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Goal 5 – Gender Equality



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* Please note: Terminologies within this pack are taken directly from UN and various other websites and not written by Development Perspectives.

How the UN is going to make this happen:

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGNsldobnR4> – Lakshmi Puri (UN Women)

By 2030 the UN want to:

1. End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.
2. Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation.
3. Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriages and FGM.
4. Recognise and value unpaid care and domestic work.
5. Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life.
6. Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights.
7. Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources.
8. Enhance the use of enabling technology to promote the empowerment of women.
9. Adopt and strengthen policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality.

How the UN is going to make this happen:

How is the UN going to make all this happen by 2030?

5 a. Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws.

5 b. Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women.

5 c. Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels.

Why Gender Equality is important: http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/5_Why-it-Matters_GenderEquality_2p.pdf

Understand

Facts and figures

- About two-thirds of countries in the developing regions have achieved gender parity in primary education.
- In Southern Asia, only 74 girls were enrolled in primary school for every 100 boys in 1990. By 2012, the enrolment ratios were the same for girls as for boys.
- In sub-Saharan Africa, Oceania and Western Asia, girls still face barriers to entering both primary and secondary school.
- Women in Northern Africa hold less than one in five paid jobs in the non-agricultural sector. The proportion of women in paid employment outside the agriculture sector has increased from 35 per cent in 1990 to 41 per cent in 2015.
- In 46 countries, women now hold more than 30 per cent of seats in national parliament in at least one chamber. (all information: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/gender-equality/>)

Understand

Violence Against Women

“Any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or mental harm or suffering to women.” – United Nations

<http://interactive.unwomen.org/multimedia/infographic/violenceagainstwomen/en/index.html#nav-1>

Intimate Partner Violence

According to the WHO 35% of women worldwide have experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2943729/>

Sexual Violence and Harassment

Sexual Violence as a Weapon of War – Central African Republic (article + video)

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/10/05/central-african-republic-sexual-violence-weapon-war>

Human Trafficking

The ILO estimates there are 20.9 million victims of human trafficking globally – 55% are women & girls

<https://polarisproject.org/> (website)

Understand

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

- FGM includes procedures which intentionally alter or cause injury to the female organs for non-medical reasons (WHO, 2016).
- More than 200 million girls and women alive today have been cut in 30 countries where FGM is concentrated.
- FGM is a violation of the human rights of girls and women.

Further information on FGM here:

1. Anatomy of Female Genital Mutilation. This article from the BBC gives an overview of the process of FGM & countries most affected. <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-27188190> - (Source: BBC)
2. This 18.40 minute Ted Talk comes from Khadija Gbla from Sierra Leon about her experience of FGM & empowerment.
https://www.ted.com/talks/khadija_gbla_my_mother_s_strange_definition_of_empowerment
3. AkiDwa is a national network of migrant women living in Ireland. In this link you can find the National Action Plan to Combat FGM. <http://akidwa.ie/female-genital-mutilation-2/>

Understand

Women in Politics

- Women in Politics Map by the United Nations: The IPU states the global average of women in national parliament was 23.3% in 2016.

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2017/03/womens-political-parity-slow-to-grow-as-un-launches-latest-women-in-politics-map/>

- The top five countries that obtained the highest percentage of gender equity included – Rwanda, Bolivia, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Sweden. Interestingly, some of the worlds richest countries were a lot further down the list: Germany – 45th, UK – 39th, China – 72nd and the USA just made the top 100 coming in at 99th. Ireland came in at 79th, just behind the United Arab Emirates. Find you country here - <http://archive.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif.htm>

- The (WPL) is a global network of female politicians. The mission of WPL is to increase both the number and the influence of women in political leadership positions;

<https://www.womenpoliticalleaders.org/>

- Interested in finding out more from an **Irish Perspective?**

Check out <http://www.womenforelection.ie/> for great resources, campaigns & ways in which you can get involved.



Understand

Gender Equality in Ireland

- From the story of Gráinne Mhaol, an Irish Pirate Queen to Cumann na mBan, Ireland's first female political organisation, Ireland has had a vast history of powerful, influential women. Although we have all this history there are still major gender-gaps in the country.
- We now have more female TDs than ever before but women only make-up 22.2% of the overall Dáil, which is still under the EU average of 26.2%. But with organisations like Women for Election being founded and thriving, there is hope for the future.

Further information on gender equality in Ireland

<http://www.rte.ie/centuryireland/index.php/articles/women-of-the-rising>

<http://www.thejournal.ie/women-in-32nd-dail-election-2016-2630150-Mar2016/>

<http://www.womenforelection.ie/>



Act

Action is a key component in Gender Equality. Take one or more of the challenges below this February to make your contribution to the #SDGchallenge:

Get Informed: Engage with articles, blogs, videos and campaigns.

Be Political: Write to the Minister for Justice and Equality.

Educate: Host a discussion, talk or workshop on Gender Equality.

Engage: This February join our #Stand4Equality online campaign.

Act

Challenge #1 – Get Informed

We are asking you to read up about Goal #5 and to learn about the efforts being made around the world to achieve 'Gender Equality'. You can begin this journey of learning by watching the videos in the 'Understand' section of this pack.

Challenge #2 – Be Political

Write to Frances Fitzgerald, Minister for Justice and Equality and ask her to legislate for an equal-pay reform across all sectors. You could also sign-up to <http://www.womenforelection.ie/> and see what events are coming up that you can help with.

Act

Challenge #3 – Educate

This challenge invites you to discuss Gender Equality with your friends, family and colleagues. It can be an informal chat or a more structured workshop to discuss the issues. Be sure to use #SDGchallenge to share any activities.

Challenge #4 – Engage

This month we are asking you to share your thoughts on SDG 5 – Gender Equality. From Monday the 12th of February, you are invited to join our #Stand4Equality online campaign. Share your picture online using the hashtag of what is most important about SDG 5 in your community.



Irish Organisations which we are partnering with this month.



The White Ribbon Campaign is the world's largest male-led movement of primary prevention campaign to end men's violence against women. The aim is to change the attitudes and behaviours that lead to and perpetuate men's violence against women by engaging social change.

White Ribbon Day (25th of December) also signals the start of the 16 Days of Activism to stop men's violence against women which ends on Human Rights Day (December 10th)

<http://whiteribbon.ie/wp/>

Share

Sharing our actions on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram allows us to raise awareness about Gender Equality in Ireland and around the world and about the Sustainable Development Goals.



No matter which challenge you take, be sure to share it!

Check out our Facebook Group #SDGchallenge. You can share your actions here and inspire other SDG advocates!



Or you can Tweet us @SDGchallenge. Follow us for daily updates and interesting reads on Gender Equality for the month of February!



Follow us on Instagram @SDGchallenge and make sure to tag #SDGs and #globalgoals in your posts