

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION ON GENDER AND WORK

Each group will address at least three questions of their choice. Your group will have a note taker who will take comprehensive notes and develop at least three key points to share with the class.

Small groups will present their key points with the class. Those groups who did not address a given question will then ask additional questions and give feedback. We will discuss each question as a class.

1. What kinds of sexual harassment, if any, have you experienced or witnessed in school or in the workplace? If you have not experienced or witnessed any sexual harassment, what might explain that?
2. What social expectations about gender do you think might be related to the gender disparity in work?
3. What characteristics are necessary to be successful in the working world? Are those characteristics gendered?
4. What contemporary examples of gender inequality in work can you think of?
5. Why do you think women are more likely to live in poverty than men? What social changes need to occur for this to change?
6. What are some of the reasons why working mothers earn less than childless women?
7. What financial benefits do children have to society and to economic systems?
8. How does the increase in part-time work benefit companies and organizations? How does it harm workers, especially women?