

Worksheet 2

Task: Discussion

Discuss these questions in pairs/small groups:

- What do you think or imagine is difficult about being male in today's society? What do you think or imagine is difficult about being female in today's society? Why?
- Do you think there are inequalities in the way boys and girls, or men and women, are treated where you live? Can you give some examples?
- Globally, women earn 77 per cent of what men earn. In the UK, only seven per cent of CEOs of the 100 biggest companies are women. Why do you think this is?
- What needs to change to make sure that men and women enjoy equal rights?
- Emma Watson (actor and UN Goodwill ambassador) has said 'the more I have spoken about feminism, the more I have realised that fighting for women's rights has too often become synonymous with man-hating'. What does she mean by this, and do you agree?
- 'Women's Rights are Human Rights' – why do you think people say this?

Women's rights in the UK timeline – answers with dates

The London Society for Women's Suffrage is formed to campaign for women's right to vote. 1867

Women are allowed to keep their property and earnings when they marry. 1870

The University of London becomes the first university to award degrees to women. 1880

Women are allowed to buy property in the same way as men. 1926

Women gain the right to vote. 1928

The National Health Service (NHS) is created and gives everyone free access to healthcare for the first time. 1948

The Sex Discrimination Act is promoted by women's rights groups and becomes law, making it illegal to discriminate against women. 1975

It becomes illegal for bars/pubs not to serve women. 1982

Marjorie Scardino becomes the first woman CEO of a major company, Pearson. 1997

Same-sex couples can get married 2013

Men and women can share time off work after having a child. 2015