

# 4 QUALITY EDUCATION



## Goal 4 – Quality Education

Education can be the key that opens the door to a lifetime of opportunity, but only if everyone has access to lifelong learning opportunities, whether inside or outside of school.

### Fact of the day

617 million youth worldwide lack basic mathematics and literacy skills. 57 million primary age children remain out of school.

### Act now

#### *Learn or practice another language*

1 hour a day



Learning and using another language is not just about education. As we meet people from other countries and other cultures, something which we do a lot in scouting, being able to communicate with them is invaluable.

You could ‘phone a friend’ and have a whole conversation in another language. This could be Irish, Spanish, French or even Judoon!

Or, how about starting to learn a new language? There are lots of websites and apps to help with this.

#### *Learn a practical skill*

1 hour



Education is not just about books and words but about other practical skills as well.

Pick out a few skills and set your mind to learning the basics. How about learning to sew from someone at home – then go find those badges and get them onto your uniform! What about wiring a plug, or learning some new knots? Learning to clean the filter on a washing machine is not fun, but preventing a breakdown or overflow is a lifeskill!

#### *How could you help others to learn?*

2 hours



For there to be education, there has to be teaching. What could you teach someone else? Maybe you can play an instrument, or put up a tent (hopefully!), or juggle. Maybe you have a knack for sharing your knowledge with patience, or are passionate about your subject.

Teaching can be as simple as a conversation around the dinner table, and remember that parents still have a lot to learn as well!. Why not fill everyone in on the daily SDG over grub?

Not everyone has the same access to all education in our own society. Is there a way you could teach skills to others who might not have the same opportunities as you?

#### *Imagine your life without education*

20 minutes



Take a few minutes to think about what your life would be like without basic education. What if you did not get to learn how to read, write or do basic sums? What are the things that you do now and take for granted, but could not do? What would your job prospects be? Your standing in society? Your sense of self-worth when you look at other?

### What to do next

Once finished your own action, share it on social media (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter). Tag **@ScoutingIreland** and using the hashtags **#scoutsforsdgs #scoutsie #17days17sdgs**.

This will allow scouts not only from Ireland, but all over the world, to see your actions and use that as inspiration to go and make a positive impact in their communities!