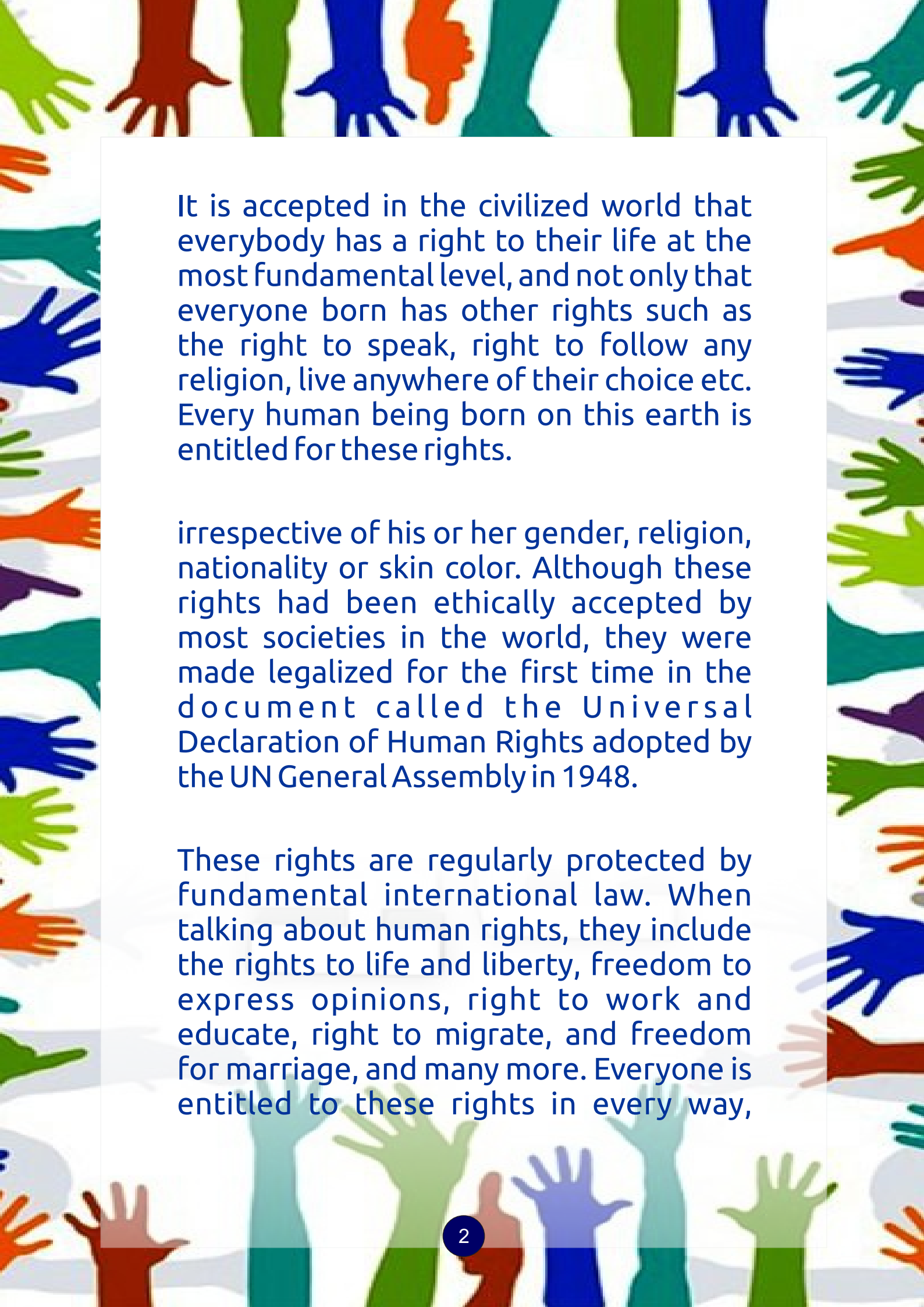




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Importance of Education on Human Rights

