

Introduction to ESCPH Equality Society

I can already hear the voices saying “Honestly, what’s the point? Come on, we live in Denmark! We’re at an international school! Women’s rights? We’ve talked way too much about that already! Whatever...”

Unfortunately, incidents still occur: harassment or discrimination on the basis of gender is much too common. While the #metoo movement is ablaze here in Denmark, we thought this would be a good time to act. I will not bore you with statistics or other figures about, for instance, how much likelier men are to be offered this or that job, as these might seem irrelevant to our school environment and you will leave without having read the rest of this article. (Please stay.)

Gender inequality is real. And we want to do something about it.

So, who are we? A bunch of angry feminists shouting about women’s rights violations in far-away countries?

No. And far from it.

This all began during Sex Ed week, when conversations about people’s experiences of gender discrimination started popping up here and there. So, a few students founded this club with Maddy. One incredibly inspiring meeting later, it has grown into a group of dedicated, passionate, creative students full of awesome ideas, driven by an unbreakable will to make a difference.

Don’t worry! We won’t be walking around denouncing or harassing anyone. Indeed, the whole idea is to raise awareness, educate and help each other learn, to create a safe space in which to have these conversations; explaining and showing others why – for example – making discriminatory jokes is not okay.

Thereby, our amazing team has put together a list of potential projects we could do; among them, “Wear a Skirt to School Day” on Friday 6th November. This is meant to do away with the sexualisation of skirts, as well as the idea that certain items of clothing are associated with a certain gender. All students come to school wearing a skirt (or a dress) – please spread the word so that everyone participates! Moreover, we are creating videos for an Assembly, designing an Instagram account on which we will be sharing anonymous stories, resources, and a ton of fun content. We have ideas to make flyers, a newspaper, some sort of flash mob...

The sky (and, unfortunately, the corona restrictions) are the limit!



