

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



Goal 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Fact of the day

In 46 countries, women now hold more than 30 percent of seats in at least one chamber of national parliament. However, 49 countries lack laws protecting women from domestic violence.

Act now

Pass New Laws

10 minutes



So, who put you in charge?!

Well, nobody just yet, but maybe in time you will be a politician and be making laws, Or you might be a civil servant or work in a campaign group working to change laws. Maybe you won't do any of these things, but you will just vote for the people who you trust and agree with, and they will bring in and enforce the new laws needed to bring about a fairer society.

To prepare for influencing the direction of politics and laws in the future, you can have a practice go now. Sharpen your pencil, print off *The World According To Me* worksheet or just grab some scrap paper, and get your thinking cap on.

Of course you could do a few silly ones, and maybe a few specific to yourself (“chocolate for me every day”!), but after those, GO BIG! Make laws that will apply the world over and will tackle some of those big problems facing the planet and all of its inhabitants. You will probably have some great ideas straight away. If you are looking for some inspiration, why not go back over the other 16 Global Goals. What kind of laws would be needed to bring these about by 2030? What would have to be outlawed, and what would need to be encouraged and promoted?

Who represents you?

30 minutes



In most countries in the world, we get to choose our politicians for local and national government. This right to vote is a valuable entitlement, and hopefully most scouts will make use of this when their time comes.

For now, find out who your politicians are. Research who is meant to be representing you in your local government, and who represents you in national government. Try to find out a little about what they stand for and what are their values. This might be obvious from the political party which they represent, or from what they have said in the media about issues that are important to you. Chat with parents or friends to get their thoughts on your public representatives.

Find out more

30 minutes



NOTE – for older scouts only. This SDG covers many difficult and distressing issues. It would be nicer not to even think about them, but if we ignore them then how can we help? Take a short while to look up this SDG and find out more about just one of the issues covered. Don't let it upset you, but remember that you are part of the generation that is going to change it.

What to do next

Once finished your own action, share it on social media (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter). Tag **@ScoutingIreland** and using the hashtags **#scoutsforsdgs #scoutsie #17days17sdgs**.

This will allow scouts not only from Ireland, but all over the world, to see your actions and use that as inspiration to go and make a positive impact in their communities!



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The World According to Me!

Time to make some laws for the WHOLE WORLD!



For your laws to make a difference, what else do you need? A cohesive society which believes in the rule of law? A police force which is not corrupt? An independent courts system? Public acceptance that they agree with the law?



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