



# GENDER AND TRANSITION TASK

**Duration:** 25 minutes

**Number of participants:** 20-30

## GENDER DEBATE:

**10 min:** In 4 groups, participants consider the differences between gender and sex. They write attributes for each in two columns on a piece of paper. The teacher provides a guide to gender and sex.

**10 min:** Group discussion of the results. The teacher highlights the differences between gender and sex on a shared flipchart or whiteboard for clarity.

**15 min:** The 4 groups merge into 2 groups, each receiving information about famous personalities. The groups discuss the problems these figures faced in the USSR concerning gender and sex and how their fates were affected by perestroika and social change. Examples include Sergei Paradjanov and Svetlana Alexievich.

**5 min:** Presentation.

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- What challenges did people face during social change?
- How do you think the situation of women during the transition differed from that of men?
- How were the rights of LGBTQ people perceived then and now?
- What can be done to achieve mutual understanding in society?