“Walk a Mile in their shoes”
Human Rights Presentation

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

United Nations Declaration of Human Rights

Aim: To enable students to gain insight into the range of Human Rights Issues that currently affects various people in different parts of the world.
To encourage students to formulate individual responses to an issue of interest.
To foster knowledge of the issue via the preparation of a short Powerpoint / Photo Story presentation.
To prepare a written response to the issue and submit a review of the literature used to research the task.
To draw parallels and insights into the issue from the novel To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Task One: Choose a Human Rights issue that is of interest to you and prepare a Powerpoint presentation that could be used to publicise the issue in the general community. The presentation will be shown to the class so consider how you gain their attention. You may wish to use music or audio files to add impact.

Your presentation MUST:

- Explain the issue, its history and where it is occurring.
- Refer to the UN Declaration of Human Rights.
- Give the victims a “voice”, providing accounts of their experiences and their views.
- Provide images and statistics that reflect the gravity of the situation.
- Clearly indicate and examine campaigns being waged to introduce positive change and the key figures or organizations involved. (UN, Amnesty International, Greenpeace etc)
- Link in at least one quote from To Kill a Mockingbird that relates to your issue.
- Provide a bibliography of the resources used.

Task Two: Prepare a 4 to 5 min speech discussing a Human Rights issue that concerns you. Your speech must present a clear point of view and utilise public speaking devices (tone, emotive language, quotes etc) to engage your audience. You should draw on the research that you utilised for your presentation. Ensure that your speech is presented passionately and make it relevant.

Task Three: “React “ is a monthly magazine aimed at and written by teenagers. It provides stories on real issues and seeks to promote discussion and thinking about local and global issues. They are publishing a “Human Rights “ edition and would like you to assist.

- Prepare a 500-600 word opinion article. Your piece should draw from the information you have researched, but be written in a manner that teenagers would understand. Ensure your layout is appropriate for both the magazine and its audience. Think about adding some features that would enhance the appeal of your page.
- Design a front cover for this edition that refers to your issue and other Human Rights’ issues of interest.