

Human Rights Training Courses for the Third Sector

Are you a **third sector** organisation committed to equality, fairness and respect?

Do you want to learn more about how **human rights** can support your work, invigorate your messages and empower the people and communities you work with and for?

The **British Institute of Human Rights** is offering a programme of themed open training courses just for you!

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What courses are on offer?

We are running 10 one day courses, to be held in three England locations: London, Manchester and Leeds. Please visit www.bihar.org.uk/events/upcoming-training for full venue details.

Central London

Human Rights for Third Sector Equalities Organisations	1st June	In partnership with the Equality and Diversity Forum
Human Rights and Campaigning	4th June	In partnership with the National Council for Voluntary Organisations
Human Rights and Community Empowerment	16th June	In partnership with Community Sector Coalition and Urban Forum
Human Rights for Third Sector Disability Organisations	19th June	In partnership with the Voluntary Organisations Disability Group (VODG)
Human Rights for Third Sector LGBT Organisations	24th June	In partnership with the LGBT Consortium
Human Rights and Young People	25th June	In partnership with NCVYS

Manchester/Leeds

Human Rights for Third Sector Women's Organisations	8th June (Manchester)	In partnership with the Women's Resource Centre
Human Rights for Third Sector BME Organisations	10th June (Manchester/Leeds tbc)	In partnership with Voice 4 Change England
Human Rights and Older People	29th June (Manchester)	In partnership with Age Concern and Help the Aged
Human Rights for Third Sector Equalities Organisations	Date tbc (Leeds)	In partnership with VEHRN (VCS Equality and Human Rights Network), supported by the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Forum



a voice for the community sector



What will the courses cover?

Each course will:

- Explore where human rights come from, what they mean and how they relate to your work
- Give an overview of human rights law, in particular the UK's Human Rights Act, and how it can be effectively used to support your work
- Give you a taste of human rights in action through the study of real life cases
- Provide a dynamic space to discuss and develop some practical steps to apply what you have learned directly to your work

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How is the training delivered?

Our approach is strongly participative and interactive. Each session is made up of a combination of discussion, presentation, group and individual exercises and case studies. Our trainers work hard to create a supportive, inclusive environment that encourages debate and discussion.

How much does it cost?

The charges operate on a sliding scale based on organisation income, and include lunch. There will be 20 places on each course, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Places will only be confirmed upon receipt of payment. There will be a limited number of free places available for each course for organisations with low income – please see our website for more details.

Organisational Income	Cost
0 – 250k	£60
250 – 500k	£100
500k +	£175

Who should attend?

The courses will be particularly useful for third sector **infrastructure organisations and frontline organisations** that have a good understanding of equalities work and an interest in learning about how human rights can relate to and support specific equality issues. The courses do not require prior legal knowledge of human rights.

How do I book?

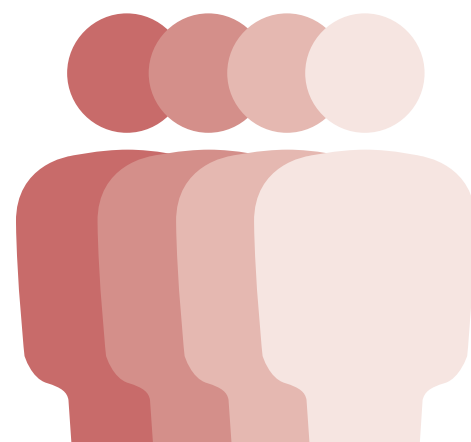
If you would like to book on one of the courses, please complete and return a booking form, which can be downloaded from our website. Deadlines for booking are 10 working days before the start of each course. If you would like your booking form in an alternative format please contact us (details below).

Where can I find out more?

More details can be found on our website at www.bihr.org.uk/events/upcoming-training. Please contact Sonia/Amanda on 020 7848 1879 or training@bihr.org.uk for further information.

Are the courses fully accessible?

All the courses will take place in fully accessible venues. BSL interpreters will be provided as required. BIHR will do our best to meet all other accessibility requirements; if you have any specific requirements please state them clearly on your booking form.





Why is human rights training important for the third sector?

The third sector can play a key role in ensuring that human rights are made real and meaningful in people's lives; in particular those who are the most disadvantaged and excluded in our society.

Skills and knowledge in human rights ideas, language, law and practice can help the third sector to be more effective in:

- **Empowering communities** – communities who understand what their rights are can use this knowledge to strengthen their voice and influence with local, regional and national service providers and decision-makers.
- **Advocacy and advice giving** – human rights provide a powerful tool for advocates and advisers to hold public bodies to account, challenge poor treatment and improve public services for their clients.
- **Campaigning** – human rights add highly effective and powerful moral and legal weight when influencing policy makers at local, regional or national level.
- **Service provision** – human rights provide a practical planning and decision-making framework for designing and delivering better quality services.

‘The idea of having ‘rights’ rather than ‘needs’ is a powerful one which can make work on equality issues more pertinent.’

Participant in BIHR's third sector needs scoping events, October 2008

About BIHR

The British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR) is a national, independent, third sector organisation. We are the leading provider of human rights training and other practical support to the third sector. Over the last 10 years we have trained over 2,500 individuals in over 500 third sector organisations, supporting them to use human rights in their work to empower individuals and influence wider change.

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