

# EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

*Monthly Newsletter by Saint Helena Equality and Human Rights Commission*



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*This month in Saint history for human rights.  
"31st July 1819: Unrest between the Chinese population in Upper Jamestown and some soldiers results in the soldiers shooting and killing two Chinese. The unrest continues for two more days. The Coroner finds the cause of the deaths to be wilful murder, however, when the case is heard in Court the soldiers are acquitted".  
info from <https://sainthelenaisland.info/inthismonth.htm>*

## AT THE BANK

Bank of St Helena Ltd opened their Wheelchair Priority Teller Station in May 2020. As a Priority Station, wheelchair users do not need to join the queue and can visit the cashier when they become available. Managing Director Josephine George commented: "We are pleased that we have taken yet another small step to accommodate our customers who cannot readily use our existing services such as those who are wheelchair bound. The sheer delight on our customers faces when undertaking tasks with ease is immensely rewarding."



## SUNSHINE AND RAINBOW



*The removal of the right to freedom of movement is the only human right which may be removed as punishment for the men and women who are remanded or sentenced to detention in prison. The improvements to Jamestown prison have endeavoured to achieve exactly that. The prison is now flooded with visible light and dignity compared to its former, illegal and inhumane condition. A new addition to the prison family, is Rainbow, a rescued local cat brought in for the prisoners as pet therapy. Check out Rainbow's twitter page [Rainbow@hmps\\_jamestown](https://twitter.com/Rainbow@hmps_jamestown)*



## SAINT HISTORY MATTERS

*Excerpt from Peggy King Jorde's letter 'Black History Matters' to Saint Helena Equality and Human Rights Commission:*

Some say, "change never comes when it is comfortable and convenient, and equal treatment can't prevail without a willingness to challenge the system." The practice of silence has gone far too long, and it's an excellent time to get comfortable with the uncomfortable. Be a cultural custodian. Defend the sites of conscience that uphold the humanity of black lives, culture, and history. Commit to confronting systemic racism and the legacy of slavery & the Middle Passage. Never fear striking down the injustices and omissions affecting all humanity along the way. We are all a piece of the continent and a part of the main..... BE THE CHANGE!

## WEB ACCESS FOR ALL

*In the summer of 2016, the United Nations declared access to internet is a human right. While we are just beginning to realize the internet's potential for our island and with the prospects of a high speed cable arriving on our shores, perhaps now is the time to re-evaluate the importance of information technology for EVERYONE. Can we truly reach our fullest potential if access to the World Wide Web is available only to those who can afford it?*



## THIS MONTH

- 18 July. Nelson Mandela International Day
- 30 July. International Day of Friendship
- EHRC Film for Friday August 7, 18:30 for 7pm, Jamestown Community Centre. **The Boat that Rocked.** Set in 1966, it tells the story of the fictional pirate radio station "Radio Rock" and its crew of eclectic disc jockeys, who broadcast rock and pop music to the United Kingdom from a ship anchored in the North Sea while the British government endeavors to shut them down.

*Nelson Mandela: Sometimes, it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that Generation. Let your greatness blossom*