

## What do you think?

The Bill of Rights should reflect the needs and hopes of the people of Northern Ireland. For that reason your views are welcome.

From 2000 to 2003 the Human Rights Commission conducted an extensive public consultation on a Bill of Rights. The Forum is keen to hear more views. Our contact details are on the back of this leaflet. If you would like more information before you send us your thoughts, see our website or those of the organisations on the Forum.

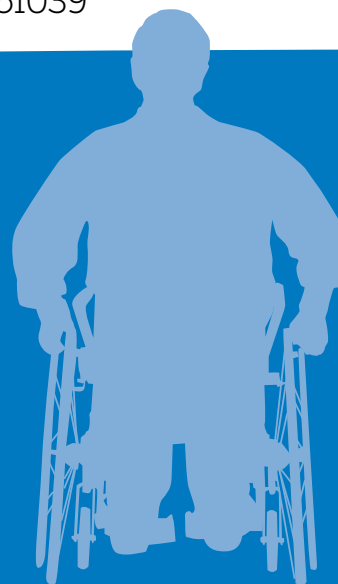


## How to contact us

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There are links on the site to all of the organisations represented on the Forum.

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The Northern Ireland Bill of Rights Forum has been established to advise the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission on the scope of a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland.

Under the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, the Human Rights Commission must advise the United Kingdom Government on this question.

The Forum is a multi-party, multi-sectoral body broadly representative of the people of Northern Ireland.



## What is a Bill of Rights?

A Bill of Rights is a fundamental law protecting the basic rights and freedoms to which each person is entitled.

The law might include the right to life, the right to freedom of religion, the right to freedom of expression, the right to education or the right to good health care.

Each country's Bill of Rights should reflect the particular needs and circumstances of its people. For examples of different Bills of Rights, see [www.billofrightsforum.org](http://www.billofrightsforum.org)

## Why a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland?

Because of the 'particular circumstances' of Northern Ireland, many people here, including political parties, see a need for a new law to secure additional protection for our rights as a basic building block of a fresh start for everyone.

## Who are we?

The Forum has 29 members: 14 representatives of the political parties, 14 representatives of civic society and an independent chair. The civic representatives come from the human rights sector, trade unions, business, the churches, the voluntary or community sector, and organisations of or for children and young people, ethnic minorities, older people, people of different sexual orientation, people with disabilities and women.

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