

10th of December, Human Rights Day 2021

Letter from 159 groups across the UK



Today is Human Rights Day.



All over the world, on Human Rights Day we celebrate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).



The UDHR is an agreement where governments all over the world say that they will look after the human rights of the people that live in their countries.



The Human Rights Act is a law that protects our human rights in the UK.



Today we want to remember that our Human Rights Act is very important as it protects the things that everyone should have



It helps us to be treated equally and with dignity and respect.



It protects all of us in the same way and gives us all the same rights and protections.



In the Second World War terrible things happened.



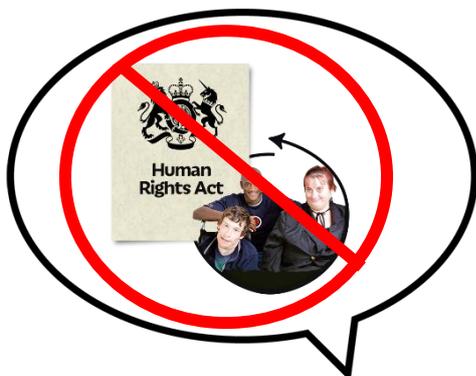
That is why afterwards, countries across the world came together to agree on human rights and write them down in the UDHR.



They agreed that human rights should protect all of us and that nobody should be able to take away the rights of another.



They also agreed that everyone should follow the law, including the government.



But nowadays a lot of people, including politicians, talk about our human rights in a bad way.



Some people are talking about making changes to our Human Rights Act.



This makes us feel worried.



The Coronavirus pandemic has been difficult for everyone.



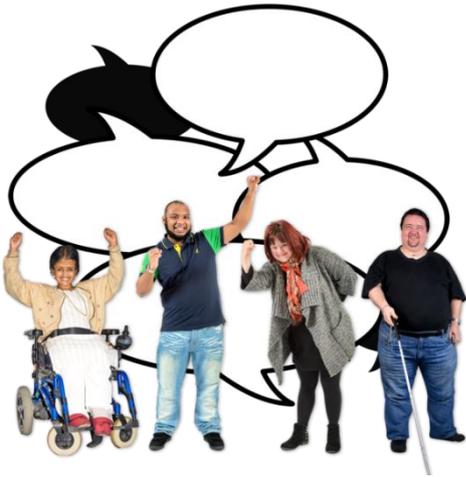
But some communities have been treated worse than others.



One example is disabled people and people who need care and support but sadly there are many more.



We must protect everyone's human rights so that we can all recover from the pandemic.



On days like today, we should be talking about how we can use human rights to build a world we want



We want a world where powerful people, including politicians, don't just talk about what happened in the past.



Instead, they must make sure that our rights under the Human Rights Act are a part of everyone's life, every day.

