

Dear Boris Johnson,

My name is Isabella Brighton, I am 13 years old and from Birmingham. When I was younger I never considered myself a feminist mainly because I didn't think that anything had to be done or changed and therefore didn't really understand the real urgency of an equal world. At school I was taught that the suffragettes fought for feminism and equal rights and at home we watched Emmeline Pankhurst chain herself to The Houses of Parliament in classic movies. That seems like a good way of showing a girl that she can be just as powerful and brave and it is but actually that was the problem. I was always shown what had already been done and solved so I grew up to believe that everything had already been accomplished. In reality there is still so much that can be done. All over the world females are being objectified and sexualised, even in the UK, girls are assaulted and groped all because they were born with different bodily features and chromosomes to males. As I'm sure you understand Mr. Johnson, just because two different people were born with different features does not equal to them having less fierce, strong and powerful personalities, characteristics or qualities.

So why is this happening? Why despite no physiological reason, women's Olympic swimming, running and cycling races are shorter than men's. Olympic boxing limits women's participation to three events, men get to compete in ten. And to sum it all up in most circumstances women are payed less for doing the same and sometimes even more work. It doesn't make sense, so I'll ask again, why is it happening?

As Prime Minister you have the power to change this, you have the chance to use your platform to not only aspire change but show all of the feminists out there that you are also. That you believe in a change and will do what no other prime minister has done before and instead of mentioning the change, you act out on it and make the change.

So please Mr. Johnson make the change.

Yours Sincerely,

Isabella Brighton