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the sex education show



Britain is in a state of sexual meltdown and the most at risk are teenagers. STIs are increasing at an epidemic rate; 21 teenagers get pregnant every day but most alarmingly up to two thirds of teens are receiving potentially harmful information about sex via the quantity, accessibility and graphic nature of internet pornography.

Presented by Anna Richardson (*Supersize v Superskinny*) The Sex Education Show returns for a second run and turns its attention to how easy access to pornography is affecting young people in Britain today.

Stripped across four nights, the series will examine how the internet has led to an explosion of accessible sexual content on young people's computers and mobile phones as well as the gradual 'pornification' of the offline world. How is this unlimited access to porn affecting children and adults?

In a world where many young people use porn to learn about sex, picking-up potentially danger-

ous behaviours and attitudes along the way, it's time to fight back with some fundamental sex and relationship education. Accompanied with a team of sexual health experts, presenter Anna travels to secondary schools across the country to give young people the crucial sex education they are missing.

As part of the series, Anna also goes on an investigative journey looking into the pornification of today's society and the effect it has on the nation.

Anna will also meet people whose lives have been affected by porn and talks to adults and young people alike about their attitudes and experiences. Along with startling new statistics, the show will paint a revealing portrait of sexual behaviour in Britain today.

The series returns with its dedicated website channel4.com/sexperienceuk which generated a huge viewer response last year and now joins the war on porn debate.

The Sex Education Show starts Mon 30 March 9pm.

the interview by phillipe giovanni chiarella

I will be honest with you, I think that *The Sex Education Show* is one of the most groundbreaking shows Channel 4 has put out since *Queer as Folk* in the 90s. I also love the show because I am in it as an expert, but that is by the by! I caught up with Anna Richardson, the presenter, on set to see what she thought about the show and to find out what it is about.

Phillipe Giovanni Chiarella: So why is *The Sex Education Show* so important?

Anna Richardson: The show is absolutely crucial given some of what we have discovered. Britain has the highest teenage pregnancy in Europe and the rates of STI (sexually transmitted infections) are amongst the highest as well.

We also conducted a national survey which showed some shocking results showing that many young people are learning from porn. It is really apparent that there is loads of misinformation out there.

What we really need to show is that porn is an illusion and isn't an accurate representation of what happens.

Effectively series two is our war against porn.

PGC: What have been your experiences of the levels of sex education in schools been like?

AR: I have been both shocked and relieved going into schools. I am relieved that kids are quite savvy about sex and how to do it, but shocked at the huge gaps in knowledge.

They seem to be clued up but clued up in the wrong way. Kids don't know the basic facts about sex or their own bodies. It was also really evident that lots of kids just don't look at their own genitals or know the basic anatomical facts like the fact that there are two sets of lips in the vulva.

PGC: So, we all want to know, what was the funniest moment for you on set?

AR: We have to include you in this one Phillippe! It had to be when we were doing the demo with the latex cock. The point was to talk about how semen doesn't shoot as far as it does in porn and that you don't produce that much either. We were using a latex cock, and loaded it up with sperm. And then this kid took a running jump and squirted it out with so much force it hit another kid in the face on the opposite side of the room.

PGC: What did you enjoy most about the show?

AR: I am sure it was the same for you Phillippe, but it was being able to relate to the young people in a totally open and non-judgmental way and teaching them stuff they didn't know. It was so fulfilling.

I felt great that they felt they could talk to me openly, and vice versa, even though I am 38.

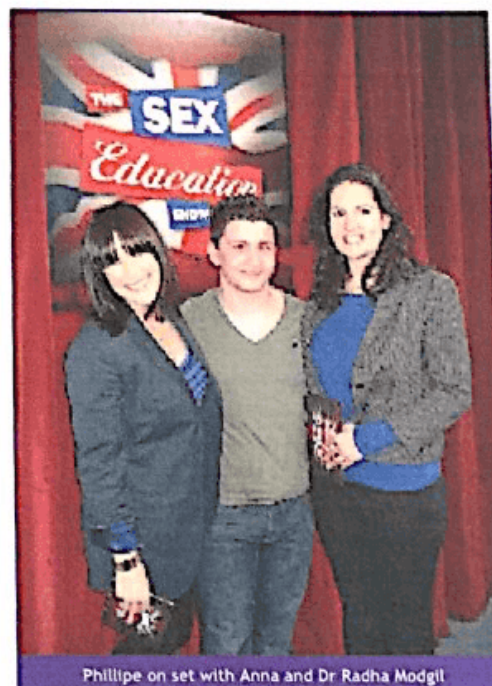
PGC: Obviously you learnt a lot from series one, but did you learn anything new in series 2?

AR: I have been around the block a bit and thought I knew a lot but I did learn some new stuff. One thing I learnt and particularly found interesting was that if you have sex with someone who has Chlamydia and you get their cum in your eye you can get Chlamydia of the eye.

I think that is the beauty of the show, you are always learning.

PGC: So, if you had a top tip for students about to have sex, or already having sex, what would it be?

AR: Never underestimate the emotional impact of sleeping with someone. They could break your heart.



Phillipe on set with Anna and Dr Radha Modgil

PGC: Is there anything else you want to say to our readers?

AR: I just think it is really important to say that it's really difficult to get your head around how things have changed over the years. When I was younger, if you wanted porn you would go and get a smutty mag.

Now with the internet, that has changed. Young people have unlimited access to everything. We did searches and found paedophilia without looking. Just be careful.

The basic problems seems to be that people just don't realise how accessible sex is.

PGC: Thanks Anna!