

In January and February 2007, Actionwork organised a tour of their anti-bullying roadshow Silent Scream, that was offered to North Somerset schools. The roadshow consisted of a show, a follow-up interactive workshop, a resource film and an anti-bullying lesson plan. The tour included visits to the following North Somerset schools: Worle secondary school, Wyvern secondary school, Mendip Green primary school, Sandford primary school, Yeo Moor primary school, Chuchill primary school, Priory Fields primary school, St Mary's primary school, Oldmixon primary school, Ashcombe primary school and St Martins junior school.

During the tour Actionwork performed the show and ran workshops with over 3000 North Somerset students and pupils.

The show is a high tempo drama, that does not preach but shows the consequences of bullying and the effects it can have on people. Straight after the show the touring troupe ran an active high-octane interactive workshop that got participants to share their ideas of dealing with bullying and gave them a chance to practice strategies they could use to prevent themselves from being bullied. The touring troupe worked with an average 300 students/pupils at a time.

The roadshow was very well received by both students and staff alike. The following is a selection of comments made by students and teachers from North Somerset schools:

A very enlightening and empowering experience for pupils and staff alike. It left the pupils with a very clear and important message about dealing with bullying that they won't forget". Louisa Munton, Head, Sandford Primary School

"It was absolutely fantastic, magnificent. Thank you". Nicky Monroe, Head of Year 8 Wyvern Secondary school

"Magnificent. It has helped everyone a lot". Aliyah Rendall, pupil at Sandford Primary School

Would just like to say a big thank you on behalf of Ashcombe Primary School. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon that you presented and I am sure the message went home. Gail Meacock, PSHE Co-ordinator, Ashcombe Primary School

"The show was better than excellent. The signing and emotions were so real and brill." Heather, student, St Martins Junior School

"It was great to see all the students participating and coming up with practical solutions to bullying". Matt Lake, KS3 Coordinator, North Somerset school

"Brilliant! Never seen anything like it. It has been the best show we have had". Josh Maggs, pupil at Sandford Primary

"It was a great show and workshop. You delivered a really positive message about how to deal with bullying. Thank you". Mike Jordon, Healthy Schools Team, Mendip Green School

Actionwork also received a lot of [e-m@ils](mailto:em@ils) sent by North Somerset school students after having participated in the roadshow:

[em@il](mailto:em@ils) Dear actionwork. I really, Really loved your play it was entertaining but meaningful at the same time . I would like to say thank you because you have taught me a lot about bullying and lots of useful strategies. I know what bullying is like because I was bullied. I can now help my friends and others that are getting bullied. Katie.

[em@il](mailto:em@ils) Hi i'm Ryan Higgs I was the one that pointed at my teacher it was really scary when i did the confidence walk, i really liked your show. but i learnt that bulling is bad when u were that little kid I knew that u were scared and sad it felt like I would stik up for u. Thanks I wish u can come again sometime. from Ryan Higgs.

[em@il](mailto:em@ils) Dear action work. I think that your performance yesterday was amazing. It was a good message to people that do get bullied . Now i think everyone knows how to stop bullying if anyone does get bullied. I hope you can spread the message to all of england schools. thank you very much!! from Matt Saunders

[em@il](mailto:em@ils) Hi it is Jade and Eve we are 10 years old and we are in year 5 and we are from Ashcombe primary school, we really enjoyed your play it taught us more about bulling and we liked going up and joining in with you. And we found it funny and amazing we really liked your play thank you.

No funding was made available for this tour so Actionwork offered an introductory half-price offer to all North Somerset schools. The tour was oversubscribed and some schools were left disappointed, as the spaces filled-up very quickly. Actionwork would like to seek funding to enable it to tour the many other North Somerset schools that would like to have the roadshow visit them. For details about Actionwork and Its Silent Scream Roadshow please see the website [www.actionwork.com](http://www.actionwork.com) or phone 01934 815163. Actionwork is based in Weston-super-Mare.