

Becoming an active citizen: Individual Liberty

Freedom of Expression	This is being able to speak, write and create about what you think. It is important to make sure others have this freedom too and to make sure no one is hurt by it.
Freedom to meet	Being free to join groups with other people whether they are large or small.
Freedom of movement	Being able to travel without being stopped unless somewhere is private or unsafe.
Freedom of religion	Being free to make up your own mind about whether you follow a religion.
Human Rights	Freedoms and protections that everyone has, no matter who they are, because they are a human being.
United Nations	The United Nations (UN) were set up in 1945 after World War Two to try to keep peace between all countries and avoid future wars.
Universal Declaration of Human Rights	In 1948 the UN wrote this to give everyone in the world, whoever they are, certain rights and protections and try to prevent terrible cruelties like happened during World War Two happening ever again.
Convention of the Rights of the Child	In 1989 the UN created this international law to help further protect children and make sure they are happy, healthy and safe. In 1991 the UK Government agreed to follow these rules.
The Human Rights Act	In 1998 the UK Government created this law to help make sure everyone's Human Rights are protected.

Key vocabulary

Individual	Something to do with one person.
Liberty	Similar to freedom. Liberty means we are not forced to do things, have choice and the power to decide.
Universal	Something everyone has everywhere.
Law	A rule made by the Government that everyone must follow.
Responsibility	Some things that we have to do.

The story of the Magna Carta

In 1215 King John angered his Barons by making unfair laws and forcing them to pay for unsuccessful wars.

The Barons forced King John to agree a '**great charter**', a list of rules.

For the first time (many) people were given rights and protections. Kings and Queens had to follow the law too.

The Magna Carta inspired future rules around the world and **Human Rights**.