

# ORMISTON CHADWICK ACADEMY YEAR 10 RPE HUMAN RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER WSAW 2

KEY TERMS	DEFINITION
Social justice	Ensuring that society treats people fairly whether they are poor or rich, protects people's human rights.
Human rights	The basic rights and freedoms to which all humans should be entitled.
Equality	State of being equal, in status, rights and opportunities.
Prejudice	Unfairly judging someone before the facts are known, holding biased opinions about an individual or group.
Discrimination	Actions or behaviours that act on someone's prejudice.
Heterosexual	Attracted to members of the opposite sex.
Homosexual	Attracted to members of your own sex.
Freedom of religion	The right to believe or practice whatever religion you choose.
Freedom of religious expression	The right to worship, preach, and practice your faith in whatever way you choose.
Disability	Physical or mental impairment which has an adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out day to day activities.
Positive discrimination	Treating people more favourably because they have been discriminated against in the past or have disabilities.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social justice is about trying to protect people's civil liberties, rights and opportunities. It's about taking care of the less advantaged people in society. Social justice is all about having fairness in society.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

These are the basic rights and freedoms that we should have as human, these include:

- Right to Freedom
- Equality
- Right to an Education
- Right to Life
- Right to a fair trial
- Freedom of belief and religion

## FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION

This is the freedom to worship in whatever way you choose or not to worship at all it is each person's choice. You can preach as long as you don't preach hatred or intolerance. Christians believe Jesus taught freedom of religion, the freedom to believe and worship in public or private, to change religion or not follow religion at all is seen as a fundamental human right.

## EQUALITY

We are all equal as made by God in his image, therefore everyone should be treated the same. Christians should treat people with equal value.

## GENDER

In early Christianity there was a lot of gender discrimination towards women. For example man was to be seen as head of the women. Women should stay silent in church. Many churches in today's society will allow women to be priests but this is not the case for Catholics as they believe priests should be a reflection of Jesus' disciples and Jesus had no women disciples so therefore there are no women priests.

## SEXUALITY

The Adam and Eve story implies to some Christians that the relationships God intended were that of a heterosexual nature as in these relations you can reproduce as was ordered by God when he said "Be fruitful and multiply."

In modern day, many churches have looked at the teaching of the inclusive idea, love is love. Therefore it is seen as more acceptable than in early Christianity to accept homosexuality.

## KEY QUOTES:

"All humans are born free and equal in dignity and rights." (Declaration of Human Rights)

"Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion." (Declaration of Human Rights)