**All Our Rights In Law**

A National Taskforce is putting together recommendations to the Scottish Government for a new human rights law. This law would build on existing human rights laws to strengthen how all our rights are protected.

This new law might include rights like these economic, social and cultural rights:

* The right to adequate, accessible and affordable food
* The right to adequate housing
* The right to the highest level possible of physical and mental health
* The right to a social security safety net
* The right to take part in cultural life
* The right to a healthy environment

The new law could also include specific rights for disabled people, women, black and minority ethnic people, older people and LGBTI people.

As a country, Scotland has signed up to international laws that set out our human rights. But at the moment, only some of these rights can be enforced in Scotland’s courts. Those are the rights set out in the European Convention on Human Rights, and protected by the Human Rights Act – like the right to vote, right to private and family life, and rights to freedom from torture or unfair detention, sometimes known as civil and political rights.

A new human rights law would put **all** our rights directly into Scotland’s laws.

**A conversation about a new human rights law**

The Human Rights Consortium Scotland and the Scottish Human Rights Commission are both members of the National Taskforce. We would like to hear from people and communities across Scotland about how a new human rights law should work. We also want to know what people might need to use the new law to claim their rights.

As a first step, we will gather views to help inform the National Taskforce’s final recommendations. We will also publish a report of people’s views, to help inform how detailed proposals for a new law are developed.