

## Session Plan (15 mins)

### Should the UK increase the age of marriage to 18?



Timing	Activity	Slide(s)
N/A	<b>Feedback:</b> Allow students some time to read the feedback from Anne Longfield, Children's Commissioner for England, on the Safer Internet Day topic. Alternatively, print this page for display.	2
Optional	<b>Starter: What is the 'right' age? (Skip if short on time)</b> On their own, students should think about the timeline of their life and the expected age for these key events. Take feedback on where (if at all) they put marriage and why.	3
1 minute	<b>Introduce the VoteTopic:</b> Tell students that we are working with Unicef UK this week to gather their views on this issue. Remind them who they can talk to if they are at all worried about the themes in this lesson.	4
3 minutes	<b>Why are we talking about this?</b> Read the information on slide 5 and take students' reactions. Discuss what age they think the legal age is for marriage in this country.	5
5 minutes	<b>The UK's laws on marriage:</b> In pairs or threes, students should apply the law in purple boxes to the scenarios in grey, in order to decide whether they are legal or not. Click for answers and talk about them. Reveal the statistic on forced marriage and child marriage in the green box. What do your students think of these numbers?	6
6 minutes	<b>Should the age be raised?</b> Watch the video of 15-year old Meera, who was forced to marry. Discuss who has failed to protect her using the diagram to help. Then allow students some time to reflect on this sensitive topic by using the questions in bubbles on slide 8 to prompt them. If you have time, ask a couple of students for their thoughts.	7-8
N/A	<b>Career Launchpad:</b> Use this slide to learn more about this topic and a career linked to the subject.	9
1 minute	<b>Yes/No summary:</b> Encourage students to reflect on this topic before they vote.	10

Stretch & challenge tasks in this box

Supporting materials for SEND & and PP pupils in this box

Please make sure you are using the 15 minute lesson PowerPoint

#### Keywords:

- Marriage
- Consent
- Forced
- Child
- Adult

#### Career launchpad:

- Learn more about the impact of child marriage:** Watch the video to hear from a victim of child marriage.
- Website Moderator:** Read what it takes to become a website moderator – someone who keeps people safe online.