

UN International Day of Families

2018 Theme: “Families and
inclusive societies”



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The International Day of Families

- In 1993, the General Assembly decided in a resolution that 15 May of every year should be observed as **The International Day of Families**. This day provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase the knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families.
- On 25 September 2015, the 193 member states of the United Nations unanimously adopted the [Sustainable Development Goals](#), a set of 17 goals aiming to eliminate poverty, discrimination, abuse and preventable deaths, address environmental destruction, and usher in an era of development for all people, everywhere. Families and family-oriented policies and programmes are vital for the achievement of many of these goals.



UN Sustainable Development Goals

- On September 25th 2015, countries adopted a set of goals to **end poverty, protect the planet** and **ensure prosperity for all** as part of a new sustainable development agenda. Each goal has specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years. There are 17 goals.
- This year's International Day of Families is observing Goal 16 - dedicated to the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, the provision of access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels.



Why is this goal important?

- Among the institutions most affected by corruption are the judiciary and police
- Corruption, bribery, theft and tax evasion cost some US \$1.26 trillion for developing countries per year
- The rate of children leaving primary school in conflict affected countries reached 50 per cent in 2011, which accounts to 28.5 million children
- The rule of law and development have a significant interrelation and are mutually reinforcing



Some of the aims of this goal – how could they be achieved?

- Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere
- End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children
- Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all
- Broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance
- By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration
- Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development



How are different families made up across the world?



Love has no labels

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnDgZuGlhHs>
- What message do you think this message is trying to show?

What challenges do you think different types of families might face in different parts of the world?



Families come in all different shapes and sizes, from the conventional nuclear family to single parents, adoptive parents and children being raised by grandparents. Around 20,000 young people in Britain are growing up with same-sex parents and many children have lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans parents or family.



Some people have difficult family lives

- There is always someone to listen to anything you want to talk about:
- <https://www.relate.org.uk/>
- <https://www.childline.org.uk/>
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/>
- School – tutors, HoHs, school nurse, Mr Mann...