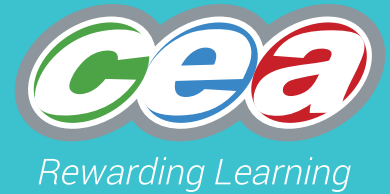


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Unit 1: Northern Ireland Human Rights
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Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

Who are we?

The Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC) is an independent, statutory organisation. It is not an NGO, and not a government body.

It was established by Parliament through the Northern Ireland Act 1998, and started its work on 1 March 1999.

The Commission is recognised as a member of the worldwide network of National Human Rights Institutions.

We help protect and promote the human rights of everyone in Northern Ireland.

Who works at NIHRC?

There are seven Commissioners (a full time Chief Commissioner and six part-time Commissioners) appointed by the Secretary of State.

We currently have 13 members of staff, who work across a range of functions.

These include:

Communications, Information and Education, Public and Political Affairs; Legal, Research and Investigations, and Advice to Government; Finance, Personnel and Corporate Affairs.

What we do:

We work to ensure that your human rights are protected by:

- Providing advice on legislative Bills introduced in the NI Assembly and on policy proposals made by Ministers in the NI Executive. We also provide advice to the UK Government and Parliament on matters affecting human rights in NI.
- Conducting investigations on systemic human rights issues. We can enter places of detention, and may compel individuals and agencies to give oral testimony or to produce documents.
- Promoting understanding and awareness of the importance of human rights in NI. To do this we may undertake or support research and educational activities.
- Providing legal advice and initiating strategic legal cases.

Get in touch!

You can find out more about us and our work by visiting our website: www.nihrc.org

You'll find information about human rights, examples of our work, and resources to help you with your work.

You can also find out more about what the NIHRC does through our social media channels:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NIHRC>

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