

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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On December 10 of 2022, the world commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) with a theme “Dignity, Freedom and Justice for all” which aims to keep the focus on the fundamental reason for the UDHR which was adopted by the UN General Assembly on this very date in 1948. The various articles in the UDHR outline fundamental human rights in daily life as well with reference to criminal justice.

Restorative justice also emphasizes human rights and the need to recognize the impact of social or substantive injustice and seeks to restore the victim’s security, self-respect, dignity and, most importantly, sense of control. It also aims to restore and/or establish healthy relationships between individuals and to promote just outcomes. For individuals to promote their own interests, and to form and set out to implement their own conception of a worthwhile life, the goodwill and resources of other people and institutions are required.

In fact, both restorative justice policies and human rights acknowledge the interdependence of people and the value of individuals and social life. The cornerstone of the restorative justice process is the recognition and protection of their human rights by the community and its criminal justice agencies.

In this regard, Nepal Forum for Restorative Justice urges everyone to orient human rights work towards justice, and apart from taking a combative role, underscore the justice and healing needs of stakeholders.



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