



# SESSION PLAN

## WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN

### INTRODUCTION

If you're a woman in Afghanistan being a teacher, doctor or lawyer can put you and your family at risk.

As international troops pull out it is essential that our government takes action to help support and protect women in Afghanistan.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Learn more about the current situation in Afghanistan.
- Find out about the work of human rights defenders.
- Understand the issues surrounding women's rights in a country specific context.

### STARTER

Use the Powerpoint and/or fact sheet to introduce the situation for women in Afghanistan. If you choose not to use the Powerpoint presentation, there are questions in the notes which you could adapt for an interactive session.

### ACTIVITY IDEA 1

#### Human Rights Defenders

Show the class a film of Parween's story:

<http://www.amnesty.org.uk/afghanistan-women-human-rights-defender-teacher-parween>

Ask them to reflect on the film afterwards. They may want to talk about what they would do in that situation.

### ACTIVITY IDEA 2

#### Even if We Lose Our Lives

Explain that the script is the stories of three Human Rights Defenders who have dedicated their lives to women's rights in Afghanistan.

The script is 13 pages long so can be divided into sections with the class working in small groups. Or you can choose a section of the script for the class to focus on and ask for volunteers to read each part.

**Please note: some of the script includes details that may be upsetting for some students so please ensure you check with the teacher that the content is suitable.**



### Questions for the class about the script:

- Which of the women's human rights have been violated?
- Which human rights are the women dedicated to defending?
- Find examples that are evidence of the women's resilience.
- Choose a quote from one of the characters which you find inspirational.

*You may like to use the Human Rights Passport to support this activity.*

### DEVELOPMENT

Horia Mosadiq works at Amnesty as our Afghanistan Researcher. Listen to this audio clip to hear Horia's overview of what life has been like for women in Afghanistan over the past thirty years:

<https://audioboo.fm/boos/1590570-afghanistan-1978-2010-a-brief-history>

**TAKE ACTION with this terms Junior Urgent Action on the Women in Afghanistan Campaign.**

### More info

Women in Afghanistan Campaign

<http://www.amnesty.org.uk/issues/Women's-rights-in-Afghanistan>