

Fabulosity Mirrors -Take 1, 2 and 3...

Queer Fabulosity has been coined by the Rydykeulous collective to centre queer identities, rather than them be deemed alternative. This activity invites you to use the Fabulosity mirrors, flexible and reflective like water, to explore aspects of your identity.

Take 1 (in pairs):

Instruction for mirror holders:

Working in pairs, one holds the double-sided mirror while the other acts out some tasks (the action-ist). The person who is holding the mirror thinks of a task for the other person to do the actions.

Here are some suggestions:

- Brushing your teeth
- Eating fast
- Swimming very slowly
- Looking surprised
- Throwing a ball
- THINK of your own!

Swap roles after each action is completed.

Instruction for the action-ist:

Can you make you and your partner laugh?

Think of everyday rituals and routines, something we do every day.

Act, exaggerate and do a Fabulosity version.

Swap and the mirror holder now become action-ist.

Take 2 (in pairs):

Use the list of adjectives on the opposite page.

Pick 5 words best associated to you and place the coloured bands on them.

Are you able to tell your partner why you are interested in those words?

Are there any word you picked to perform in front of the Fabulous mirror?

Choose an action-and do Take 1 again with those words in mind. E.g. Brushing your teeth **compassionately**.

Discuss with your partner: *How different do you feel when you repeat the actions? What might be the difference performing in front of a live audience, a camera or a mirror?*

Alternatively, **choose** 5 words that are most *unlikely* associated to you, and do Take 1 again.

Extension: Take 3 (in pairs or in big groups):

These 15 Fabulous mirrors are great resources to use while exploring all the galleries.

Imagine the mirrors are a miniature dance studio wall.

Half the group **stand** together in a line and the other half **hold** the mirrors for them.

Can the action-ists hold a pose in the mirrors to create a freeze frame installation? Can you include movement?

Use the colour coded bands to circle 5 of these words that best describe yourself.

adaptable adventurous courageous
affectionate ambitious agreeable creative
amusing determined diligent diplomatic
bright broad-minded dynamic brave competitive
calm careful enthusiastic charming energetic
fair minded compassionate fearless faithful
confident fierce considerate flamboyant
consistent flexible cool
funny controlled frank persistent
gentle generous pioneering
gifted good helpful philosophical hardworking polite
powerful humorous honest practical
quiet independent imaginative proactive
intelligent intellectual reserved reliable
resourceful inventive kind sensible
loving talkative sincere loved sociable
mighty loyal modest spirited strong
neat mysterious sympathetic systematic
organized nice thoughtful tidy patient
tough passionate warm-hearted
unassuming understanding willing