

Seeing is Believing

An activity of "Marvel wants to mirror the world"

"I'll believe it when I see it!" People sometimes say this when they don't believe what they just heard. Seeing is indeed believing. Ethical movie makers know that they can use pictures to change people's wrong ideas about gender, race, and age, for instance. One way to do this is by deliberately showing people of all shapes, sizes, and skin colour in a variety of roles. Marvel has joined the worldwide movement to have visual representation of all kinds of people.

1. Read **"Marvel wants to mirror the world"** (page 19, *What's Up* March 2023) to learn more about Marvel's efforts to show that our outward appearances do not rule who we are and what we can do.



These famous protagonists — Ms Marvel, Black Panther, and Thor — help to get rid of stereotypes about heroes having to be white men always.

2. Look around your neighbourhood for a banner or poster that illustrates that what we look like does not limit what we can do. For example, it might show girls playing football, a multicultural group of friends enjoying themselves, an older adult skateboarding, and so on.

3. Pick the one you think has the greatest visual impact.

Develop a PowerPoint slide of the banner or poster with:

- either a photograph or sketch
- your reason for selecting it as a good example of debunking stereotypes.

Thumbnail sketch of your PowerPoint slide.

4. Take turns to share your slides with your class. Explain why you selected your poster or banner and what effect it might have on the public's understanding about diversity in Singapore.