

Opposite Day

Some tasks at home might be done specifically by different genders. Swap them around for a day.

Section: All
Time: All day
Where: Home

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PLAN

Little preparation involved with this activity, as scouts carry on with their normally home routines, however just take new jobs that would normally be taken by their male or female counterpart. If there are no suitable sibling to swap with, why not do it with a parent?

Scouts may need to put a plan of their Opposite Day in place with their parents. This could involve sitting down and discussing what needs to be done ahead of the day.

The aim is for this task to complete the full day so all activities can be swapped.

DO

Leave the scouts to it. They will be at home and it will be their job to implement the plan that they made and to try and complete all of their Opposite Day tasks.

Some tasks may include;

- Cooking meals
- Washing clothes
- Tidying up after meals
- Doing the shopping
- Taking out the rubbish
- Cleaning the floor
- Helping younger siblings with homework.

REVIEW

Discuss with the scouts what new tasks they had to complete. Did they find that some jobs automatically fell to one gender in their house? Could they figure out how or why this came about?

Do the scouts think that some jobs are better suited to certain genders? Assuming that you have a mixed group, this should make for a very interesting debate! Get them to discuss the different career options today and identify any that are more commonly taken by different genders.

Are there jobs that they know of, anywhere in the world, that excludes people based on gender? Is there anything to be done to change this?



In a nutshell...

- Scouts make a plan with parents/guardians about what tasks they are swapping
- Scouts carry out the full day of tasks
- When finished review with the scouts the activity and discuss what they might do differently



Follow-on

During some group activity, introduce a rule which discriminates against any gender, or rewards one over the other. While some scouts might react straight away, just tell them that these are the rules. Push it further until eventually all scouts challenge it as unfair, including those benefiting from the rule



SDG 5 Gender Equality

SDG 5 seeks to ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life. Scouts can seek to identify barriers, and how they have come about, in order to work towards true inclusivity.



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