GENDER REVIEW

Girls and boys, women and men must be equal in all aspects of life if we’re to live in a happy, peaceful and sustainable world.

Equality in education would mean having a gender balance in schools, politics, laws and our curricula, and empowering women in their own homes.

It’s about much more than just having the same amount of girls and boys in school!

We can’t assume either that schools are good at tackling stereotypes and discrimination. Why isn’t anyone taking more notice of what our textbooks are teaching us?

Read between the lines!

It’s time to work together if we’re going to end discrimination.

For starters, we need to make sure all boys and girls have an equal chance at an education, which is still not the case!

In many countries, it’s boys who are dropping out of school and doing less well because of pressures to earn money or feeling that what they’re learning isn’t relevant.
Anywhere you look on the map, it’s the poorest boys and girls missing out the most. Girls living in conflict affected countries really need to be given opportunities to learn.

We don’t have gender equality in any part of our society. Think how few female leaders in politics and business there are! Violence against women, even in their homes, happens every day.

Educating women can help to fight stereotypes about what women can and should do, and gives them the confidence to become leaders.

When more women are elected to political positions, more laws to protect the planet are passed, and communities are better protected from natural disasters. Amazing!

Opportunities to practice leadership skills in committees and clubs at school can help!

Women are often paid less than men, even for the same job and have little job security too.

Women make up the majority of farmers, but rarely own any of the land they’re working on.
IF WOMEN AND MEN HAD EQUAL CHANCES IN EDUCATION IT’D MAKE IT MORE LIKELY THEY’D BE PAID THE SAME, AND HAVE EQUAL PROFESSIONAL RESPECT.

GIVING GIRLS AND BOYS SCHOLARSHIPS AND ROLE MODELS CAN STOP US THINKING OF CERTAIN JOBS AS BEING JUST FOR MEN, OR JUST FOR WOMEN.

WE ALSO NEED LAWS THAT WOULD PROTECT HOW MUCH PEOPLE SHOULD BE PAID, AND PROTECT WOMEN’S JOBS WHEN THEY GET PREGNANT.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES TO OUR WELLBEING IS VIOLENCE, WHICH SOMETIMES HAPPENS IN SCHOOL, AND IS OFTEN RELATED TO GENDER AND SEXUALITY.

MEN HAVE PATERNITY RIGHTS TOO.

BUT THERE IS NO RIGHT WAY TO BE YOU!

EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT FOR TEACHING BOYS AND MEN WHAT RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR LOOKS LIKE.

WHEN WOMEN ARE WELL EDUCATED, THEY KNOW HOW TO LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES, IT’S A SIMPLE WAY TO SAVE CHILDREN’S LIVES!

THIS NOT ONLY REDUCES TEENAGERS FALLING PREGNANT, BUT CAN STOP VIOLENCE IN THE HOME.