

TOP TIPS TO HOST YOUR OWN #GIRLSBELONGHERE EXPERIENCE



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Girls belong in their dream jobs. We need to bridge the dream gap.

This year, in celebration of International Day of the Girl, young women from across Canada will have the chance to pursue their dream job for the day. Plan International Canada's #GirlsBelongHere initiative further empowers girls to help bridge the 'dream gap' – a combination of barriers, such as harmful gender stereotypes and discrimination – which limit girls from unleashing their potential. #GirlsBelongHere is part of Plan International's global mass initiative, with hundreds of girls participating in more than 50 countries around the world.

Here are some top tips on how to pursue your dream job for the day:



1. IDENTIFY YOUR DREAM JOB.

Take the time to think about your dreams and aspirations. A dream job combines your talents and passions in a way that is personal and meaningful to you, and it can be in any field or sector.



4. THEY ACCEPTED, NOW START PLANNING!

Collaborate with the person whose role you'll be sharing for the day and put together an agenda with objectives and ways you can address the barriers that impede or deny girls the chance to realize their potential.



2. INVOLVE A PARENT, GUARDIAN OR TEACHER.

For any girl under the age of 18, it's important to have the support of a guardian who can champion your efforts along the way.



5. IT'S THE BIG DAY!

Capture key moments and share your thoughts with your friends and family. Use the hashtag #GirlsBelongHere on social media to engage others in the conversation.



3. REACH OUT AND CONNECT.

Look to your network to see if anyone knows a person who may be in your dream job who could help make an introduction. Reach out directly by email or phone, or use social media such as Twitter or LinkedIn to connect. For example:



6. REFLECT ON THE EXPERIENCE.

Can others help bridge the dream gap? Consider how you are going to use what you learned to pursue your dream job in the future and how you can help empower other young girls to achieve their full potential.



7. ADVOCATE FOR GIRLS SO THAT MORE DREAMS CAN BECOME A REALITY.

Tell your community about girls' rights, ask your teacher if you can share your experience with the class, or submit your story to your local paper. **The day may be over, but the conversation has just begun!**

"Dear X, I'm a student in X, and you have my dream job! I would be honoured if you would share your role with me for International Day of the Girl to work together to bridge the dream gap. I would love to team up to show the world how we can break down gender stereotypes and transform power relations to create positive change for girls..."

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