

René Cassin works to protect and promote the rights of vulnerable individuals and communities – particularly on issues that resonate with the Jewish experience. We are a Registered Charity (no 1117472).



what we do

Breaking the chains – campaigning to end modern slavery and human trafficking

Slavery is not history. Although it calls to mind images of the Israelites in Egypt or the trans-Atlantic trade, it is here and it is now – in the UK today there are as many as 13,000 victims of slavery or trafficking.

As we celebrate our freedom, we should remember the countless people around the world, including here in the UK, who do not share our good fortune.

Innocent and vulnerable, but still behind bars – demanding an end to the indefinite detention of asylum-seekers

Throughout their history, Jewish people have been forced to seek refuge from persecution. But the UK is increasingly detaining those who seek shelter here. Is this ever more draconian regime necessary, fair and proportionate?

René Cassin seeks an asylum system where human rights are a primary concern, not an afterthought.

The last bastion of acceptable racism? – countering discrimination against Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities

Gypsies and Travellers share a history of persecution with Jewish people. Both were targeted by the Nazis during World War II. The consequences today are real – life expectancy for a Romani Gypsy or Irish Traveller is 10 years less than the UK average.

René Cassin is working to expose this ‘the last bastion of acceptable racism’ through education and advocacy.

Learning the lessons of the Holocaust – protecting human rights provisions in the UK

The Human Rights Act protects the rights of vulnerable people and minorities. But that protection could be seriously limited if the Act is repealed, amended or replaced.

René Cassin believes that Jewish people have an important stake in this debate and is making sure our leaders know this.

Planting the seed – empowering tomorrow’s human rights activists

Just as eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, so human rights will continue to need well-informed, wise and determined advocates.

René Cassin is investing in the future:

- By **galvanising a movement of young Jewish social activists**, equipping them with the skills and passion to promote social justice and human rights both locally and globally
- By ensuring that school students and Jewish youth activists **learn that human rights are the civilised world’s response to the horrors of the Holocaust**

Building a community of support – the Jewish voice for human rights

Just as many of the human rights issues of the modern world – asylum, discrimination, slavery, genocide – resonate with the Jewish experience, so Jewish values demand support for social action and human rights.

As ‘the Jewish voice for human rights’ René Cassin will be speaking:

- To the **Jewish community** – building support for human rights values amongst British Jewry
- To the **wider community** – bringing a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities



‘There will never be peace on this planet as long as human rights are being violated in any part of the world’

René Cassin was a French-Jewish law professor and judge. He co-drafted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the UN General Assembly on 10 December 1948. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1968.

how you can help

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Get involved

We are a small charity, but we are effective and successful because of the commitment of our supporters. Add your voice to our call for human rights for all by getting involved in our work:

Campaign teams

These small teams meet regularly to discuss latest developments and review our strategy in our key campaigns:

- Modern slavery & human trafficking
- Asylum detention
- Discrimination against Gypsies, Roma & Travellers
- Defending the Human Rights Act

For more information, contact Sam Grant via sam.grant@renecassin.org

Internships

Interns play a vital part in our work – researching the issues, writing reports and contributing to the day-to-day running of the charity. In return, interns get invaluable practical experience of working in an organisation at the cutting edge of some of the UK's most pressing human rights issues. For more information, visit

www.renecassin.org/get-involved/internships/

Work experience

'There are so many groups whose human rights are being exploited. René Cassin helps these people and that's why I'm proud to have worked here.'

So said one of our work experience students this summer. If you are a sixth former and would like to help René Cassin's work – and get an insight into the workings of a small charity at the same time, get in touch by emailing

info@renecassin.org

Volunteer

If you have specific skills – such as communications, IT, fundraising and design – and would like to volunteer with us, please contact us via info@renecassin.org

Support our work

We rely heavily on the kindness of our supporters for the funds to continue this vital work. Please help René Cassin protect and promote the rights of some of our most marginalised and vulnerable neighbours.

You can make a **one-off or regular donation** to René Cassin via our website at www.renecassin.org/donate/