

My Speech on the Ideas and Education of Children.

I am here today to speak to you about the importance of the education and the ideas of children.

We, the children, are the next generation of politicians, scientists, doctors, teachers, engineers, mathematicians and parents – we are the next adults. We are all bursting with brilliant ideas on how to improve our world; but our young age gets in the way. Because we are still learning and we aren't grown up, some of our ideas are considered too hard to achieve and many adults say they can do better. What they forget is that they were children once, they forget that they had ideas too.

Education is what allows ideas to take shape and thrive. Our ideas cannot flourish unless we have the best start possible in life. For example, if we are not encouraged at school to speak out confidently, we will never get our ideas across and out into the world.

This is why I think it is so important for children, the next generation, to be educated and educated well. There are 2 billion children in the world at the moment and 264 million of them are uneducated. It would cost around 30 billion pounds a year to put all adolescents into school. This may seem like an impossible number but the money could come from simple changes. For example, setting aside domestic waste, an estimated 72 billion pounds worth of food is wasted each year; that's just from factories and supermarkets deciding if a certain product is good enough to sell. 72 billion pounds worth of perfectly good food ends up in landfill sites every year.

If we stop wasting food and put this money into education, we can put every child through secondary school twice! – and with money to spare – so every child in the world would get free primary and secondary education and we could use the extra money for new facilities or building new schools. If this idea became a reality then the idea of a child would have solved the answer to both food waste and children's education in one go!

If every child is educated, then it's possible for every person in the next generation of adults to have ideas that we can build on. Ideas that they can put out there; ideas that will change our world; ideas that can flourish; ideas that can make a better tomorrow.