



International Day of Families 2019 –Host a Film Screening

Why Day of Families?

- The International **Day of Families** is observed on the **15th of May** every year. The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993 with resolution A/RES/47/237 and reflects the importance the international community attaches to **families**.

WLP Activities

- As part of WLP's global Equality Starts in the Family campaign and advocacy activities on the 2019 Day of Families as part of the Equality Starts in the Family campaign you can utilize the *Equality: It's All in the Family* documentary as a public education and awareness-raising tool by screening the film and leading dialogues with community members.

About Equality: It's All in the Family

- Around the world, women are constrained by family laws that give men the power to control their right to marry or divorce, inherit property, travel without a male guardian, hold a job, choose their place of residence, or make decisions about their children's rights. In some places, family laws based on religion or traditions go so far as to support forms of violence against women, such as wife battery, early marriage for girls, and even so called "honor" killings. Drawing on expertise from prominent human rights activists and leaders, this 26-minute video examines the root causes of discriminatory laws and highlights the pathways feminist activists are taking toward legal reform.

WLP Film Screening Description

- Film Screening Event Layout – 60 minutes
 - Film/Campaign Introduction – 10 minutes
 - Film Screening – 30 minutes
 - Discussion Section about Film -15 Minutes
 - Concluding Remarks- 5 minutes
- Resources
 - Link to Film
 - Arabic: <https://learningpartnership.org/resource/equality-its-all-family-video-arabic>
 - English: <https://learningpartnership.org/resource/equality-its-all-family-video-english>
 - French: <https://learningpartnership.org/resource/equality-its-all-family-video-french>

- Persian: <https://learningpartnership.org/resource/equality-its-all-family-video-persian>
 - Portuguese: <https://learningpartnership.org/resource/equality-its-all-family-video-portuguese>
 - Kyrgyz: <https://learningpartnership.org/resource/equality-its-all-family-video-kyrgyz>
 - Russian: <https://learningpartnership.org/resource/equality-its-all-family-video-russian>
- Questions for Discussion
 - What does inequality in the family look like in your community?
 - What role does education play in challenging gender inequality in the family?
 - What do you think is the most effective way to address inequality in the family?
 - How can we mitigate negative gender stereotypes?
 - How can gender roles in families restrict women's leadership potential?
 - Key Points for Facilitators
 - Discriminatory legislation prevents women from accessing their human rights.
 - The hierarchical and top-down decision-making characterized by patriarchy are not only shared in families across the world but are replicated in educational institutions, the workplace, and politics.
 - Inequality, discrimination and violence are linked through family law. Domestic violence is not only a legal matter but also a matter of culture, stereotyped roles, habits, and traditional attitudes regarding women as subordinate or submissive to men, which needs to be changed.
 - Even when there are constitutional guarantees of gender equality, social practices that engender power imbalances between men and women have prevailed.