WHAT ARE HUMAN RIGHTS?

Human rights are basic entitlements that belong to every one of us. No one can take these rights away from us. They are ours simply because we are human beings.

We are all different. We may differ in our nationality, race, ethnicity, place of origin, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation, disability, economic and social status. Yet, despite these differences, there are things we have in common: needs and wants shared by all people.

Human rights have been codified in international agreements, regional frameworks and national laws.