

10<sup>th</sup> of December, Human Rights Day 2022

Letter from over 150 groups across the UK



Today is Human Rights Day.



All over the world, on Human Rights Day we celebrate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is an agreement where governments all over the world. It says they will look after the human rights of the people that live in their countries.



The Human Rights Act is a law that protects our human rights in the UK.



Today we want to remember that our Human Rights Act is very important. It protects the things that everyone should have.



It helps us to be treated equally and with dignity and respect.



It protects all of us in the same way and gives us all the same rights and protections.

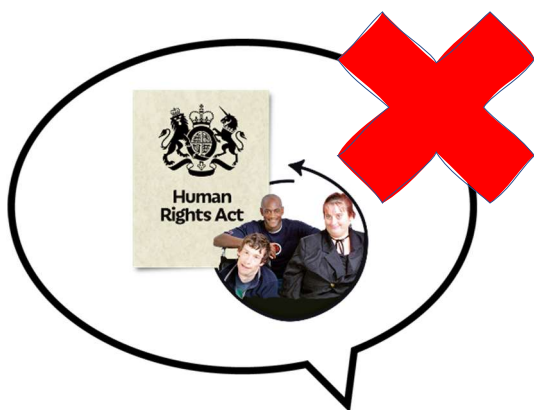


Human rights should protect all of us.

Nobody should be able to take away the rights of another person.



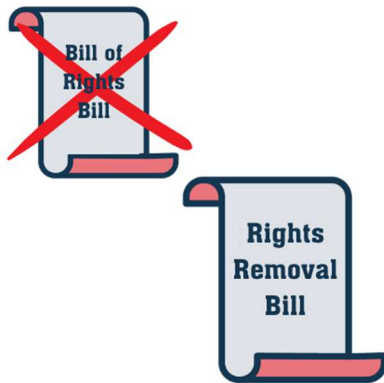
Everyone should follow the law, including the government.



But a lot of people, including some politicians, talk about our human rights in a bad way.

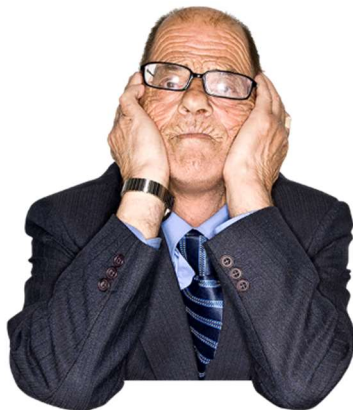


The Government wants to take away our Human Rights Act.



They want to make a new law called a bill of rights.

We think this will remove people's rights.



This makes us feel worried.



There is a cost of living crisis, so our human rights are more important than ever.



We must protect everyone's human rights so that we can all live equally.



On days like today, we should be talking about how we can use human rights to make the world a better place.



We want a world where powerful people, including politicians, protect our human rights.



This is why it is important to let the Government know we want to keep the Human Rights Act.



This letter has been sent to the Prime Minister.



It has also been sent to politicians in the UK, Scottish, Welsh, and Northern Ireland parliaments.



Pembroke People First checked this Easy Read document.



The letter was written by the British Institute of Human Rights. It was signed by over 150 groups, all listed below.



The organisations that signed this letter are:

1. The British Institute of Human Rights
2. Access Social Care
3. AdviceUK
4. Advocacy Focus
5. Age Connects Wales
6. All Wales People First
7. Alzheimer Scotland - Action on Dementia
8. Amnesty International UK Section
9. Article 39
10. Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees (AVID)
11. Asylum Link Merseyside
12. AVA (Against Violence and Abuse)
13. Back in Control Consultancy CIC
14. BHA For Equality
15. Bild
16. Birthrights
17. Bristol Somali Resource Centre
18. British Association of Social Workers
19. British Geriatrics Society
20. Campaign for Freedom of Information
21. Carers UK
22. C-Change
23. Centre for Women's Justice
24. Certitude
25. Challenging Behaviour Foundation
26. Changing Our Lives

