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# Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities

**10** REDUCED  
INEQUALITIES



**THE GLOBAL GOALS**  
For Sustainable Development



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Please note: Terminology within this pack is taken directly from UN and various other websites and not written by Development Perspectives.

# Goal #10 – Reduced Inequalities

Reduce inequality within and among countries

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09pF3-qrpoQ>

By 2030 the UN want to:

**10.1** Progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40% of the population at a rate higher than the national average.

**10.2** Empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status.

**10.3** Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard.

**10.4** Adopt policies, especially fiscal, wage and social protection policies and progressively achieve greater equality.

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**10.5** Improve the regulation and monitoring of global financial markets and institutions and strengthen the implementation of such regulations.

**10.6** Ensure enhanced representation and voice for developing countries in decision making in global international economic and financial institutions in order to deliver more effective, credible, accountable and legitimate institutions.

**10.7** Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies.

# How are the UN going to make this happen?

**10 (a)** Implement the principle of special and differential treatment for developing countries, in particular least developed countries, in accordance with World Trade Organisation agreements.

**10 (b)** Encourage official development assistance and financial flows, including foreign direct investment, to states where the need is greatest, in particular least developed countries, African countries, small island developing states and landlocked development countries, in accordance with their national plans and programmes.

**10 (c)** By 2030, reduce to less than 3% the transaction cost of migrant remittances and eliminate remittance corridors with higher than 5%.

# Understand

**Development Perspectives'** mission is to contribute to lessening poverty, inequality and climate change through transformative education and active global citizenship.

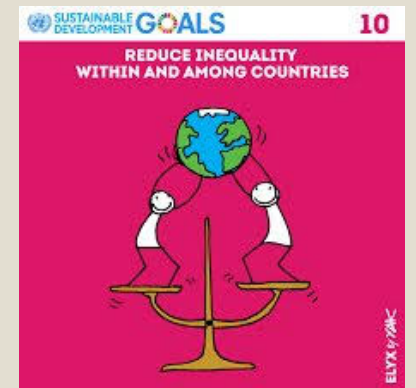
## **Facts and figures** ([www.un.org](http://www.un.org))

- About 2.6 billion people face difficulty in accessing electricity full time.
- 2.5 billion people worldwide lack access to basic sanitation.
- 1 – 1.5 billion people do not have access to reliable phone services.
- In 2013, it is estimated that there were more than half a billion jobs in manufacturing. Every job in manufacturing creates 2.2 jobs in other sectors.

## **Want to find out more?**

Click on the link below to find out what progress has been made to date.

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg9>



# Understand

## Let's talk Tax:

After the shocking statistics came out that: 'Just 8 billionaires own the same wealth as the poorest 3.6 Billion people', its time to explore this a bit more.

- **Article:** "This is not an exposé of 8 people, but of a broken economics" – The Guardian
- **Blog:** Tax loopholes, corporate power and new technology – who will pay their fair share?  
<https://www.oxfamireland.org/blog/tax-battles>
- **Ted Talk:** "If Americans want to live the American dream they should go to Denmark" – Richard Wilkinson explores how economic inequality harms societies. [https://www.ted.com/talks/richard\\_wilkinson](https://www.ted.com/talks/richard_wilkinson)
- **Podcast:** Naomi Fowler from The Tax Justice Network brings us 30 minutes of the latest global news, scandal and analysis on tax havens and corruption. <http://www.taxjustice.net/taxcast/>



# Understand

## Income Inequality

“Income Inequality refers to the extent to which income is distributed in an uneven manner among a population” (Incomeinequality.org)

- Website: This brilliant piece of research undertaken by the Equality Trust highlights ‘Why More Equal Societies Almost Always Do Better’ in the Spirit Level (2009) <https://www.equalitytrust.org.uk/resources/the-spirit-level>
- PDF: What does income inequality look like in Ireland?(TASC) [https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document/O%27Connor%20NatTASCreport\\_0.pdf](https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document/O%27Connor%20NatTASCreport_0.pdf)
- Ted Talk: Economist Dan Ariely highlights in this short Ted Talk ‘How equal do we want the world to be?’ (8 mins, 58 seconds) [https://www.ted.com/talks/dan\\_ariely\\_how\\_equal\\_do\\_we\\_want\\_the\\_world\\_to\\_be\\_you\\_d\\_be\\_surprised#t-457612](https://www.ted.com/talks/dan_ariely_how_equal_do_we_want_the_world_to_be_you_d_be_surprised#t-457612)

# Understand

## Ireland's ethnic minority groups.

### **Irish Traveller Community**

Travellers are an indigenous minority who have been part of Irish society for centuries. There are an estimated 25,000 Travellers in Ireland. Travellers, as individuals and as a group, experience a high level of prejudice and exclusion in Irish society.

**Health issues:** Find out more about the health issues affecting the travelling community. <http://www.irishhealth.com/article.html?id=1079>

**Website:** Pavee Point is a Dublin-based, national, non-governmental organisation established in 1985 and committed to the realisation of human rights for Irish Travellers and Roma living in Ireland. <http://www.paveepoint.ie/irish-travellers-and-roma/>

# Understand

## Migration

2016 was a notable year for the rise in migration issues by ongoing displacement crises, political upheaval and border enforcements.

- Stats: - In 2014, 3.8 million people immigrated to one of the EU 28 Member States in 2014, while 2.8 million emigrants reportedly left an EU Member State. (Source – Eurostat)
- In 2011, 75.3% of foreign-born (international) migrants living in South Africa came from the African continent. (Source – Africacheck.org)

Blog: This website aims to look at global issues that affects everyone and how they are inter-related. <http://www.globalissues.org/article/537/immigration>

Documentary: Follow the harrowing journey of refugees as they flee war, persecution and hardship. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/exodus/>

# Organisations making a difference...

## Children in Crossfire

Children in Crossfire was founded in 1996 by [Richard Moore](#). In 1972, as a 10-year-old child, Richard was blinded by a rubber bullet fired by a British soldier during the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

Children in Crossfire is driven by our vision for a compassionate world where every child can reach his or her potential. For us, this is not a dream but something we can really make tangible through our work. It is essential that as we work for **change**, we also nurture [compassion](#) as the underpinning core value that drives people to take actions for a better world for all children.

**Website:** <https://www.childrenincrossfire.org>



# Act

**Action is a key component of Goal #10–Reduced Inequalities. Take one or more of this months #SDGchallenges below to make your contribution.**

**Get Informed** – Engage with articles, blogs, videos and campaigns in this information pack.

**Be Political** – Join the Action Aid campaign and write to Minister Noonan.

**Educate** – Host a workshop, talk or discussion about Goal #10 – Reduced Inequalities.

**Engage** - Take part in this month's Taxing Times challenge.

# Act

## **Challenge #1 - Get Informed**

Let's get reading! We are asking you to read up about Goal #10 – Reduced Inequalities and learn about the efforts and initiatives being made around the world.

You can begin this journey of learning by reading the articles or watching the videos in the 'Understand' section of this pack.

## **Challenge #2–Be Political**

Let's get political. Why not join the Action Aid Campaign and tell Minister Noonan that we want fair tax deals for ALL countries. Sign up today - <https://actionaid.ie/take-action/join-our-tax-justice-campaign/>

# Act

## **Challenge #3–Educate**

This challenge invites you to discuss Reduced Inequalities with your friends, family and colleagues. It can be an informal chat with a cuppa or an organised workshop where you can tackle this issue head on with a group. Be sure to share your education activities with us using #SDGchallenge.

## **Challenge #4- Taxing Times.**

How would you spend tax avoidance within your country? Time to research which companies are getting away without paying their share of tax in your country. Share the names with us on social media using #PayUp - use your voice!

Check out this article for more information & how companies manage to 'get away' with paying less tax: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/09/business/economy/corporate-tax-report.html>

# Share

Sharing our actions on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram allows us to raise awareness about Reduced Inequalities in Ireland and around the world and about the Sustainable Development Goals.



No matter which challenge you take, be sure to share it! Check out our Facebook Group #SDGchallenge. You can share your actions here and inspire other SDG advocates!



Or you can Tweet us @SDGchallenge. Follow us for daily updates and interesting reads on Reduced Inequalities for the month!



Follow us on Instagram @SDGchallenge and make sure to tag #SDGs and #globalgoals in your posts