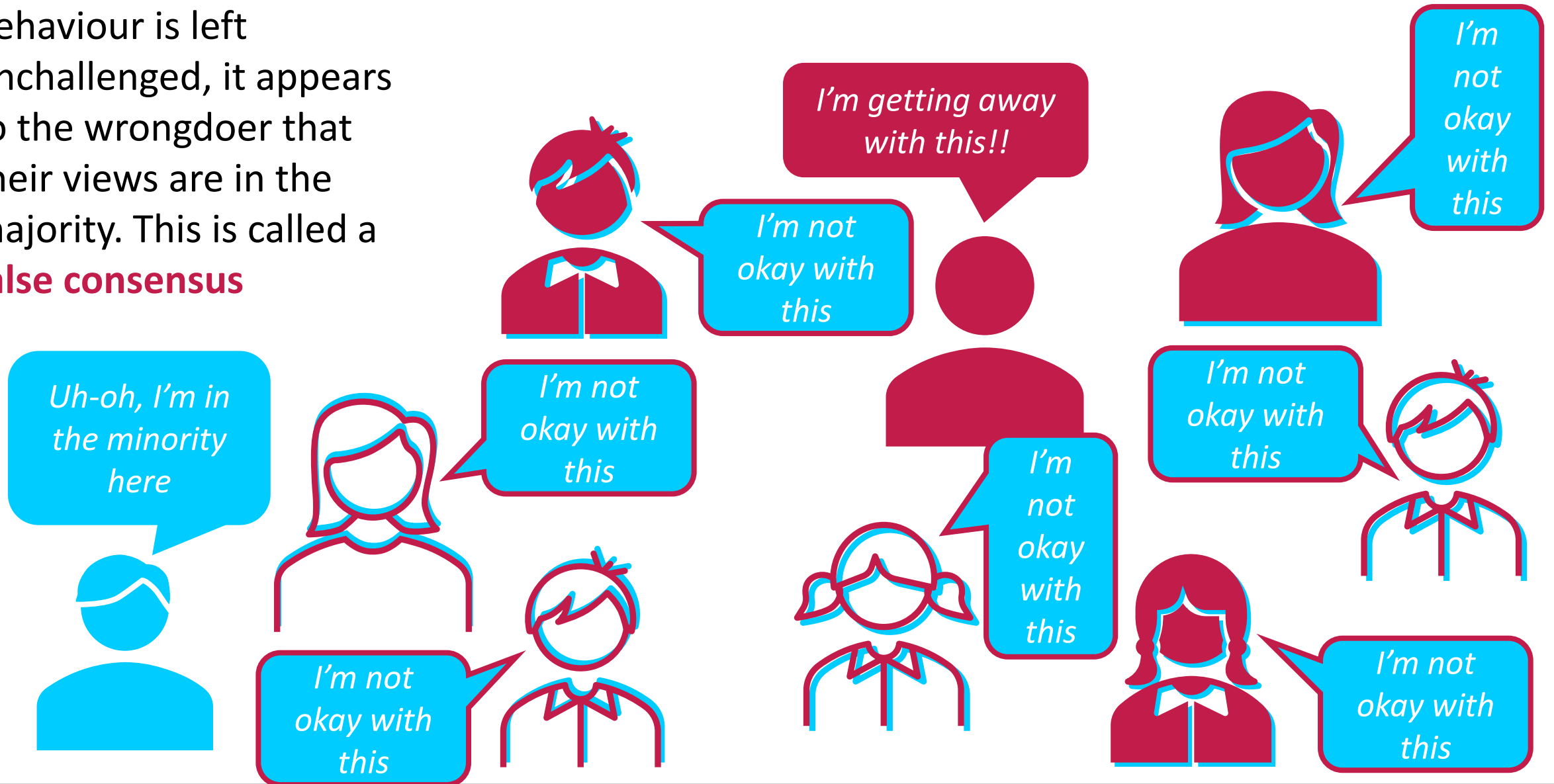


All had passive bystanders who witnessed emotional/physical /sexual abuse/bullying and did **NOTHING**

Where we are now:
healthy and positive
behaviour is in the
majority.

