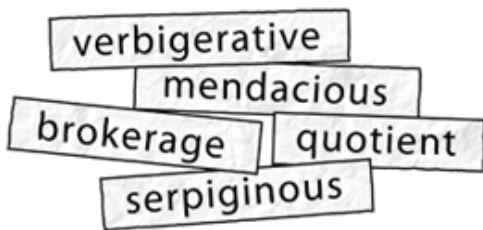




# Human Rights Day Letter



Some of the words in this letter are long and hard to understand.



If a word is in **bold**, it means you can look it up in the 'hard words' section.



## Hard words

**UDHR:** Universal Declaration of Human Rights. A document signed by 192 countries, including the UK, saying they will protect human rights.

**ECHR:** European Convention of Human Rights. A law agreed by 46 countries, including the UK, saying what rights we have and that we can take the government to court if they do not look after them.



Dear Prime  
Minister and  
political leaders,



Today is Human  
Rights Day.



In 1948, countries  
all over the world  
signed the  
Universal  
Declaration of  
Human Rights  
(**UDHR**).



Human rights are for all of us, all the time, because we are all people.



The **UDHR** inspired the European Convention on Human Rights (**ECHR**).



The **ECHR** was made part of UK law by the Human Rights Act.



This means people can make sure their human rights are protected through UK courts.



This year, we are also celebrating that the Rights Removal Bill was not passed by the UK Government.



This Bill would have taken away human rights protections in the UK.



People all across the UK came together to speak up against the Bill.



Eleanor Roosevelt, one of the people who wrote the **UDHR**, said human rights start in the “small places close to home”.



This means that even though human rights are a big idea, they need to help even in the villages or towns where we all live.



There is lots of work still to be done to protect human rights across the UK.



We are asking politicians to use their words and actions to help protect human rights for everyone in the UK.



The organisations that signed this letter are: