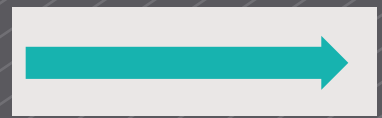


# Same-Sex Couples & Mediation



## 1 Reasons for choosing mediation

- Only way to resolve disputes
- Personal choice
- Positive aspects of mediation



## 2 Causes of disputes

- Children
- Financial Issues
- Domestic violence
- Drug
- Open-relationship



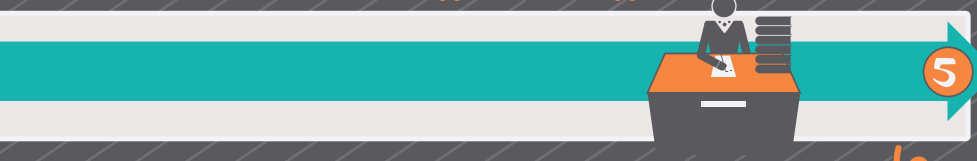
## 3 Issues during meditation

- Power imbalances
- Homophobia
- Abuse
- Pressure from the community



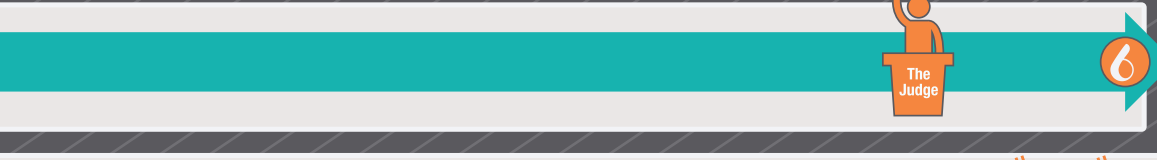
## 4 Role of mediator

- Understand whether the dispute is ready for meditation
- Facilitate communication
- Help with 'grievance apathy'
- Help parties to understand underlying issues



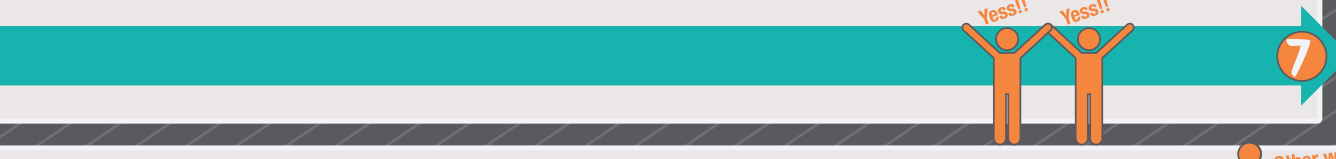
## 5 Role of lawyer

- Inform clients about mediation
- Connect with mediators
- Listen to clients
- Learn and inform about other dispute resolution mechanisms



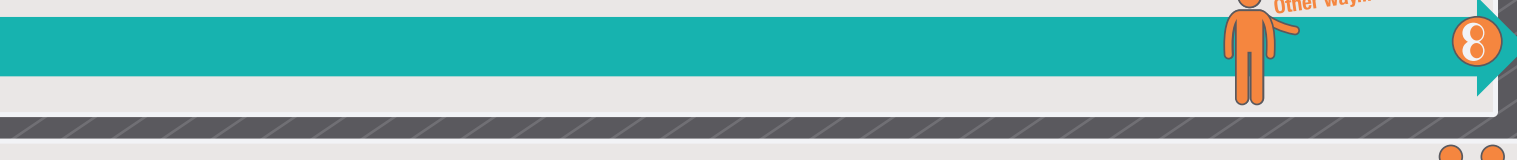
## 6 Role of judge

- Inform about mediation
- Connect with mediators



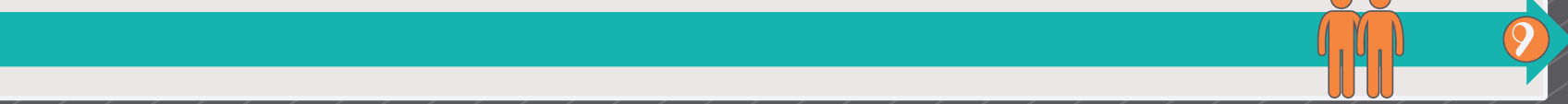
## 7 Making mediation working

- Managing stereotypes, bias, prejudices
- Connect with mediators



## 8 Other dispute resolution mechanisms

- Collaborative Law
- Arbitration
- Mixed processes



## 9 Enforcement of agreement

- It depends on domestic law
- Contract
- Court Order
- Social influence

