



# Universal Periodic Review

REVIEWING HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRELAND

*Your Rights. Right Now.*



# Aim

Focal point through which the collective voice of Irish civil society could participate in Ireland's UPR

# Objectives

- To engage effectively with the UPR process in order to achieve recommendations which, when implemented, would result in change
- To raise awareness of human rights, the UN and the UPR process

## Post-UPR Examination

- Government acceptance of 62 recommendations ‘under consideration’
- Further collaborative engagement with Government
- Implementation of the recommendations



# Participation

# Achievements

- 17 events
- Public awareness raising
- 84 submissions received
- Video
- Plain English Guide to UPR



# ***Your Rights Right Now in Geneva***

- Union of Students in Ireland
- Free Legal Advice Centres
- Youthreach
- Irish Traveller Movement
- Older and Bolder
- Irish Council for Civil Liberties
- Fox Family

# Connected the local to the international

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvD3qtMyGGE>



# Impact

# Lobbying

- Over 40 lobbying meetings
- Briefing for members of the Diplomatic Corps in Ireland, April 2011
- Side event with Amnesty International (Ireland), Geneva, September 2011

# Recommendations

- 36 recommendations in 17 sections
- 33 out of 36 recommendations raised
- 22 accepted
- 14 'under consideration'

# Examples

- Ratifications of CRPD and OPCAT
- Implementation of *ABC* case (though rejected by Government)
- Prisons
- Asylum seekers
- Traveller ethnicity
- Women
- Protection from economic hardship



# Implementation

# Government tools

- UPR secretariat
- Inter-departmental working group
- UN Human Rights Council and the Treaty Monitoring Bodies
- Oireachtas
- Civil Society
- Human Rights and Equality Commission



**It is vital that civil society and other relevant parties are at the centre of implementation.**



**Thank you**

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