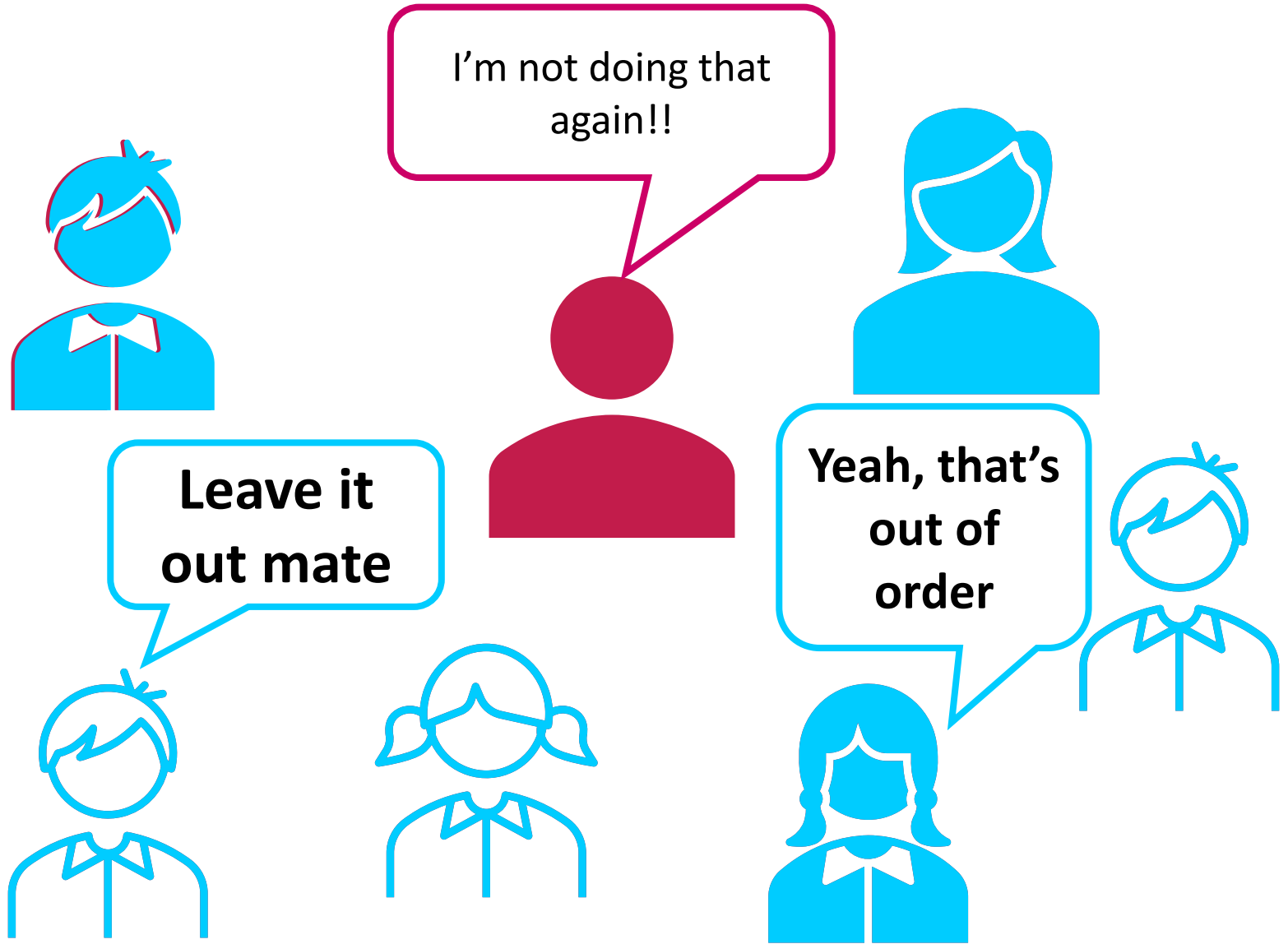


But, when harmful behaviour is left unchallenged, it appears to the wrongdoer that their views are in the majority. This is called a **false consensus**



Where we want to be:

**Healthy and positive
behaviour is the norm and
is perceived to be the norm**



Bystander Interventions

- Intervene at the earliest opportunity
- Create that safer environment
- Important not to “shame” children/adults
- Think about the use of language
- Silence is violence
- Prevention doesn’t start with the Police – it starts with us
- Find your friends and create allies

Leave it out, mate

*Yeah,
that’s out of order*

*I’m not okay
with this*



Lord Laming, Victoria Climbié Inquiry, 2003



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Any questions? Please ask!!!

