

SELF-ORGANISED INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Civic space is changing. In the past, human rights commemorations used to be organized in big spaces by well-funded donors. With shrinking civic space and dwindling funds, communities are called to be more innovative and take charge. As part of our Shifting Power to the People Strategy, we are sharing this self – organizing manual with our communities that maybe interested in organizing their own commemorations at local level. Be vigilant. We as your secretariat we remain committed to supporting you.

Pre-Commemoration Phase - Identify local human rights issues to

- Establish a planning committee with diverse representatives
- Set clear objectives and outcomes for the commemoration
- Plan activities (rallies, workshops, social media campaigns)
- Identify the facilitators

Commemoration Phase - Organize a rally or march to raise awareness

- Host workshops or panel discussions on human rights issues
- Utilize social media to amplify messages and engage wider audiences
- Invite local leaders, activists, and experts to participate

Post-Commemoration Phase - Evaluate the success of the commemoration

- Document lessons learned and best practices
- Plan follow-up activities to sustain momentum
- Report back to the ZimRights Secretariat so that we can publicize your event
- Email us on membership@zimrights.org.zw

Additional Tips - Engage local schools, universities, and community groups

- Partner with other organizations to amplify impact
- Ensure inclusivity and diversity in planning and implementation
- Utilize the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a guiding framework
- Utilise the People's Human Rights Manifesto

Theme Ideas - Freedom, Equality, and Justice for All (2023 theme)

- Stand Up for Someone's Rights Today
- Our Rights, Our Freedoms, Always

For support, reach out to
membership@zimrights.org.zw
www.zimrights.org.zw
