



## Girl Agenda 2018: Leading Change Through Civic Action Discussion Guide

### Recommendations for Leading a Discussion

1. Ask a girl to serve as facilitator.
2. Use takeaway cards or boards for discussion participants to capture their thoughts, including commitments for future actions and other post-event follow-up. Ideas could be tied to Gold Award projects, the earning of Citizen badges, and/or other local civic engagement opportunities or Girl Scout events/activities.

### Discussion Questions

#### Panel One: Change the World Like a G.I.R.L.—from City Council to Congress

1. The year 2020 is going to be the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. You heard a panelist talk about why she thinks voting is important—why do you think it's important for everyone to register to vote?
  - a. How do you see voting as a means to driving impactful change in the community? In our nation? In the world?
  - b. Are enough people in our community registered to vote? How might we support others in registering and getting their voices heard?
2. Why is it important for a diversity of people, particularly women, to run for office?
  - a. What are the benefits and challenges of individuals with a wide range of views representing a community?

#### Panel Two: Change-Makers Mobilizing Communities to Take Action

3. Which of the panelists' responses surprised you and why? (Reminder: surprises can be positive or negative!)
  - a. Was there a story a panelist shared that inspired you? How so?
  - b. Did a panelist's story spark the realization that there's something *you* would like to change in your community? If so, please share!

#### Newly Launched Girl Scout Public Service Announcement

4. It was exciting to see Girl Scouts' new PSA debuted at the GIRL Agenda 2018 event! What do you hope viewers unfamiliar with Girl Scouts will learn from seeing the PSA for the first time?
  - a. Which of the Girl Scout alums in the PSA inspired you most and why?



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### Working with Girls in Your Troop

Don't forget to encourage and support your girls in earning their Citizen badges!

Badges by grade level:

- Daisy—Good Neighbor
- Brownie—Celebrating Community
- Junior—Inside Government
- Cadette—Finding Common Ground
- Senior—Behind the Ballot
- Ambassador—Public Policy

And after that, point girls to our **Step Up, Stand Up, and Get Involved** resource so they can take their civic engagement to the next level! The resource is available for...

- [Girls in Grades K–5](#)
- [Girls in Middle School](#)
- [Girls in High School](#)