

# Education unlocks opportunities for girls

- Lesson Slideshow for Educators



Agree

Where do you stand on this line?

Disagree

# UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

In 1989, almost all of the countries in the world came together to agree a list of rights that all children are entitled to.

This includes the right of every child to an education.

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# Why is education important?

To learn knowledge  
and skills

To open up  
opportunities

To gain different  
perspectives

To help people to live  
and work together

To take action for a fairer, kinder and  
more sustainable world

**Huge progress has been made in recent years and many more children are now in school. But millions of children are still missing out on an education.**

**250**

**million**

**children around the world  
are out of school**

**Many of the barriers to education affect children of all genders. But in some parts of the world, girls are much more likely to be out of school.**

**Why might girls be more likely to miss out on education?**

**Draw a person doing one of these jobs.**

**Teacher**

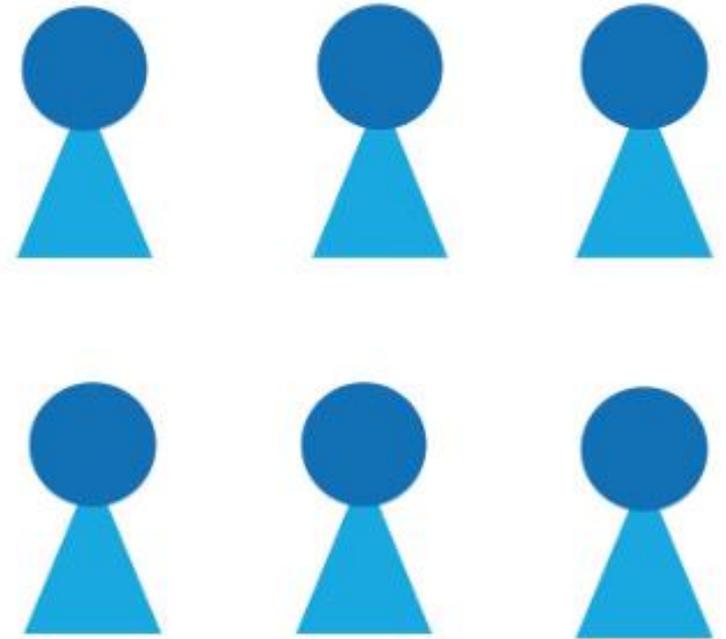
**Firefighter**

**Construction  
worker**

**Nurse**

# What is a stereotype?

**A stereotype is a simplified idea or belief that many people have. It might be about a particular thing, person, group of people or place.**



