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International Women's Rights

The International Rights of Women cover a broad range of women's experiences. Women's rights include the right to:

- Work
- Education
- Vote
- Equal pay
- Respect
- Equality of opportunity in the world
- A safe and healthy work place
- Hold public office
- Quality maternal health care
- Be safe from domestic violence

Whilst inequality between men and women continues today in the UK, it is incomparable to the scale elsewhere in the world. Read the information below and try to match up the statistics in the left-hand column with the description of the 'Women's Rights' set out in the right-hand column:

Statistical data	Women's Rights
1. Women account for only 19% of members of parliament across the world. At all levels and in all sectors fewer women than men are part of decision-making processes. (IPU)	A. The right to be safe from domestic violence
2. Over two-thirds of the world's 776 million illiterates are women and despite improvements, more than 55 per cent of the 75 million out of school primary age children are girls. (UNESCO)	B. The right to have quality maternal health care
3. Every year over 536,000 women die of pregnancy-related complications, and between 8 million and 20 million a year suffer serious injury or disability from the same causes. (WHO)	C. The right to equal pay
4. Between 10 and 69 per cent of women report abuse by their intimate partner in every country where reliable data exist. Systematic rape has left millions of women and adolescent girls traumatised, pregnant, or infected with HIV. (UN)	D. The right to education
5. Worldwide, women earn on average only 84 per cent of what men earn in formal waged work. However, large numbers of women are concentrated in informal and precarious work, associated with low and unstable earnings. (ITUC)	E. The right to hold public office

[Source: Oxfam.org.uk]

- If you had to prioritise for action one aspect of Women's Rights from those outlined above, which would it be and why?

Extension

The Fawcett Society campaigns to reduce the gap in equality between men and women in the UK. Check out this campaign document to find out more about the equality gap and what we can do about it. After reading, identify two items on the document that you found particularly significant, important or shocking.

www.fawcettsociety.org.uk/documents/Make%20Some%20Noise%20-%20short.pdf



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