



NORTHERN  
IRELAND  
HUMAN  
RIGHTS  
COMMISSION

# Who we are

The Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission is a National Human Rights Institution that was established as a result of the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement

## Our vision

A society with human rights values and standards at its heart to achieve equality, peace and justice.

## Our mission

To protect and promote the human rights of everyone in Northern Ireland.

## What we do

We are responsible for:

- keeping under review the adequacy and effectiveness in Northern Ireland of law and practice relating to the protection of human rights.
- promoting understanding and awareness of the importance of human rights in Northern Ireland.
- working with the Equality Commission, to oversee the UK Government's commitment not to reduce certain human rights and equality protections after the UK's withdrawal from the EU, and that Northern Ireland will keep pace if certain European Union equality laws are changed to improve the protection of human rights.

## How we do it

- We advise the Secretary of State and the Northern Ireland Executive of legislative and other measures which ought to be taken to protect human rights.
- We advise the Northern Ireland Assembly on whether legislative Bills are compatible with human rights.
- We advise the Westminster Parliament on whether legislative Bills affecting Northern Ireland are compatible with human rights.
- We monitor and report on international human rights treaties.
- We promote awareness of human rights and for this purpose may undertake, commission or provide financial or other assistance for educational activities.
- We may undertake, commission or provide financial or other assistance for research.
- We may conduct such investigations as considered necessary or expedient.
- We may give assistance to individuals; and bring proceedings involving law or practice relating to the protection of human rights.
- We may bring any appropriate matters of relevance to the attention of the Specialised Committee on issues related to the implementation of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland of the European Union Withdrawal Agreement.

## Advice Clinic

We operate an advice clinic every **Wednesday from 9.30am – 1pm**. If you have a human rights related query and would like to make an appointment to speak to us, please use the provided details.

**If we are unable to assist you, we will try to refer you to a more appropriate agency that can help you.**

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