Gender Inequality

Today we will be discovering what’s really behind gender inequality. Our world is certainly not the same as it was 100 years ago, but still we live in a hugely unbalanced world.

Recognition has been a struggle for women for many years, as the fight against inequality still carries on all over the world. Many women have feel that they have had to work twice as hard as men to get the same recognition. Whether you’re a female athlete or doctor getting the recognition you deserve is not as easy as if you were a male.

The sporting industry is a very competitive world. Women now compete in many sporting events but, today, there are still many more male dominated sports, such as football, cricket, rugby and boxing. We decided to interview Miss Haslop, asking her how her journey in the sporting world has developed and if she has ever experienced any sexism being a female sports teacher. Miss Haslop tells us that she has not had any discrimination from others as a sports teacher and says as though there is lots of sexism in the world, it is definitely improving for the better.

In the Women’s Super League, a survey was done on how much money the women footballers earn on an average annual salary; the result was £26,752. Male football earns more than that in a week. Similar surveys were done for radio presenters and the results were very similar. The pay gap for women and men in medicine also has a slight pay gap. Although we are in the 21st century there is still loads of room for improvement.

As well as hearing and learning about gender inequality locally, we have also looked at how this problem spreads much wider across the world. Women in places such as Yemen, Pakistan and Syria suffer more intensely from inequality than others. In Yemen there has been no female member of parliament ever and only one in ten ministerial positions are held by women. The fight for women’s voices to be heard is still ongoing, particularly in these countries. Even though there are many places with unfair gender balances, regions such as Scandinavia are excellent examples of equal rights and equal opportunities.

Living in the 21st century still brings a number of challenges due to inequality; nonetheless, thinking back to what it was like when our great grandmothers lived, reminds us of the many more struggles they faced. Confined to the home, looking after children and doing house work was what was expected of women; becoming Prime Minister or a firefighter was just unthinkable for women. Their limits had boundaries and men’s limits did not. Today, women have overcome the majority of problems caused by gender inequality and still fight to overcome them all.

We hope you are now more aware of the issues relate to gender inequality in the world and how they have changed, thanks to powerful women across history, such as Emmeline Pankhurst and Michelle Obama. Fighting for your rights as women is very important as you can change the world for the better.