

EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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AUGUST

This month in Saint history for human rights.

1st August 1834: Slavery is formally abolished throughout the British Empire

14th August 1847: The Poor Society is established.

28th August 1716: A Mrs Snow abandons her husband and sails off with Captain Martin in his ship Queen.

Governor Isaac Pyke comments that the moral tone of the island would be improved if Jephthah Fowler's wife and three other women had also gone.

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OUR CONSTITUTION

A Constitution defines the relationship between individuals and the state, and to establish the broad rights of individual citizens. It is thus the most basic law of a territory from which all the other laws and rules are hierarchically derived. It is the source of all government powers, and also provides important limitations on the government that protect the fundamental rights of its citizens.

The Constitution of Saint Helena is currently undergoing its 10 year review. What changes regarding democracy would you wish to see in our Constitution?

DATA PROTECTION

Data protection refers to the practices, safeguards, and rules to protect your personal information and ensure you remain in control of it. Simply put, you should be able to decide whether or not you want to share your information, including who has access to it, for how long, for what reason, and more. The UK Data Protection Act of 2018 controls how personal information is used by organizations, businesses or the government. It gives assurance that anyone who handles or stores your personal information respects your right to privacy and will not share it without your consent. The UK Data Protection Act UK protects the privacy and rights of its citizens online. There is currently no data protection policy for St Helena.



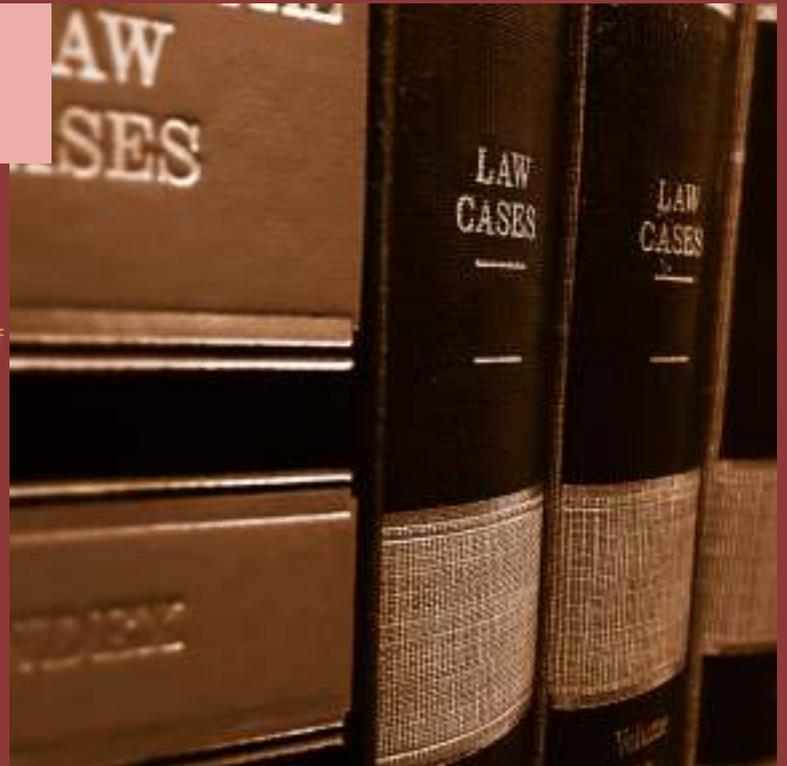
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stakeholder/Community engagement is about relationships. It is about thoughtful consideration of consensus building and considers traditional practices, heritage and ancestral knowledge, experiences, values, and beliefs within a culture and community. The process of Development is the promise of reaching design solutions that satisfy function while prioritizing that which the community holds dear. Development, which threatens to impose, obscure, and disrupt meaningful places and practices, is an assault upon culture and society.



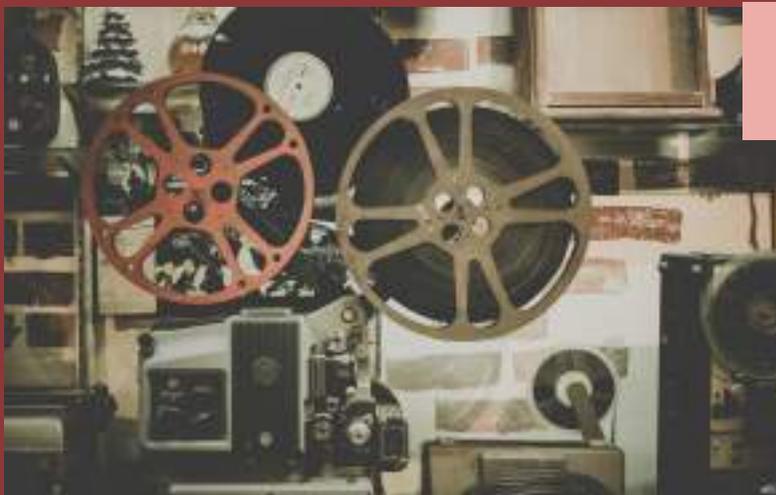
FAIR REPRESENTATION

When a person is charged with a crime, or involved in some other legal dispute, they have the right to a fair trial. This means a fair and public hearing, within a reasonable time, by an independent and impartial court. There still exists the need for the requisite level of training for those individuals responsible for implementing the right, the necessary degree of domestic implementation of the right and the mechanisms to monitor the implementation of the right. Many Governments are taking a fresh look at how they can develop institutions which will provide enduring protection for human rights. Government should recognize that judicial and administrative structures necessary to guarantee the right to a fair trial and a remedy are indispensable for the protection of all other human rights.



THIS MONTH

- Friday August 7, 18:30 for 7pm, Jamestown Community Centre. The Boat that Rocked.
- 9 Aug Sunday. International Day of the World's Indigenous People
- 19 Aug Wednesday. World Humanitarian Day
- 23 Aug Sunday. International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition



HENRY DAVID THOREAU: DISOBEDIENCE IS THE TRUE FOUNDATION OF LIBERTY. THE OBEDIENT MUST BE SLAVES