

Asking for it

Imagine if, every year an International Women's Day, the Government passed a law especially for the benefit of women. In such a fantasy world, what would women ask for? We went onto the streets to find out . . .

Working it out

"Try and make sure that women have equal wages."

Una, 45

"Provide more children for women who work."

Katherine, 25

"I would have equal pay in employment, as women are equally good at doing the jobs that men do and also have equally good qualifications. It just seems unfair to me."

Bunty, 56

"Payment for women who stay at home to look after the children or for the men who do, and better career breaks for women who have children."

Jenny, 45

"Get paid for your full maternity leave."

Elaine, 30

"Working mothers still get a raw deal. If I were the prime minister I would make sure the Government paid for childcare."

Mary, 51

"I'd probably make it so that there were more women bosses."

Beverly, 21

Back to basics

"I would encourage more girls to do sciences at school. I want to do civil engineering at

university and I've just been to a university open day and I was the only girl there."

Jennifer, 18

"I'd give women opportunities in education."

Jane, 29

Man overboard

"Make it easier for women to have children and work and have a good life . . . actually, make men have children."

Sally, 30

"Get rid of men."

Nicole, 27

"I think men should have to wear skirts, it should be introduced as a sort of experiment, everyone should have to do it for a while. I think it's something that men deserve."

Sarah, 25

"If it were possible, I would change it so that men could have children, as I feel this biological difference is fundamental to why women get treated as second class citizens in society."

Ginny, 26

Play fair

"Get more women into Parliament."

Justine, 27

"I would have more severe penalties for men who rape and violently attack women. I would also make sure that the police and the courts were more understanding and sympathetic towards women who have been raped, in order to ensure that more rapes get reported and less rapists get away with it."

Jane 40

