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1WORLD NEWS – HELPING YOU DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE WORLD AND THE GLOBAL ISSUES YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



If you think slavery is yesterday's news... think again

As we consider our rights and look to ensure that everyone is afforded the same rights so we can get to a place where equality becomes the norm, we need to be reminded that life for many is not quite as free or as equal as we might like to think...

The truth is there is nothing more precious than life. Yet today, 150 years after president Abraham Lincoln called for the abolishment of slavery, over 40 million people have no right to freedom.

“Modern slavery may not hold people in chains, but it still binds them, robs them of their right to freedom, to an education and to a life that is free of fear.”

In 2013, the American president, Barack Obama spoke of the injustice and his utter horror that today, when freedom is at the very heart of our lives, slavery not only exists but thrives.

But what is slavery? Modern slavery takes many forms and every form is wrong, yet the reality is, slavery is everywhere. To make matters worse, a quarter of all slaves are children. Although slavery is illegal in every country, it's BIG business, in fact, it is estimated to generate some 100 billion pounds every year.

According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO.org) over 130 products that we use in our day-to-day lives have either been made or produced by forced labour or slavery.

The problem is, if governments, corporations and us as individuals, continue to accept that slavery exists, we are in effect, giving discrimination the power to thrive, and where exploitation exists, we will never have equality.



In the most recent report compiled by the International Labour Organisation the ILO, The Walk Free Foundation and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), it identified that a huge proportion of today's slaves are women and girls. In fact, it is reported that some 29 million or 71% of the world's slaves are female and some 15.4 million of these are in forced marriage.

The reality is, if we want to bring an end to slavery, we all have a role to play. We, as consumers, can become smarter, we can ask questions and think about what we buy, where we buy and who we buy from.

We can insist that the companies behind the brands we love, source their raw goods and materials from companies that do not abuse the rights of others.

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DID YOU KNOW:

Almost 60% of all child labourers are involved in agriculture, which is some 98 million boys and girls. – Source ILO

40% Of the world's coffee beans that come from the Ivory Coast are harvested by children...

WHAT WILL YOU DO TODAY? GET IN TOUCH. WRITE FOR US. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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Every company no matter how large or small, has a duty to supply goods and services free of slavery and adhere to a code of conduct that ensures that they safeguard and protect everyone involved in their supply chain, no matter who they are or where they live.

The United Nations sustainable development goals provide us with an opportunity to stamp out all forms of exploitation and slavery so that we reduce inequalities throughout every aspect of society so that we can work together to create a society - where all life has equal value.

Let's stop abusing the rights of the individual and start celebrating life and say NO to slavery, because working together we can.

DID YOU KNOW?

Of the 16 million refugees under the care of the United Nations refugee agency, (UNHCR.ORG) 6 million are children, and, it seems that these children have not just lost their homes and countries, over half have lost their right to education! Some 1.75 million children are not in primary school and 1.95 million secondary school aged children are not in education.

DID YOU KNOW?

Find out more about SDG 4 and the work of the UNHCR <http://www.unhcr.org/uk/education.html>

Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world:

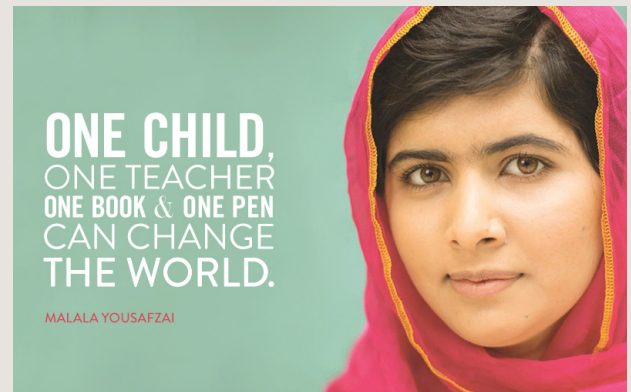
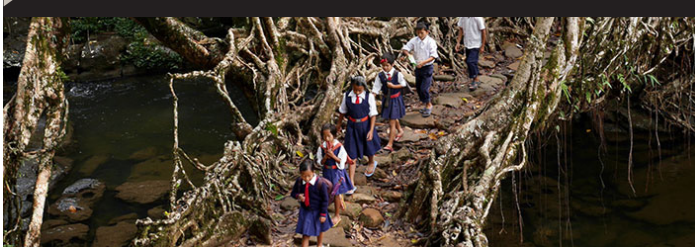
Nelson Mandela



Remember it costs nothing to say "Thank you" - so say it today...

Sometimes we get so wrapped up in what we are doing and what we want, we sometimes forget about the simple things that can make the world of difference.

➡ **So what will you do today to secure a brighter tomorrow...**



EDUCATION FOR ALL

It may sound simple, but for 121 million children around the world, an education is nothing more than a dream...

We may all have had a moan about having to go to school, but the reality is without education, life would be very different indeed. With education we have the power to change the world. Education breaks down the barriers that help feed religious hatred, intolerance and extremism.

Education lifts people out of poverty and builds stronger more resilient communities that can adapt to a changing climate. With education we can help improve child mortality rates; as entire countries will be better equipped with knowledge about basic health and hygiene and with education, we can share knowledge and help achieve all of the SDG Goals...

#Education4All

Malala Yousafzai, now internationally recognised for not just standing up and fighting for her right to an education but for her truly inspirational story. One that only serves to highlight the power that education can have on the world, and why SDG goal number 4 is fundamental to achieving a sustainable future. It is not just about reading, writing and arithmetic it is, if we are clever, about helping future generations learn how to think and not to what to think... So that we can ensure that no man, woman or child is ever left behind.

Find out more about Malala: <https://www.malala.org/malala-story>

Today, almost 1 billion people across the world cannot read or write their name and two-thirds of these are women.



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