

EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Monthly Newsletter by Saint Helena Equality and Human Rights Commission



Happy New Year to all our readers

“This year promises to be another challenging year for many of us due to the pandemic and our concerns both for friends and family overseas and for our own safety here. The year will also bring challenges for the EHRC as we consider changes to our Constitution, proposals for various new laws and the many inequalities that exist on St Helena. All of us at the EHRC wish you all a safe and healthy 2021, free from inequalities but if it turns out not to be like that, we are here to help.”

-CEO, EHRC

JANUARY 2021



This month in Saint history for Human Rights:

20th January 1961: Governor Robert Alford opens the new Jamestown Primary School buildings (now Pilling School).

1st January 1967: A new Constitution comes into force, with major changes to the island's governing bodies and the introduction of democracy.

20th January 2020: The UK Privy Council rejects an appeal by the Government of St Helena, forcing it to pay 100% of the compensation due to the victims in a medical mismanagement case. The Government of St Helena had argued that it should only have to pay ⅓. The Equality & Human Rights Commission assisted in the defence against the appeal.

THE WORLD CAFE ON ST HELENA

The World Cafe is a simple yet sophisticated method for holding meaningful conversations about important questions.

The World Cafe event is being lead by Samantha Dunn on the 6th February 2021. This is a study into exploring creative ways of supporting children's right to participate in research to understand their lived experiences as a part of her Doctorate in Education (EdD).

This event will explore what children and young people on St Helena believe matters to them. This is to support children's right to participate in decision making and to explore childhood through St Helenian children's perspectives. This will be done by holding an event in Jamestown for children and young people ages 10-16 years.



ST HELENA-ALTOGETHER FAIRER?

A Study into Racism/Xenophobia on St Helena.

We need your help.

Have you ever felt you have been treated unfairly because you are a Saint or because you are not a Saint?

Do you think there is unfairness/racism or xenophobia on the island?

The EHRC would really like to hear your thoughts and experiences, whoever you are.

We are carrying out research into some of the divisions in our society to gain a deeper understanding of the current situation which will enable the EHRC to recommend actions for itself, SHG and others to help reduce these divisions, increase mutual respect and understanding between all groups in society and over time reduce the incidence of racism to help make St Helena Altogether Fairer.



ST HELENA-ALTOGETHER FAIRER HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Contact us to arrange to talk to someone of your choice from the EHRC.

All information will be kept completely confidential and anonymous - no names will be published or shared.

For a copy of the full terms of reference or to make an appointment please Call 22133 or Email carol@humanrightsthelena.org



Coming together is a **beginning**, staying together is **progress**, and working together is **success**.- Henry Ford