

The Human Rights Pledge

*I will respect your rights regardless of who you are.
I will uphold your rights even when I disagree with you.
When anyone's human rights are denied,
everyone's rights are undermined, so I will STAND UP.
I will raise my voice. I will take action.
I will use my rights to stand up for your rights.*

- Can you voluntarily take the pledge? Do you have any reservations?
- Would you make any changes?
- Would you want others to take the pledge to uphold your rights?

When have you or others succeeded or failed to uphold the rights of others?

- Tell a story of someone who stood up for others.
- Are those with more rights better able to stand up for those without? For example, whites for Blacks, men for women, straight people for gay people, free people for those enslaved, imprisoned or living under occupation.
- Do those with more rights have a responsibility to stand up for others?
- What can people who lack rights do to stand up for themselves?
- What does it mean to take a pledge?
- Think of one thing you can pledge to now or in the future.