

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Goal 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth

The goal is to achieve full and productive employment, and decent work, for all women and men, through entrepreneurship, sustained economic growth, higher levels of productivity and technological innovation

Fact of the day

Some 700 million workers lived in extreme or moderate poverty in 2018, with less than US\$3.20 per day. Read that again – 700 million workers!

Act now

Invent a new job!

2 hours



Many of the jobs that people will be doing in 2030 do not exist yet!

When your parents were your age, their aspirations for the future may have included being a “nurse” or a “fireman”, but certainly not a Data Privacy Manager or a Solar Power Engineer. In your future, there is a good chance that the job you will work in has not been invented yet, so get on and invent it!

With the SDGs setting out a blueprint for how to world will look in the future, you could use this as a guide to your future job.

Grab a copy of the ‘My Future Job’ worksheet attached to make your notes. Choose one or more of the SDGs that appeal to you. Next, set out the kind of skills and roles needed in this new world. People will be needed to make, build and fix new things. People will have to monitor and manage ecosystems, protecting them and helping them to recover. Inventors will come up with new ways to generate energy, to transport people and goods, and engineers will need to make them work.

Finally, come up with a super-cool name for this new job, write it on the sheet in BIG LETTERS, then share a picture of it using the instructions below.

Plan a mini-business

All day



Time to be an entrepreneur!

Set up a mini-business and base it on the SDGs. You could come up with a business or service that would help people who want to save energy, save water, or cut down on waste. You could grow something to sell, or make kits to help people to grow food or herbs, make something from waste, or how about making a pack of signs to remind people to put off lights and other appliances.

Use the Mini-Business Plan worksheet to make your notes. You need to figure out:-

- what you will need to prepare your goods,
- who you will sell to
- how you will tell your customers about it
- how much you will charge for it
- and what Caribbean island you will go to on holidays with your profits!

Promote local businesses

1 hour



Local jobs keep your local economy and community going. How about making a poster to encourage people to ‘Shop Local’ and stick it up in your window or on a shop or library noticeboard.

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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My 'Future Job'

Many of the jobs that people will be doing in 2030 do not exist yet! Figure out what job you might do in the future.

Here are the things I am going to do in my job,
which doesn't even exist yet:-

Think about the SDGs. If we are to achieve these goals, what kind of jobs will we need people to do? Where will you work? Who will pay you? What will you be doing each day?

I have just invented a whole new job, and here is my super-cool name for it:-

Write it big!



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Mini-business Plan

Time to be an entrepreneur! Set up a mini-business to see what it is like providing goods and services to society. Try focussing on ideas around the SDG Global Goals. Use the boxes here to help develop your idea.

This is my business in a nutshell

To make my product, I am going to need the following materials and tools:-

I have most of the skills I need, but I might need to learn a bit about, or get some help with:-

This is who I am going to sell to (my customers) –

This is how I am going to let them know about my products and where they can get them (my marketing plan) -

After you have run your mini-business...

Here's what I learned



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