

10 DECEMBER

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

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WHY DO WE MARK THIS DAY?



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UNESCO

Human Rights Day is observed every year on December 10– the day on which the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. The declaration empowers all human beings by giving them their basic rights. As such, one has to be responsible to stand for their rights and at the same time respect the rights of others.

In December 1948, UNESCO was the first United Nations agency to place the Universal Declaration at the heart of all its action, to promote it across the world through education and mass media. Human Rights Day aims to advocate for people about their social, cultural, and physical rights and to ensure the wellbeing of every individual by providing equal opportunities regardless of their sex, gender, religion, race, and ethnicity. The UN urges every nation to address issues such as discrimination and inequality.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- ✓ What are human rights?

- ✓ Who is entitled to human rights and why?

- ✓ How can the universal nature of the declaration on human rights be applied to current and future challenges we face?

- ✓ How can universal human rights be guaranteed if they can't be enforced?

MEET TODAY'S GLOBAL CITIZEN



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

First Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights

She was less interested in being the wife of a powerful man; instead, she was more interested in her own volunteer work and pursuing her own career and political interests. She was particularly interested in issues around child welfare, housing, and equal rights for women and people of color.

She wrote, spoke, and acted for justice and equality.