



It's Not Fair! Competition



Useful Resources

The key suggested resource for all students is the following video from the [World's Largest Lesson](#) website which introduces the Global Goals:

<https://vimeo.com/138852758>

You may also want to read the comic *The Planet & the 17 Goals* which you can find here:

<http://www.comicsunitingnations.org/comics/>

Once students have watched the video, they may like to reflect on the following points:

Goal 1: What do we mean by POVERTY?

Most countries, including the Isle of Man, have a mix of people, some of whom are rich and some poorer. People who have less than the equivalent of £1.50 per day to live on are said to be in extreme poverty. How would you and your family manage if you only had £1.50 to live on? Would you be able to buy the food you needed, pay for your home and clothes? Many of the poorest countries in the world are in Africa and Asia. Sometimes people in these countries also have to pay to see a doctor or to get medicine and to send their children to school. What choices would you have to make if you were in this position?

Goal 2: What about HUNGER?

We're all hungry from time to time but for some people getting their next meal is a real challenge. This is usually because they don't have enough money to buy food but it can also be because there are droughts (no rain) or floods (too much rain) where they live and it is difficult to grow the crops they depend on. It's estimated that there are still more than 800 million people in the world who don't get enough to eat and this makes them much more likely to become ill. Sadly, around 9 million people (including 3 million children) die each year because they don't get enough to eat. In the Isle of Man, we have charities such as the Foodbank and Salvation Army to help provide food for those who can't afford it. In other countries, especially in desert or remote rural areas, there may not be anyone to help hungry families.

Goal 3: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

In many ways, people have never been healthier than today. We are lucky to have lots of medicines that can help us get better when we are sick and doctors can do amazing things to help us if we are unlucky enough to have an accident. In the Isle of Man, we have a National Health Service that provides doctors, nurses and hospitals for us. Not all countries have this and in some parts of the world people live a long way away from any medical help. They also may have to pay a lot of money to see a doctor or buy medicines which sometimes they can't afford. The climate or part of the world they live in can also mean they are more at risk of diseases like malaria and leprosy which can cause long term health problems or even death.

Goal 4: Why is EDUCATION so important?

In the Isle of Man every child has to go to school or taught at home until they are at least 16. Education teaches us lots of valuable skills such as reading, writing and mathematics as well as giving us lots of knowledge that helps us to get jobs when we are older and be useful in our society. In some countries families have to pay to send their children to school and sometimes Governments don't insist that children go to secondary school. Often children in these countries will start working at a young age to help their families earn money: this may be by helping with farming or selling goods, or it could be something more dangerous like mining or sorting through rubbish tips. Sometimes children don't have the opportunity to go to school because their country is at war, because they have had to flee their home and become refugees or because they live on the streets. Children who do not get the chance to learn how to read or write will often find it more difficult to get well-paid jobs later in their lives and may struggle to get help when they need it.

Goal 5: What do we mean by GENDER EQUALITY?

Not everyone is treated equally in this world. In some countries women and girls do not have the same rights as men and boys. (In many countries people with disabilities are not treated well, and sometimes other groups of people are treated poorly because of their religion, cultural background or beliefs as well.) Even in the Isle of Man where we have an Equality Act to protect us, men are still on average better paid than women. Studies have shown that where women and girls are encouraged to stay at school and have better opportunities, families and whole communities often do better so everyone benefits.

Secondary students may like to do their own research around these topics. A useful link for older students is the "Living on One" videos on https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL74av1RRDrI-IYw6spYn5W3yal_vQD4kz. These follow a group of American students who try to understand what it is like to live on one dollar a day by joining a community in Guatemala.

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