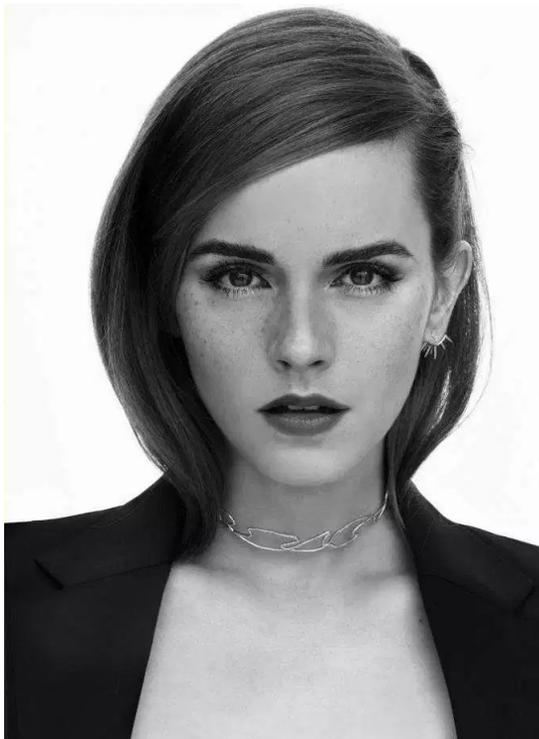


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Emma Watson

*"The world will not be destroyed by those who
do evil, but by those who watch them without
doing anything."
Albert Einstein*



BACKGROUND

Emma Watson, well-spoken and talented theatrically has marked an important place in elite Hollywood and our humane society. Emma Watson, born Emma Charlotte Duerre Watson, was born to two English lawyers in Paris, France on April 15th 1990. At the age of 5, following her parents' divorce she moved to Oxfordshire, England with her mom and brother where she began her education. Her weekends were spent in London with her dad. From a young age, the English actress knew theater was the path she aspired to take in life. Alongside regular school, she was enrolled part time in the Oxford Stagecoach Theatre Arts and was coached in singing, acting and dancing. By ten years old, she was already involved in many school plays and Stagecoach productions.

ACADEMICS AND AWARDS

In 1999, she made her debut as Hermione Granger in the movie Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone alongside Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Tom Felton. Not only did the movie have astounding criticism but audiences around the world instantly fell in love with her and her style, winning her the Young Artist Award for Leading Young

How can we effect change in the world when only half of it is invited or feel welcome to participate in the conversation?

— Emma Watson —

Actress in a Feature Film amongst many nominations. For a whole decade, she carried on playing the role of Hermione in the other 8 Harry Potter movies. Her talents have earned her many notable awards such as the People's Choice Awards for Favourite Dramatic Movie Actress, the MTV Trailblazer Award and many more. Throughout the years, she has also starred in other well-known and successful movies such as The Perks of Being a Wallflower, Disney's live-action Beauty and the Beast and the humorous comedies the Bling Ring and This Is the End. She had also begun partaking in the modelling and fashion industry. Additionally, certified in 2013, she began teaching yoga and meditation. Supplementary to her acting career, Watson decided to further pursue her education graduating Brown University in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in English literature.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The same year she was nominated as the "UN Women Goodwill Ambassador" after addressing and advocating many present issues. By the age of 24, she had been promoting women's education. The young actress even travelled to Zambia and Bangladesh to further accomplish her goal. Watson served as an Ambassador in Africa for 'Camfed International' where she encouraged development of education in the rural areas of Africa where the poverty was significant. Her humanitarian work for the "United Nations Women's Rights" was honorable and made a mark in history. Watson captured numerous people's attention on the matter and her

involvement became viral in the media. The actress was passionate about gender equality since she herself was a young girl. Therefore, she gained the title of activist.

Emma is determined to promote feminism and address the issue for people to understand the importance of this matter. Additionally, she leads a campaign called #HeforShe which encourages men to promote gender equality and treat the subject with respect. She introduces a new meaning of "feminism" and voices for it not to be identified as a man hating group but as a beneficial group aiding the segregation between men and women.

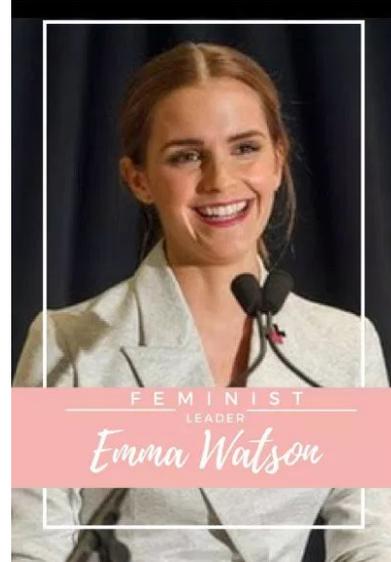


Emma Watson stands proudly representing this campaign preparing the next generation's taking over of this legacy.

THE WORLD'S PERSPECTIVE

Gaining fame before her debut as a feminist brought more attention to Emma's advocations. As a result, women and men from all over the world have been inspired to create their own campaigns and fight for a better world. Emma is well respected and admired by critics, viewers and film industries. As a young adult what she has accomplished career and humanitarian wise is remarkable and inspiring. These are the leaders that we need

more of to ensure equality and women's rights in our future. According to Emma Watson "If we do nothing it will take 75 years before women can expect to be paid the same as men for the same work. 15.5 million girls will be married in the next 16 years as children and at current rates it won't be until 2086 before all rural African girls can attend secondary education". Believing in inequality unites us and fortifies the effects of the #HeforShe campaign. As Watson herself said "the label 'feminist' is not important, it is the idea behind it".



"Both men and women should feel free to be sensitive. Both men and women should feel free to be strong...it is time that we all perceive gender on a spectrum not as two opposing sets of ideas."

Emma Watson

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