

# 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



## Goal 17 – Partnerships for the Goals

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development

### Fact of the day

The world is more interconnected than ever. Improving access to technology and knowledge is an important way to share ideas and foster innovation. Coordinating policies to help developing countries manage their debt, as well as promoting investment for the least developed, is vital for sustainable growth and development.

### Act now

#### *Explore Fair Trade*

30 minutes



SDG 17 is quite a complex goal, with many different aspects. However, it all boils down to one simple idea; helping each other out. Much of this is at the level of governments and businesses but we still have a role to play.

In countries which are at an earlier stage of development than the countries of the North, the challenges to be faced each day can be quite different. These countries can continue their development by skipping some of the problems that other countries had, if we share skills, knowledge and resources with them.

One way that we ourselves can help is by buying products from them. To be sure that the money we spend is giving benefit to the people of that country, we can watch out for Fairly Traded goods.

Check out our *Fair Trade* sheet to see what this means, and explore what effect it has on the people who produce the goods. You can also check in your local shops and online to see what products are available. When you have done your research, why not explain the idea to family and friends? Could you make Fair Trade goods part of your families weekly shopping?

### 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!

#### *Twin your community*

30 minutes



Real-life twinning between towns, villages and even cities in different countries take a lot of time to set up and maintain, so let's just do an imaginary one! Start by figuring out how much of your own home locality you should twin, then move on to finding a corresponding area in another country. Try for one which is significantly different to your own. Use the *30 Minute Twinning* sheet to see what you could do next.

Come up with ways in which local people, organisations and businesses could help with partnerships.

#### *Share the Global Goals*

30 minutes



To build partnerships for the Global Goals, there needs to be a much wider understanding of the aims and how to achieve them. Make up a poster or slogan (or both!) to share the SDGs with others. You could promote awareness of the whole 17 SDGs, or focus on peoples understanding of just one.

Use your poster to share the goals and encourage others to learn more.



## SDG15 – Partnerships for the Goals

### Fair Trade

Find out about the idea of Fair Trade and what it means to the producers of the goods. It is another way of being a responsible consumer and shows how you can help others through the simple partnership of buying their produce.

Find a definition of Fair Trade that makes sense to you. How does it help the producers?

Systems like this need to be managed properly to be sure that the producers are benefitting. There are different international schemes to ensure fairness. Identify a few of these and then draw their logos so that you will recognise them when out shopping

**This is what Fair Trade means...**

**Here are the names and logos of some schemes that I found...**

**Here are some Fair Trade products that I found available in my local shops...**

Check in local shops for fairly traded products. Watch out for the logos that you identified already.

Look in the fruit and vegetable section, then maybe look at chocolates and biscuits.

What else can you find? Are there shops in your area or online which specialise in these products?

**Now that you understand how fair trade works, can you help with this partnership? Explain the idea to family members and others, especially people who do the food shopping. Watch for opportunities yourself to buy fair trade goods, including non-food items which can make thoughtful gifts.**



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## 30 Minute Twinning

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Choose your own locality for the twinning. This might be a whole city or a neighbourhood - whatever you want. Next, choose an a similar area in a very different country and write a bit about it. For the twinning, think of the issues facing that community. How could your friends, neighbours, sporting and other organisations, and businesses help out. When coming up with options, try for ideas of what you can do 'with' them rather than 'for' them, so that it is a true partnership

**This is my community:**

**I am going to twin us with:**

**Here are the ways we could help, partnering with our new friends...**

**Partnerships for the Global Goals means that we need to see all of the people of the world as 'us' – there is no 'us' and 'them'. Should other people your own age, all around the world, have the same rights and opportunities as you do? The SDGs set out a vision of how this can be achieved. Will you play your part?**



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