

5 GENDER EQUALITY



Goal 5 – Gender Equality

All humans are born equal no matter their gender. It's our duty to make sure that women and men have equal opportunities and rights in every part of life. When women are empowered, the entire society benefits.

Fact of the day

Globally, 750 million women and girls were married before the age of 18. However, progress is being made. In Southern Asia, a girl's risk of marrying in childhood has dropped by over 40% since 2000.

Act now

Experience inequality

1 hour



It can be hard to really understand inequality just by reading or hearing about it. So, try experiencing it.

Pick something that you will be doing today with others and place a restriction on yourself. Try playing Monopoly but you are not allowed to collect 200 when you pass Go. Have a kick around where you may only use your weak foot. In a group chat with friends you must get permission each time you want to speak.

Then, imagine if that was every day. Imagine if that applied to more important aspects of your life. Would you accept that?

Opposite Day

All day



In your household are there still some tasks that are done by the boys, or the girls? For today, swap around.

That wasn't difficult now, was it? Can you think of any jobs or other tasks that some people feel should only be done by men or women?

Do a price comparison on some product or service for men and women

1 hour



Think of something which both men and women buy, but where there are different versions for both of them. So, you can buy disposable razors that are designed for men and other designed for women. They will be presented and packaged differently, but they will also be priced very differently. You can use the *Product Comparison Worksheet* attached.

Who is paying more? If people pay different prices for essentially the same thing, would that be exploitation? Or just marketing?

Stand up to inequality

1 minute



How long could inequality last if we all challenged it when we saw it? As scouts, we have a duty to stand up for what is right. If you hear someone saying inappropriate things that promote gender inequality, just say it to them. Often they don't even realise what they are doing and a quiet word might sort it out. The more of us who do this, the less gender inequality will be accepted in society.

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!



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Product Comparison

Choose a product or service which is presented differently for men and women, and might be priced differently as well!

I am investigating this product:-

Male version

Female Version

Name:

Description:

Pack size:

Colouring:

Marketing expressions:

Price:

Which one is more expensive?

Your observations

Why are they presented differently? Why do you think one was dearer than the other?

Here's what I think...



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