

## Worksheet 2

### Task : Discussion

**Discuss these questions in pairs / small groups:**

- What do you think or imagine is difficult about being male in today's society? What do you think or imagine is difficult about being female in today's society? Why?
- Do you think there are inequalities in the way boys and girls, or men and women are treated where you live? Can you give some examples?
- Globally, women earn 77% of what men earn. In the UK, only 7% of CEOs of the 100 biggest companies are women. Why do you think this is?
- What needs to change to make sure that men and women enjoy equal rights?
- Emma Watson, (actor and UN Goodwill ambassador) has said "the more I have spoken about feminism the more I have realised that fighting for women's rights has too often become synonymous with man-hating". What does she mean by this, and do you agree?
- "Women's Rights are Human Rights" – why do you think people say this?

**Women's Rights in the UK Timeline – answers with dates**

**The London Society for Women's Suffrage is formed to campaign for women's right to vote 1867**

**Women are allowed to keep their property and earnings when they marry 1870**

**The University of London becomes the first university to award degrees to women. 1880**

**Women are allowed to buy property in the same way as men. 1926**

**Women gain the right to vote 1928**

**The National Health Service (NHS) is created and gives everyone free access to healthcare for the first time. 1948**

**The first woman newsreader, Barbara Mandell, is on British TV 1955**

**The Sex Discrimination Act is promoted by women's rights groups and becomes law, making it illegal to discriminate against women. 1975**

**It becomes illegal for bars / pubs not to serve women 1982**

**Marjorie Scardino becomes the first woman CEO of a major company, Pearson 1997**

**Same sex couples can get married 2013**

**Men and women can share time off work after having a child 2015**