

# GOAL 8: DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

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**Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all**



50 MINUTES

## PURPOSE

To understand where and how clothes are made.

## MATERIALS

Paper, pens and a set of role cards (see next page for worksheet)

## ACTIVITY (30 MINUTES)

Show the young people a pair of jeans. Tell them that they cost £24 to buy. Lots of people were involved in making these jeans. As a group brainstorm who is involved in the production.

- Cotton grower
- Cotton buyer
- Person who weaves the cotton into fabric
- Factory owner who makes the jeans
- Shop owner who sells the jeans

Reveal the roles that they did not think of. Split them into five groups and give each group one of the roles. Explain they have 10 minutes to prepare a 'pitch' to make their

case for how much of the £24 they think they should be paid and why.

Give each group 2 minutes to deliver their pitch.

## DISCUSSION (20 minutes)

Record how much money each group asked for. Does the total come to more than £24?

Reveal to the young people how much of the £24 each person actually gets:

- Cotton grower: £0.60
- Cotton buyer: £1
- Weaver: £2
- Factory owner: £8.40
- Shop owner: £12

How do they feel about this? Is it fair?

Discuss how they think the £24 should be allocated based on what they have learned about the roles from the group pitches.

**WORKSHEET**



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## Role cards

### **Cotton grower**

Small family farm, raw materials, manual work, time to grow and harvest, unfavourable weather, looking after family

### **Weaver**

Long tricky process, highly skilled job, paying staff, repaying loans on expensive machinery

### **Cotton buyer**

Trading risks buying and selling, arranging transport, changeable markets

### **Shop owner**

Cost of premises, shop fittings, advertising, price reductions

### **Factory owner**

Meeting style requirements, quality control, paying skilled workers, profit is invested in design and manufacture of new jeans

**SUMMARY** A green downward-pointing arrow icon.

# Summary

## GOAL 8

Eradicating poverty is only possible if people are able to get stable and well-paid jobs. As well as creating jobs, working conditions need to be improved to ensure a fair income and safe and secure working environments. It is also important that men and women are given equal opportunities in the work place.

### TARGETS

- Offer opportunities for safe, creative work that motivates people's development.
- Ensure our natural resources are respected and protected in economic activities.
- Promote decent work and safe working environments for all: men and women, youth, people with disabilities, and migrant workers.
- Reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training.
- Prevent and end forced labour and child labour in all forms.

- Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants and those in precarious employment.
- Devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products.
- Increase Aid for Trade support for developing countries, in particular Least Developed Countries.
- Globally, take actions to give more jobs to young people.

### ACTIVITY

Explore the clothes supply chain and find out how fair it is.

### TAKE IT FURTHER

➤ Investigate Fairtrade cotton and how this helps cotton farmers. Find out where you can buy Fairtrade cotton locally: <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/buying-fairtrade/cotton>

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