

Find out about human rights

Human rights can be traced back through many centuries of history

Did you know....

- 1689: British Bill of Rights is adopted
- 1791: U.S. Bill of Rights incorporates notions of freedom of speech, press, and fair trial into the new U.S. Constitution
- 1893: Women in New Zealand are given the vote - the first in the world
- 1962: In Australia, the Commonwealth Electoral Act was amended to grant all Aborigines the right to vote in federal elections
- 1975: In Australia, the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 comes into force
- 1981: In Australia, the Human Rights Commission Act 1981 is enacted, which establishes the national Human Rights Commission
- 1984: In Australia, the Sex Discrimination Act comes into force
- 1992: In Australia, the Disability Discrimination Act comes into force
- 2004: In Australia, the Age Discrimination Act comes into force

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