

## CHATTERBOX TWO

### How to make your chatterbox conversation-starter:

1. Cut along dotted line.
2. Fold it in half, fold out. Then fold in half the other way, and fold out.
3. With the blank side up, fold each corner into the middle.
4. Turn the chatterbox over and repeat (again folding each corner into the middle).
5. Place the chatterbox with the numbers side up and fold in half (into a rectangle shape).
6. Slide your thumb and pointer finger of both hands behind the corners and press together so that the chatterbox bends and forms a point in the middle.
7. The words Close the Gap 2018 should now be facing up.
8. Watch the Close the Gap 2018 campaign video and use this chatterbox to answer questions about what you've watched.

### SUGGESTIONS

1. Agree to engage in healthy and productive discussion, this means not using tactics such as single scenario (using a single example to prove a point) or needling (trying to upset another speaker) or fast talking (jumping from idea to idea). Search debate tactics and be blown away at the art of discussion.
2. Be aware of confirmation bias – this is the tendency to look for evidence to support an idea you may already have.
3. Employ empathy, put yourself in another person's experience and be open to listening to opposing views.
4. Remember that social media builds a filter bubble around you, to test the theory switch feeds with a friend and see if you can spot similarities and differences in your social bubbles.
5. Practice listening, actively listening and asking genuine questions.
6. Avoid language like 'us' and 'them' and be aware of how this mentality can shape our world view.

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Self-determination is described as being able to set your own

personal/community goals, solve problems that act as barriers to achieving

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders achieving self-governance? If so, how can these effects quality of life.

Australians can benefit from self-determination?

It is said that the Gap can only be closed if Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and non-Indigenous Australians work together. This is a powerful statement, how is this idea beneficial for both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and non-Indigenous Australians?

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What do you think the Close the Gap campaign needs to focus on to reach its goal? In the next 2 years, 5 years, 10 years?

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Passing on of cultural practices, living on or near traditional lands, and strong Community governance are all listed as being protective factors in First Australian health access. What is the value of protective factors?

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How do issues raised by campaigns like Close the Gap affect the general wellbeing and success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in Australia?

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Look up: Uluru Statement from the Heart on the internet and discuss the importance of First Australian voices. How can we bring this mentality into the mainstream of Australian thinking?

What thoughts, ideas or feelings do you have when participating in National Close the Gap Day activities. Write a letter to Oxfam staff and let us know!

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