

EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Monthly Newsletter by Saint Helena Equality and Human Rights Commission



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This month in Saint history for human rights:

21st November 1784: Clara Rich, a slave, was baptised at St. James' Church. She later went on to be the founder of one of the island's most successful schools.

9th November 1840: The legality of the Vice-Admiralty Court, is confirmed by the Advocate General in London is established in St Helena to give judgement in cases where ship crews are charged with slave trading.

16th November 1984: The United Nations General Assembly votes to urge the UK to bolster St Helena's economy and raise the native awareness of the right to become independent. The Independence call is not heeded.

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN 2020

The White Ribbon Campaign is a global movement of men and boys working to end male violence against women and girls. The campaign was intended to raise awareness about the prevalence of male violence against women, with the ribbon symbolizing "the idea of men giving up their arms". Active in over 60 countries, the movement seeks to promote healthy relationships, gender equity, and a compassionate vision of masculinity.



IMMIGRATION

The Equality and Human Rights Commission has reviewed the new Immigration Policy and have submitted their views as part of the consultation process. Two recommendations were made by the Commission. Contact the EHRC to find out more.



DECEMBER 2020

*This month in Saint history for human rights:
7th December 1968: 52 years ago today. St Helena General Workers Union sends a delegation to London to protest against Solomons shares being owned by foreigners (SATIC).*

12th December 2014: Human remains are found in Ruperts Valley which are found to be of 'Liberated Africans'. Many graves are subsequently discovered.

10th December 2015: The island's Equality & Human Rights Commission is formally opened, to coincide with World Human Rights Day.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Human Rights Day is celebrated annually across the world on 10 December every year. The date was chosen to honor the United Nations General Assembly's adoption and proclamation, on 10 December 1948, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the first global enunciation of human rights and one of the first major achievements of the new United Nations.

The theme this year is: Recover Better-Stand Up for Human Rights. Referring to the Covid-19 Pandemic there is need to focus on ensuring Human Rights are central to recovery efforts ensuring there is no inequalities, exclusions or discrimination.



ST HELENA- ALTOGETHER FAIRER?

The Equality and Human Rights Commission has received complaints from individuals of unfair treatment, racism, etc. from both Saints and non-Saints.

Is there a divide in Society?

The EHRC therefore proposes to research the nature of the divide in order to understand its roots in society. A deeper understanding of the situation will enable the EHRC to recommend actions for itself, SHG and others to help reduce the divide, increase mutual respect and understanding between all groups in society and over time reduce the problem.

What do you think?

Share your thoughts with us, contact us via telephone, email or come and visit us in the PWD Yard at the Castle in Jamestown.

