



# RIGHTS DEFENDERS



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We love **rights defenders**! A rights defender is someone who **speaks up for themselves or others** when they see **injustice**. In spite of hardship and obstacles, they **persevere** in pursuit of **change**.

Rights defenders **speak up** on different issues that they are **passionate** about - children's **rights**, human rights, animal rights, indigenous rights, environmental rights, land rights... There are many important causes to defend.

Anyone can be a rights defender! No matter how old you are, your abilities, background, language, gender or any other attribute - **anyone can speak up for rights**. Many rights defenders use their **talents** to **advocate** for rights, this could be through music, stories, art, sport or any other skill.





## RESEARCH A RIGHTS DEFENDER

Print and use our template, or create your own **poster** about a **rights-defender**. We researched Eglanyne Jebb as an example.

We have included a list of **suggestions** of people you might find **inspiring**, or find your **own**.

**Present** your research to your whānau or class.



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# RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Here are some **inspiring** examples of rights defenders for you to **research**.

Who are some other **rights defenders** can you think of? Maybe it's yourself or someone you know!

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Dame Whina Cooper  
Stan Walker  
Pania Newton



Golriz Gharaman  
Behrouz Boochani



Greta Thunberg  
Lucy Gray  
Wangari Maathai



Sir Bob Kerridge  
Jane Goodall  
James Aspey



Malala Yousafzai  
Ruby Bridges Hall



Kate Sheppard  
Meri Te Tai Mangakāhia



Harriet Tubman  
Nelson Mandela



Lil Nas  
Christine Jorgensen



Sophie Pascoe  
Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah

## Example

# Eglantyne Jebb

Defender of: Children's Rights

About them: Eglantyne Jebb was born in England in 1876. After World War One she was shocked to see pictures of starving children throughout Europe. She knew that it didn't matter where you come from, children shouldn't go hungry. So she took action and in 1919 started an organisation called Save the Children and raised funds to support these children. She believed children should have rights so she wrote the first version of the declaration on the rights of the child.



Learning about this person made me feel...

Inspired that I could also make a change. Proud to work for Save the Children.



Defender of:



About them:



Draw or stick a picture of your rights-defender here.

Learning about this person made me feel...



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