



## WORKSHEET 11: UNDERSTANDING RIGHTS

Instructions: Read through the statements below and decide whether you agree or disagree with them by circling A or D. The statements will be discussed in more detail in class where students will be encouraged to explain why they agree or disagree with them.

1. Democracy today is not as fair as it was in Ancient Greece.  
A / D
2. Democracies state the law should be applied equally to everyone.  
A / D
3. The rights and freedoms which people are entitled to is dictated by their religion.  
A / D
4. Human rights should be legally enforceable by the United Nations and countries that breach them should be fined.  
A / D
5. We have a right to be protected from injustice.  
A / D
6. Everyone has the right to express any opinion they wish.  
A / D
7. Today, everyone in Ireland can participate in political decision making.  
A / D
8. All citizens have complete freedom to do as they wish.  
A / D
9. Responsibility means a guaranteed right and freedom.  
A / D
10. National security is more important than the freedom of individuals.  
A / D
11. Being a responsible citizen includes respecting others and their rights.  
A / D
12. Rights which society should aspire to include such things as ensuring everyone has adequate housing, access to healthcare and education.  
A / D
13. All citizens of Ireland have the same rights and responsibilities.  
A / D
14. Laws protect the rights of the majority.  
A / D
15. States who can't afford it shouldn't be expected to give citizens their human rights.  
A / D
16. Constitutional changes should be made by governments and not by the people.  
A / D
17. Citizens should have more control over their own rights and freedoms.  
A / D