

The Irish Human Rights Commission (IHRC) was established under statute in 2000, to promote and protect the human rights of everyone in Ireland. The human rights that the IHRC is mandated to promote and protect are the rights, liberties and freedoms guaranteed under the Irish Constitution and under international agreements, treaties and conventions to which Ireland is a party.

### Find out more

The IHRC is delighted to offer advice on the UPR process and how you can submit a report directly to the UN.

For more information please see:  
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**Have Your Say  
on Ireland's  
Human Rights  
Record**



## How to Have Your Say

In October 2011 Ireland's Human Rights Record will be examined for the first time under a new **United Nations** (UN) process called the **Universal Periodic Review (UPR)**.

This Review will be based on reports from the Irish Government, the UN and stakeholders in Ireland including the **Irish Human Rights Commission (IHRC)** and **Civil Society**. You can contribute by submitting a report directly to the UN and/or highlighting your human rights concerns to the IHRC.

The IHRC encourages you to use this unique opportunity to have your say on Ireland's human rights record.



## What is the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)?

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) aims **to improve the human rights situation in all countries** by creating a process where governments are held to account by other countries regarding their human rights record.

Through the UPR process, each country has the opportunity to explain how it is **progressing on protecting human rights** and to outline actions it plans to take to improve human rights to **fulfil its international human rights obligations**.

The UPR examines the human rights records of all 192 United Nations Member States once every four years. It is designed to ensure every country's human rights situation is **assessed in an equal way** by the Human Rights Council.\*

*\*The Human Rights Council is a UN body made up of 47 Member States responsible for strengthening the promotion of human rights.*



## Get Involved

If you are a **member of the public** you can address correspondence detailing your human rights concerns to the IHRC at [upr@ihrc.ie](mailto:upr@ihrc.ie)

**Stakeholders** are also invited to submit your views directly to the IHRC for consideration in the context of the IHRC's UPR report at [upr@ihrc.ie](mailto:upr@ihrc.ie)

If you are a **NGO, civil society group or academic institution** you can submit a 5 page report to the UN at [uprsubmissions@ohchr.org](mailto:uprsubmissions@ohchr.org)

If you are part of a **group of NGOs** you can submit a 10 page report to the UN at [uprsubmissions@ohchr.org](mailto:uprsubmissions@ohchr.org)

The deadline for these *stakeholder submissions* to the UN is **11am on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

