



MAKE EQUALITY REAL

Taking action

Equal Rights, Equal Respect

Equality and human rights

What does equality mean to you?

What are human rights?

Watch a video and find out

<http://www.youthforhumanrights.org/what-are-human-rights.html>

Why equality and human rights matter

My equality and human rights

- On Post-it notes, write down as many reasons as you can for why human rights and equality are important to you and your community.
- Think about:
 - If you are treated equally and your human rights are respected, how does it make you feel?
 - What does equality and human rights protect you from?
 - What would life be like without equality and human rights?
 - Who in your community might need equality and human rights to help their lives?

Equality and human rights for us

- Equality and human rights are **all about you!**
- But, because there are lots of you, me and others, they are also about **our community**. They are for **everyone**.
- Today we are going to be creating ideas for how you can help to promote and protect **everyone's equality and human rights**.
- Today's lesson objectives:
 - Appreciate the benefits and importance of equality and human rights.
 - Be able to promote and protect equality and human rights in my school and community.

Equality and human rights matter

- Human rights and equality are about making sure everyone is treated fairly, with dignity and respect.
- And that everyone has an equal chance to develop and reach their potential.
- It is important that we all help to promote equality and human rights for everyone!



Be equality and human rights champions

- As you have learnt, people aren't always treated equally and their rights can be ignored.
- But now you know your rights and respect differences, you can stand up when you or others are being treated unfairly.
- It is important to help everyone feel safe and valued, and it is important to feel proud for taking action!
- Be role models for your friends and people in the community.
- When you do the right thing, you will feel good!



Make your pledge

- Work in groups to make a pledge for how you can help to improve equality and human rights in your community.
- Think of an issue, then think of ways that you can try to tackle it.
- Be ambitious but think of something that you can really achieve.
- This is your chance to **really make a difference!**



What issue will you choose?

- Brainstorm lots of ideas for things that you think are equality and human rights problems.
- You could choose to help a particular group of people e.g. the elderly, disabled, children etc.
- Or think about wider issues amongst the whole community.



How will you do it?

- Then brainstorm lots of ideas for how you can tackle it.
- You might create an assembly, podcast, placards, leaflets, Facebook campaign, poster, advert etc.
- Every idea is a good idea, so be creative.



Share your pledge

Present

- Prepare your pledge so that you can present it to your class.
- Explain:
 - What your pledge is?
 - What problem it will help to tackle?
 - How you are going to make it happen?

Remember

- We all have human rights, and are all different!
- It is important we respect each other's human rights and differences!
- You should all feel proud about standing up for your rights, and helping to make sure everyone has an equal chance to reach their potential!
- You can make a difference!



What have we learnt?

- ✓ To appreciate the benefits of equality and human rights.
- ✓ To be able to promote and protect equality and human rights in my school and community.