

7. Our Education

WORKSHOP 7
IT'S ABOUT US



Aim: To learn about the role of education in affecting change



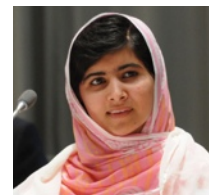
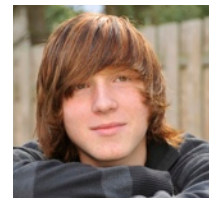
Objectives: Young people will...

- Learn about the work of Malala Yousafzai, an inspiring education activist.
- Learn about the broad benefits of education
- Understand the role for education in driving progress and societal transformation.
- Understand the vital importance of ensuring girls are educated.

Background Resources and Links:

- [The Value of Education](#)
- [UNICEF](#) & [MDG 2 \(Education\)](#)
- [Key Messages and Data on Girls' and Women's Education and Literacy](#)

You will need: 10 - 15 Worksheets with SDG headings.





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View:

- [Malala Speech to UN](#) - Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani school pupil and education activist from Pakistan. She is known for her education and girls' rights activism. In early 2009, at the age of 11, Malala began blogging for the BBC in Urdu under the pen name 'Gul Makai'. She detailed her life under Taliban rule and her objections to the Taliban prohibition on girls' education. On 9 October 2012, Malala, 14 years old, was shot in the head and neck in an assassination attempt by Taliban gunmen while returning home on a school bus. She survived the assassination attempt but the Taliban has reiterated its intent to kill Malala and her father. In this video, Malala - now 16 - speaks to the United Nations at her first public speaking engagement since her attack.
- Malala Yousafzai on [The Daily Show](#) - In this exclusive interview with Jon Stewart following the release of her book, "I Am Malala", she remembers the Taliban's rise to power in her Pakistani hometown and discusses her efforts to campaign for equal access to education for girls.



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Discussion Points:

- Where do we begin if we want to see change in the world? *Education*.
- Why is the education of women banned by the Taliban? Globally, 66 million girls are out of school. (UNESCO)
- Why are schools often targeted during conflict and amongst terrorist groups who wish to seize power?
- Why is this speech so important? *School is not free in over 50 countries*. (UNESCO).
- What do you value about your education?



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Group Work: Making the Links

Choose 10-15 Sustainable Development Goals from Workshop 4 and ask the students how education connects to each of these issues. Divide the class into groups of two or three. Give each pair an A4 sheet of paper with an SDG heading and ask them to write a sentence describing a connection that the issue has to education.

- **Example 1: Conflict** - Through education people can learn about respecting difference.
- **Example 2: Pollution** - Through education people can learn about ways to reduce waste.

Give the students 1 minute to write the sentence then ask them to pass it to the next pair.



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Closure:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." [Nelson Mandela](#)

- What have you learned today that you would like to teach to another person?



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At Home:

Around the world, girls face barriers to education that boys do not. But when you educate a girl you can break cycles of poverty in just one generation. Name 5 reasons why educating girls can have a lasting impact on global development.

Teacher's note:

1. *Educated mothers are more than twice as likely to send their children to school. (UNICEF)*
2. *A child whose mother can read is 50% more likely to live past the age of 5. (UNESCO)*
3. *Evidence suggests that girls who have little or no education are up to six times more likely to marry as children compared with girls with secondary schooling. (UNICEF)*
4. *If India enrolled 1% more girls in secondary school, their GDP would rise by \$5.5 billion. (Global Campaign for Education and RESULTS Education Fund)*
5. *One additional school year can increase a woman's earning by 10-20%. (United Nations Global Education First)*
6. *Women operate a majority of small farms and business in the developing world. Investing in girls' education could boost sub-Saharan Africa's agricultural output by 25%. (International Food Policy Research)*
7. *Almost two-thirds of the world's 792 million illiterate adults are women. (UNESCO)*
8. *The education of girls and women can lead to a wide range of benefits – from improved maternal health, reduced infant mortality and fertility rates to increased prevention against HIV and AIDS. (UNESCO)*
9. *More educated mothers are more likely to know that HIV can be transmitted by breastfeeding, and that the risk of mother-to-child transmission can be reduced by taking drugs during pregnancy. (UNESCO)*
10. *Girls are less likely to start school than boys, but once enrolled, they are more likely to reach the last grade of primary school. (UNICEF)*