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INFORMATION BRIEFING

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Information required for proposed UK Bill of Rights

This letter has been received from the Equality and Diversity Forum [now Equally Ours]. It is responding to the government's proposed abolition of the Human Rights Act and is asking for any information which might support the campaign against abolition. Please write directly to the EDF with your ideas. You can of course also lobby your MPs against this proposed change.

Dear NEREF colleagues

The Equality and Diversity Forum [now Equally Ours] and the EDF Research Network [visit Equally Ours website, listed below, to join network] are preparing for the Government's potential summer consultation on the Human Rights Act/ Bill of Rights and I am writing to ask if you have or can direct me to any relevant research to help us respond to the consultation and demonstrate the many ways in which human rights and the Human Rights Act 1988 protect people and improve their lives.

Part of EDF's new strategy is to better integrate the different elements of our work (research, policy influencing and strategic communications) to maximise our impact. This call for information is part of this development and our commitment to evidence-based policy-making.

We are particularly interested in any work that explores:

- Public attitudes to human rights
- Empirical work on how human rights have been used in practice – e.g. in education, housing, social care, to improve the decision-making or

practice of public bodies etc.

- Analysis of the constitutional, legal or practical implications of amending current human rights law and protections.



We are mainly (but not exclusively) interested in research and analysis produced since 2005 and covering the UK.

We are interested in all kinds of research – quantitative and qualitative and by researchers working in different disciplines.

Please specify whether the information you send us is publicly available, only available in subscription journals, a work in progress etc.

Resources can be submitted in any format, such as URLs/website links, PDFs or Word documents. There is no formal deadline but it would be helpful if you could respond to this call by 30 June. The timing of the Government's consultation remains unclear and we hope this will allow us time to collate and assess the available resources.

Please do share this call with colleagues including in other disciplines.

Feel free to contact me for further information, including about EDF's work to improve human rights.

Apologies for any duplication

With thanks and best wishes

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The North East Race Equality Forum is a Network of around 300 individuals and organisations in the North East Region committed to promoting racial equality in the context of social justice. No one organisation is necessarily committed to every idea published in the name of the Forum. The Forum is supported by the 'Race', Crime and Justice Regional Research Network, which includes researchers from each University in the region.