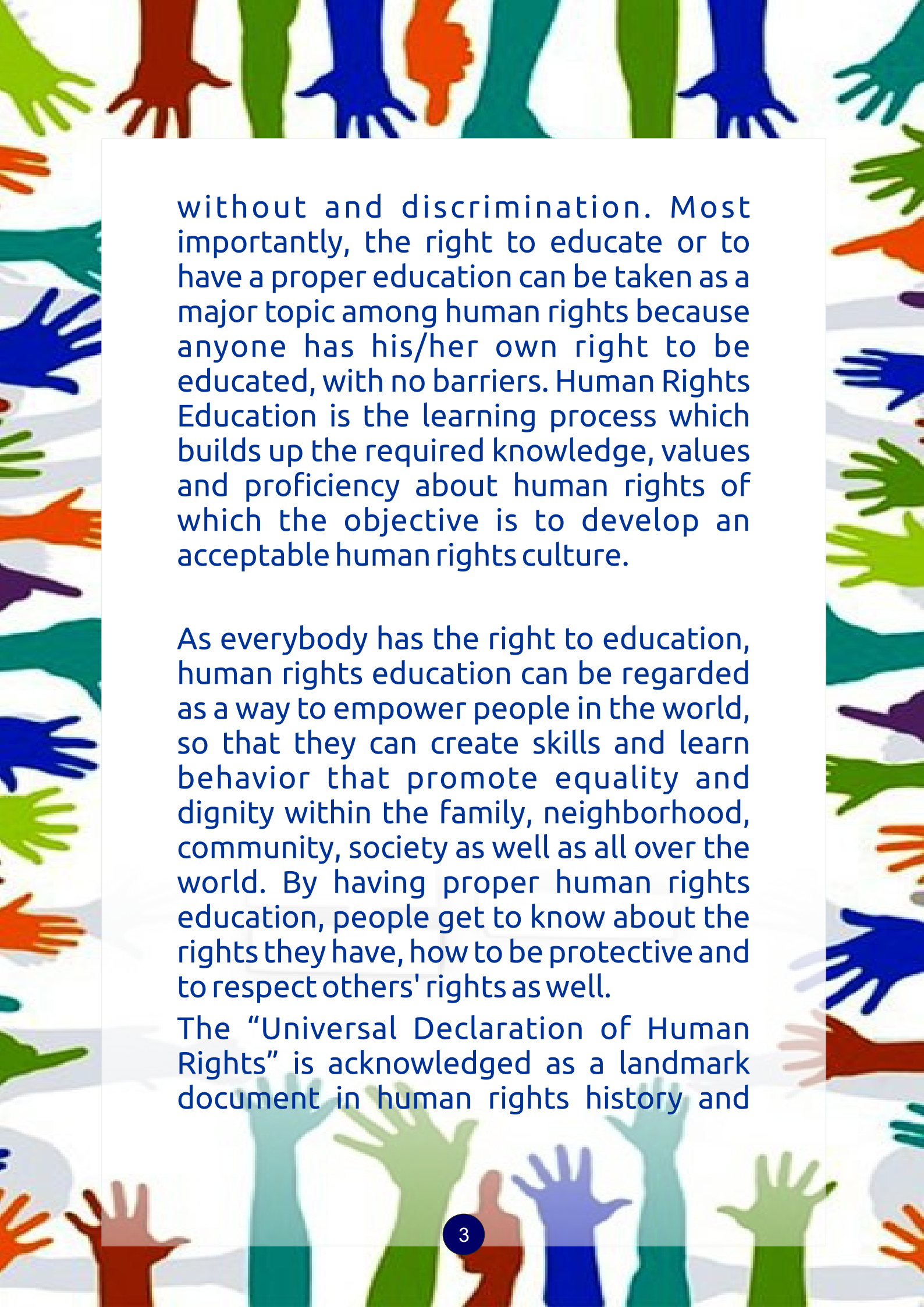
All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. (article 1, Universal Declaration of Human Rights.)

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It is accepted in the civilized world that everybody has a right to their life at the most fundamental level, and not only that everyone born has other rights such as the right to speak, right to follow any religion, live anywhere of their choice etc. Every human being born on this earth is entitled for these rights.

irrespective of his or her gender, religion, nationality or skin color. Although these rights had been ethically accepted by most societies in the world, they were made legalized for the first time in the document called the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1948.

