

# BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL 2020 SCHOOLS PROGRAM

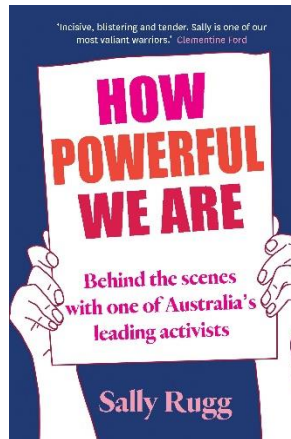
## Teacher Resources

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### Session Title

*How Powerful We Are: Words as Catalyst for Change*  
Sally Rugg in conversation with Maeve Marsden



### About the author

Sally Rugg is an LGBTIQ rights activist, writer and public speaker. She is Executive Director at change.org. *How Powerful We Are* is her first book.

### Relevant titles:

- *How Powerful We Are* (2019)

### Curriculum guidelines for teacher resources

**Learning Area(s):** English, Humanities and Social Sciences, The Arts

**General Capabilities:** Personal and Social Capability, Ethical Understanding

**Suitable for:** Stages 4-6/Years 8-12

## Activities and resources

The aim of these resources are to provide a link between the texts and actual application of related issues/topics presented to the classroom. The following activities and resources provide a link between the topics discussed and themes raised in the book – *How Powerful We Are*. Resources provide a foundation for application of related issues/topics such, equality, civil rights, ethical considerations, fake news, bias, activism, politics, political activism, human rights, and social change presented in classroom and educational contexts.

### DO:

- Review and discussion of *How Powerful We Are* in The Lifted Brow: <https://www.theliftebrow.com/liftebrow/2020/1/24/adversity-stories-community-and-speaking-up-a-review-of-sally-ruggs-how-powerful-we-are-by-rosalind-moran>
- Read an extract of *How Powerful We Are* and discuss: [https://books.google.com.au/books?id=gLSXDwAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs\\_ViewAPI&redir\\_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false](https://books.google.com.au/books?id=gLSXDwAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ViewAPI&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false)
- Explore the petitions and 'About' section on Change.org and discuss the impact of people taking action in this way: <https://www.change.org/>
- Explore Amnesty International .org.au and unpack related themes using the Student and Teacher resources: <https://www.amnesty.org.au/student-resources/>

### WATCH:

- Sally Rugg on marriage equality: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEgzyUnxqeA>
- Sally overviews her book: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRFOuBJ5f1c>
- Perspectives on immigration laws and fairness: <https://twitter.com/sallyrugg/status/1167568674602905600?lang=en>

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