Human Rights

Rights

Rights are related to the values that societies live by. Value systems vary in detail between one society and another but the fundamentals and ideas are similar. Concepts of justics and human dignity are at the heart of these caluess.

When we talk about human rights, we refer to the principals that the nations for the world have agreed to refer to as human rights.

What do rights cover?

Human rights and freedoms cover virtually every area of human activity.

* Civil and political rights – freedom of speech and freedom from torture
* Economic and social rights – right to health, education and work
* Individual rights – right to a fair trial
* Group rights – right to a health environment or to native title

Human rights are important to:

* Recognise every individuals dignity
* Create a common value system
* Ensure justice, tolerance and equity for all

Who is responsible?

EVERYONE, ALL THE TIME!

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)

* Is the basis of human rights protection and promotion around the world and has been endorsed by all countries
* The existence of the UDHR by itself does not mean that human rights violations do not continue to occur

Questions:

1. What is the purpose of the UDHR?  
   When human rights do you value the most? Why/why not?
2. What would it mean if these rights were taken from you?
3. In Australia, what could you do if your human rights were not respected/violated?