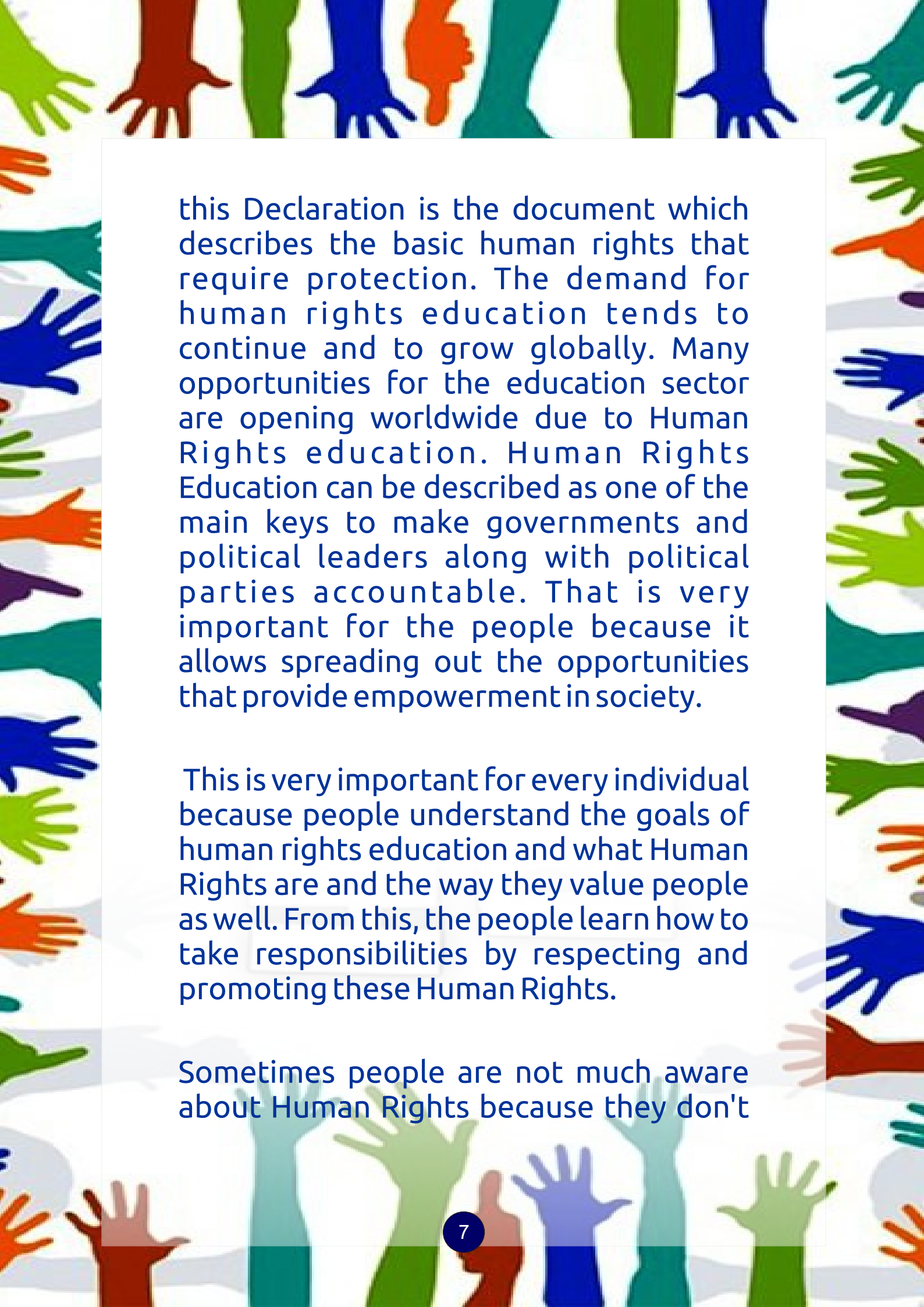
These rights are regularly protected by fundamental international law. When talking about human rights, they include the rights to life and liberty, freedom to express opinions, right to work and educate, right to migrate, and freedom for marriage, and many more. Everyone is entitled to these rights in every way,

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without and discrimination. Most importantly, the right to educate or to have a proper education can be taken as a major topic among human rights because anyone has his/her own right to be educated, with no barriers. Human Rights Education is the learning process which builds up the required knowledge, values and proficiency about human rights of which the objective is to develop an acceptable human rights culture.

As everybody has the right to education, human rights education can be regarded as a way to empower people in the world, so that they can create skills and learn behavior that promote equality and dignity within the family, neighborhood, community, society as well as all over the world. By having proper human rights education, people get to know about the rights they have, how to be protective and to respect others' rights as well.

