

## International Women's Day: We are #GenerationEquality

International Women's Day is celebrated annually on 8 March. Watch this video from UN Women to find out more about the fight for gender equality.

### Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises. You can also read the transcript.

### Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–j) with the vocabulary (1–10).

#### Vocabulary

1. .... to draw a line in the sand
2. .... to take to the streets
3. .... to speak out against something
4. .... discrimination
5. .... behind the scenes
6. .... to stand up for something
7. .... to have come a long way
8. .... to be under assault
9. .... a wake-up call
10. .... to leave someone or something behind

#### Definition

- a. to have improved or developed
- b. to say in public that you disagree with something
- c. to set a limit on what you will accept
- d. not happening in public, with not many people knowing about it
- e. to forget to take someone or something with you
- f. something that makes you realise that you need to take action to change a situation
- g. to show your opinion in public, often by taking part in a demonstration or march
- h. treating someone differently or unfairly because of their skin colour, gender, etc.
- i. to defend or support something
- j. to be attacked violently

**Task 1**

Choose the ideas which are mentioned in the video.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Today's generation no longer accepts the unfair treatment of women.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We must have more women politicians if we want to change things.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Things are better than before, but women still don't have equal rights.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We should try to be and do our best, but not forget to include others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The most important thing is equal pay for women.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Everyone should try to do something to change the world for a better future.

**Task 2**

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

|        |          |                |          |
|--------|----------|----------------|----------|
| action | change   | discrimination | equality |
| fight  | movement | peace          | rights   |

1. Equal ..... for women!
2. We take to the streets to speak out against .....
3. We stand up for .....
4. We start with a statement and watch it become a .....
5. We have come a long way, but the ..... isn't over.
6. It is time to take .....
7. Change everything or ..... just one thing.
8. We are all together, united for gender .....

**Discussion**

How is International Women's Day celebrated in your country?

## Transcript

'Equal rights for women – now! Equal rights for women – now!'

What defines a generation?

'Climate justice!'

'Right now!'

Is it just about the year you were born? Or is there something more?

We may have lived through different decades, different circumstances, different countries, but we all share in the global, everyday push for our rights, for justice, for a world that is equal.

Perhaps what defines our generation isn't our age or our background but the line in the sand that we have drawn.

We take to the streets to speak out against discrimination and we work tirelessly behind the scenes. We stand up for peace.

'We are fed up with the war.'

And economic justice. We start with a statement and watch it become a movement. We have come a long way, but the fight isn't over, and our rights are still under assault.

It is time to take action. Let us be the wake-up call the world needs.

'The eyes of all future generations are upon you.'

Be the first, the youngest, the best. And then make sure no one is left behind.

When someone tries to silence you, raise up your voice.

'Let us wage a global struggle!'

Change everything or change just one thing – as long as you do something. Whether you're new to changing the world or have been in the fight for a long time, 'Each knows exactly why we are here.'

We are all together, united for gender equality. And the future we create for women and girls is up to all of us.

## Answers

### Preparation task

1. c
2. g
3. b
4. h
5. d
6. i
7. a
8. j
9. f
10. e

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### Task 2

1. rights
2. discrimination
3. peace
4. movement
5. fight
6. action
7. change
8. equality