

Citizen's Pledge

"I will give my **loyalty** to the United Kingdom and will respects its **rights and freedoms**. I will uphold its **democratic values**. I will **observe its laws** faithfully and fulfil my **duties and obligations** as a British citizen."

About The Fundamental Values and Principles

- Foundation of our society
- Must be respected and promoted by all
- Reflected in our rights and responsibilities
- Based on history and tradition
- Protected by UK laws, customs and social expectations

The 5 Fundamental Principles

1. Democracy
2. Rule of Law
3. Individual Liberty
4. Tolerance
5. Community Participation

Democracy

- Rule by the people (majority rule)
- Elect representatives to govern
- Accountability
- Parliamentary system
- All citizens 18 and above can vote
- Electoral processes must be fair and impartial
- Industrial revolution (new social classes demanding involvement in politics)
- Wars (suffragettes)
- Magna Carta (1215) - no one is above the law
- Reform Act (1832) and Equal Franchise Act (1928) - gave more people the vote
- Representation of the People Act (1969) - everyone over 18 could vote

Rule of Law

- Everyone subject to same laws
- Order, rights and justice
- Fair legal processes
- Impartial courts (separation of powers)
- Magna Carta (1215) - no one is above the law

Individual Liberty

- Freedom to live as you wish, within the bounds of the law
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of belief/religion
- Freedom to marry who you want
- Right to privacy
- No unnecessary government interference

Tolerance

- Multicultural society
- Respect = inclusion and social harmony
- No extremism, discrimination or intolerance

Community Participation

- Social harmony
- Mutual respect/support
- Community events, voting, volunteering

The Balance That Holds Everything Together

It's not always easy to find the balance between rights and responsibilities. Think about it as a scale that should always be balanced to maintain social harmony. If the scale tips to either side, people start to react negatively.



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Examples of Rights and Responsibilities

Rights	Responsibilities
- Freedom of religion and belief	- Respect and obey laws
- Right to a fair trial	- Respect others
- Free speech	- Take care of yourself
- Privacy	- Take care of your family
- Voting (citizens)	- Take care of where you live
- Running for office	- Do not engage with extremist ideologies
- Safety	



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