# What is a stereotype? (2)

**A stereotype is often an incorrect assumption that is based on how people look or behave.**

**Stereotypes are often based on aspects such as race, gender, age, religion and disability.**

**Stereotypes can affect the way people treat others and how they are treated themselves.**

# Can you think of any examples?

**Boys don't  
cry**

**Girls can't  
play football**

**Girls should  
play with dolls**

**Boys can't  
wear pink**

**Female**

**Any gender**

**Male**

# Discussion time

**How did you make decisions as a group?**

**Where did your ideas come from?**

**Do you think the views of society might have changed since your grandparents were children?**

**Do you think people in different countries or communities would have different ideas?**

**How do you think people's ideas might change in the future?**

# What is gender inequality?

**Gender inequality is when people aren't treated equally or fairly because of their gender or sex.**



# Thinking about gender inequality

Only **3%** of technology graduates globally are women

**29%** of people working in science, technology, engineering and mathematics in the UK are women

**1** in **5** girls and young women in the UK say gender stereotypes hold them back at school

Women in Africa are **25%** less likely than men to use the internet

Just **9** of the CEOs in the 100 top companies in the world are women

# Skills for the future



# How might gender stereotypes affect these rights?

**Right to a safe place to live**

**Right to food and clean water**

**Right to education**

**Right to rest, relax and play**

**Right to choose and share their own opinions**

**Right to treated fairly**

# How are gender stereotypes promoted?

**Expectations  
of other  
people**

**Cultural and  
religious  
beliefs**

**Peer  
pressure**

**Books**

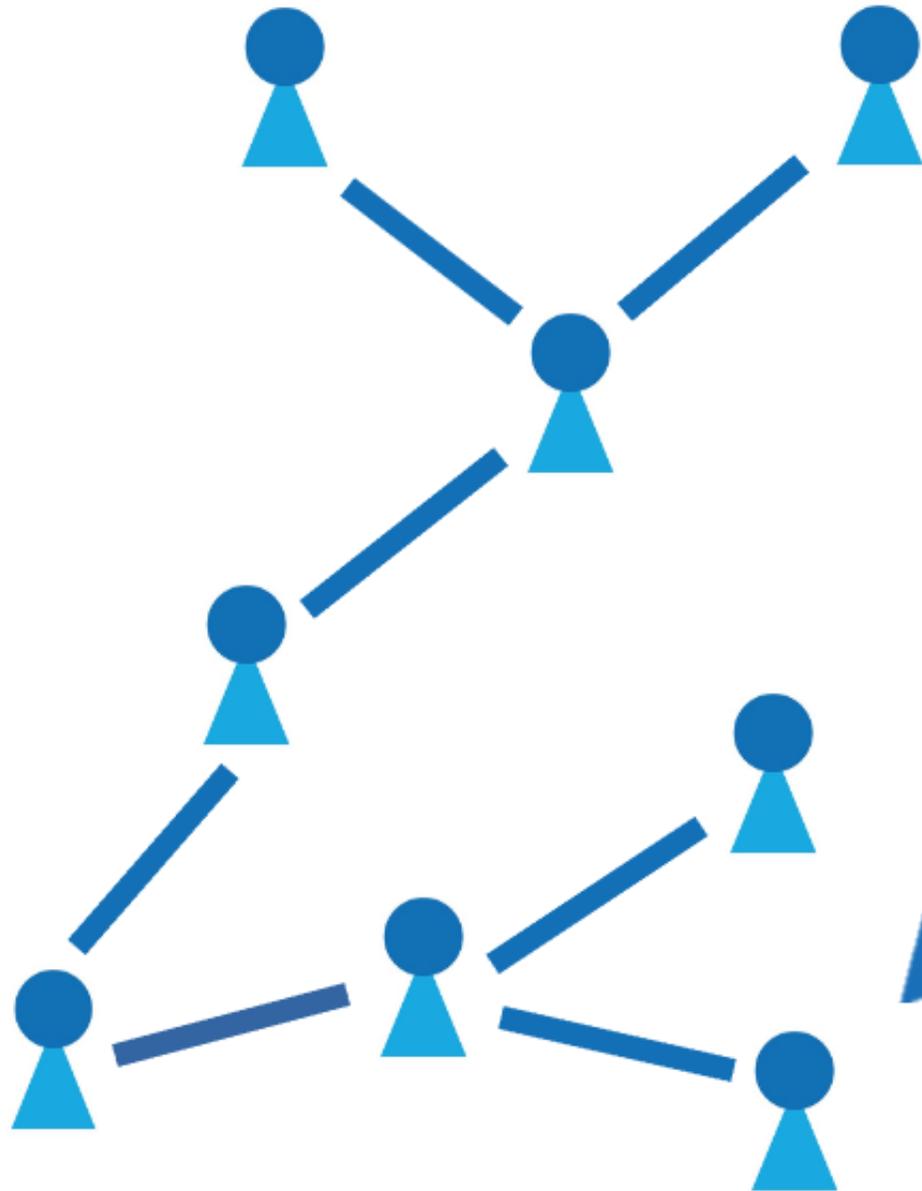
**Social media**

**Advertising**

**Television**

# Speaking up for girls' education





**"You start with one person. If we can change the mindset of that one person, they can change the mindset of another person, maybe even in the same family, then others."**

**Shazia Ramzan  
Theirworld Global Youth Ambassador**



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