

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.

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.

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| 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?

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