

# Addressing Inequality and Discrimination using the Human Rights Act

*Free awareness raising events on human rights for the third sector*



- **Hull**, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2 – 5pm: Transgender
- **York**, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2 – 5pm: Disability
- **Leeds**, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2 – 5pm: Disability
- **Bradford**, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am – 1.30pm: Young people
- **Rotherham**, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2 – 5pm: BME
- **Sheffield**, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am – 1.30pm: Women

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- What are human rights - what do they mean for the third sector?
- How can human rights be used as a tool by the third sector to tackle inequality and social exclusion in our society?
- How can the third sector be skilled up to be able to use human rights in their work?

JUST West Yorkshire and the British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR) are organising a series of FREE regional training events, supported by the Equality and Human Rights Commission, that are designed to give the third sector the opportunity to explore the relevance of human rights training to their work.

## Who should attend?

The training is targeted at third sector organisations working with service users in the following thematic areas:

- Young people
- Transgender
- Women (Abuse and Violence)
- Race
- Disability

The event will be relevant to regional, sub-regional and local service delivery and umbrella organisations in the Yorkshire and Humber region that:

- Provide services or advocacy and representation to the above groups
- Facilitate the participation of these groups who experience direct or indirect experience of discrimination
- Are run by and for women, young people, transgender, BME and disabled people

## How to book

If you would like to attend one of the events please complete a booking form – available by contacting JUST on the details below or download from: [www.bihar.org.uk/west-yorkshire/booking-form](http://www.bihar.org.uk/west-yorkshire/booking-form)

## Fees

There is **NO FEE** for attending. However, places are limited so you will need to book. Unfortunately we are unable to reimburse travel and accommodation costs. However we will consider reimbursing travel expenses in exceptional circumstances.

## Venue details (all venues are accessible)

**Hull:** Gendershift Community Enterprise Centre, Cottingham Road, Hull, HU5 2DH

**York:** York CVS, 15 Priory Street, York YO1 6ET

**Leeds:** Shine, Harehills Road, Leeds LS8 5HS

**Bradford:** Carlisle Business Centre, 60 Carlisle Road, Manningham, Bradford BD8 8BD

**Rotherham:** Unity Centre, St Leonard's Road, Eastwood, Rotherham S65 1PD

**Sheffield:** VA Sheffield, The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, Sheffield S1 4FW

## Further information

If you would like further information about the events please contact JUST on 01274 542222 or [admin@justwestyorkshire.co.uk](mailto:admin@justwestyorkshire.co.uk)

## Programme

### Registration

Introduction to the context and aims of the day

*Bringing rights to life* – an interactive session (BIHR)

### Break

Case studies – discussion in groups

Feedback – approaches and issues emerging out of case studies

### Close

*Please note this programme may be subject to minor adjustments within each region*

## About the organisers

**JUST West Yorkshire** is a leading charity in the North that works to challenge the attrition of race, civil liberties and human rights and to promote anti-poverty, racial justice and anti-discriminatory approaches in public policy and legislation. As a leading think-tank based in Yorkshire, JUST seeks to challenge institutionally racist approaches and promote standards for the delivery of public services which are fair, equitable and equal. JUST recognises that racism is a complex and diverse concept that has both a local and global dimension that is constantly changing. JUST is therefore committed to working in a non-competitive way to promote co-operation between agencies, communities and individuals in an effort to counter racist practices that disadvantage black and minority ethnic communities.

The **British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR)** is a national, independent, human rights voluntary organisation that is committed to challenging inequality and injustice in everyday life here in the UK. We want a society that has become stronger because all human beings are equally valued, can participate fully and are treated with fairness, dignity and respect. We aim to achieve this by *bringing human rights to life* – supporting people to use human rights principles and standards to improve their own lives and as a tool for voluntary and community organisations and the public sector to develop more effective public policy and practice. [www.bihar.org.uk](http://www.bihar.org.uk)

**The Equality and Human Rights Commission** is an independent advocate for equality and human rights in Britain. The Commission aims to reduce inequality, eliminate discrimination, strengthen good relations between people, and promote and protect human rights. It was established under the Equality Act 2006 and opened in October 2007 to enforce and develop equality legislation on age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation and transgender status, and encourages compliance with the Human Rights Act. It works closely with, and provides advice and guidance to policymakers, lawyers, government, businesses, the voluntary and public sectors, and individuals. The Commission launched a Human Rights Inquiry in April 2008, under its statutory powers, to find out how human rights work in Britain. The Commission has recently published its Human Rights Strategy, which sets out how the Commission plans to use its powers to carry out its human rights duties over the next three years. [www.equalityhumanrights.com](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com)