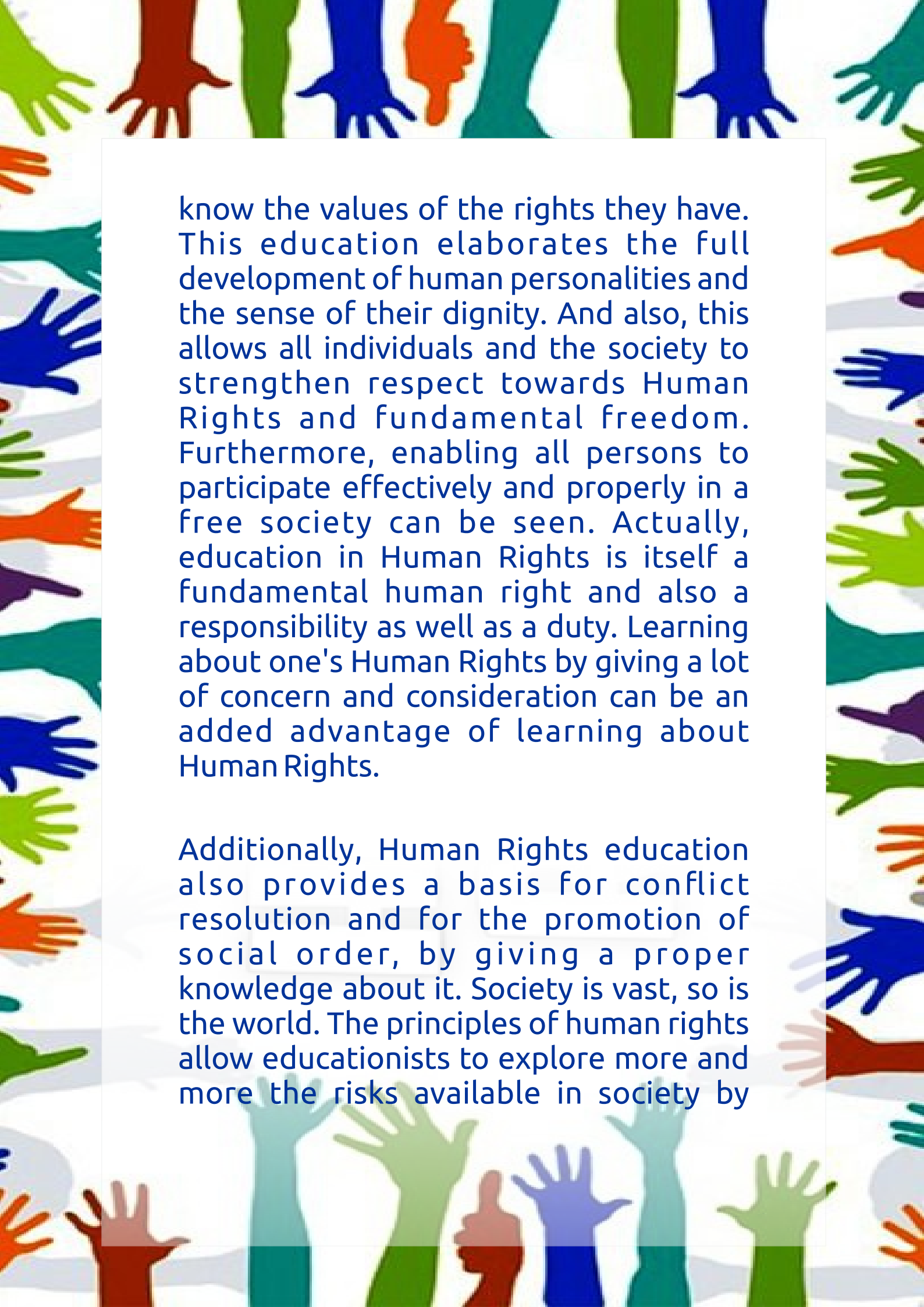
The “Universal Declaration of Human Rights” is acknowledged as a landmark document in human rights history and

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this Declaration is the document which describes the basic human rights that require protection. The demand for human rights education tends to continue and to grow globally. Many opportunities for the education sector are opening worldwide due to Human Rights education. Human Rights Education can be described as one of the main keys to make governments and political leaders along with political parties accountable. That is very important for the people because it allows spreading out the opportunities that provide empowerment in society.

This is very important for every individual because people understand the goals of human rights education and what Human Rights are and the way they value people as well. From this, the people learn how to take responsibilities by respecting and promoting these Human Rights.

Sometimes people are not much aware about Human Rights because they don't

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know the values of the rights they have. This education elaborates the full development of human personalities and the sense of their dignity. And also, this allows all individuals and the society to strengthen respect towards Human Rights and fundamental freedom. Furthermore, enabling all persons to participate effectively and properly in a free society can be seen. Actually, education in Human Rights is itself a fundamental human right and also a responsibility as well as a duty. Learning about one's Human Rights by giving a lot of concern and consideration can be an added advantage of learning about Human Rights.

Additionally, Human Rights education also provides a basis for conflict resolution and for the promotion of social order, by giving a proper knowledge about it. Society is vast, so is the world. The principles of human rights allow educationists to explore more and more the risks available in society by

empowering the capacities of every individual. Human rights should be considered as a part of everyone's education, in order to educate the citizens properly. In society, more people like, lawyers, police and security forces, prison officials and prosecutors, judges, law enforcement personnel and legislative members and public officers, and a lot more. These individuals and institutions can uphold human rights as their responsibility because they have all the abilities to influence the system and to educate its members. The important fact is that, Human Rights Education can be regarded much more than a lesson in schools or in any educational institute and it can be taken as a process to equip people with the tools they need to live lives with security and dignity.