27. Cheshire Disabled People Against Cuts
28. Child Poverty Action Group
29. Children England
30. Children in Scotland
31. Children in Wales/Plant yng Nghymru
32. Children's Law Centre
33. Children's Rights Alliance for England
34. Choice Support
35. Civil Society Alliance
36. Cloverleaf Advocacy
37. Clynfyw Community Interest Company
38. Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (CRER), Scotland
39. Committee on the Administration of Justice
40. Communicourt
41. Dates-n-Mates
42. Detention Action
43. Difference North East
44. Directory of Social Change
45. Disability Positive
46. Discrimination Law Association
47. EachOther
48. ECPAT UK (Every Child Protected Against Trafficking)
49. End Violence Against Women Coalition
50. English PEN
51. Equal Rights Trust
52. Equally Ours
53. Faiths Forum for London
54. ForcesWatch
55. Freedom from Torture
56. Friends of the Earth (England, Wales, and Northern Ireland)
57. Friends, Families and Travellers
58. Garden Court Chambers
59. Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE)
60. Helen Bamber Foundation
61. Here NI



62. Hope for Justice
63. Hopscotch Women's Centre
64. Hourglass (Safer Ageing)
65. Human Rights and Equality Group, Law Society of Northern Ireland
66. Human Rights Consortium Scotland
67. Human Rights Watch
68. Humanist Society Scotland
69. Humanists UK
70. Include
71. Inclusion East CIC
72. Inclusion Gloucestershire
73. Inclusion London
74. Inclusion North
75. INQUEST
76. International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute
77. IPSEA (Independent Provider of Special Education Advice)
78. Irwin Mitchell LLP
79. Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants
80. Juno Women's Aid
81. Just Fair
82. Just for Kids Law
83. JUSTICE
84. Kinship
85. Latin American Women's Rights Service
86. Law Centres Network
87. Learning Disability England
88. Legal Action Group
89. Legal Aid Practitioners Group
90. Leigh Day
91. Liberty
92. Mary Ward Legal Centre
93. Migrants' Rights Network
94. Mind
95. Muslim Council of Britain
96. My Life My Choice

97. National AIDS Trust
98. National Alliance of Women's Organisations
99. National Care Forum
100. National Development Team for Inclusion
101. National Survivor User Network
102. National Union of Journalists
103. n-compass Towards a Brighter Future
104. nia
105. Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy
106. Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council
107. Older People's Commissioner for Wales
108. Parkinson's UK
109. Pembrokeshire People First
110. POhWER
111. Prison Reform Trust
112. Prisoners' Advice Service
113. Quakers in Britain
114. Race on the Agenda
115. RAMFEL (Refugee & Migrant Forum of Essex and London)
116. Relatives & Residents Association
117. Release
118. René Cassin, the Jewish voice for human rights
119. Reporters Without Borders (RSF)
120. Restraint Reduction Network
121. Rethink Mental Illness
122. Rightful Lives
123. Rights of Women
124. Rook Irwin Sweeney LLP
125. Runnymede Trust
126. Scottish Care
127. Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities
128. Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)
129. Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance
130. Scottish Recovery Consortium
131. Silverline Memories CIO

132. SMK Law Solicitors
133. Southall Black Sisters
134. Stonewall
135. Sunderland People First
136. Sussex Interpreting Services
137. Tai Pawb
138. The AIRE Centre
139. The Equality Trust
140. The Howard League for Penal Reform
141. The Judith Trust
142. The Law Society of Scotland
143. The National Council for Voluntary Organisations
144. The Public Interest Litigation Support (PILS) Project
145. Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights)
146. Transport for All
147. Turning Point
148. UNISON
149. UNJUST
150. Unlock Democracy
151. VoiceAbility
152. Voluntary Organisations Disability Group
153. Warrington Speak Up
154. Welsh Refugee Council
155. WISH
156. Women's Budget Group
157. York Human Rights City Network
158. Yorkshire MESMAC