



Human Rights and Racial Discrimination

A Way Forward in Scotland

Monday 28th September 2009 – EDINBURGH

Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel, 9 Haddington Place, Edinburgh, EH7 4AL

Monday 5th October 2009 – GLASGOW

Scottish Trade Union Congress, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow, G3 6NG

Tuesday 13th October 2009 – INVERNESS

Scottish Highlands & Islands & Moray Chinese Association,
1 Ardconnel Terrace, Inverness, IV2 3AE

GARA is pleased to announce a series of FREE half-day seminars (from 12.30pm to 4.30pm) across Scotland to reflect on recent human rights developments and to seize opportunities to influence the human rights agenda at the UN on race discrimination.

The UK Government has ratified seven UN human rights treaties, thus requiring that our laws and policies comply with their principles and standards. The UK is also bound by the European Convention on Human Rights.

At GARA, we believe we need to use the standards effectively. For example the UN's International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, Article 2(1) states that:

“States Parties condemn racial discrimination and undertake to pursue by all appropriate means and without delay a policy of eliminating racial discrimination in all its forms and promoting understanding among all races, and, to this end: (a) Each State Party undertakes to engage in no act or practice of racial discrimination against persons, groups of persons or institutions and to ensure that all public authorities and public institutions, national and local, shall act in conformity with this obligation,”

The May 2008 meeting of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights issued recommendations on UK action to protect and promote human rights including **“to ensure that its counter-terrorism measures do not have a discriminatory effect on the enjoyment of the Convention rights on certain groups in the State party, in particular ethnic and religious minorities.”**

In particular, GARA wants to involve civil society in Scotland in influencing the UK's report to the UN on implementation of the UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) and to consider submitting a joint NGO report to the UN on the issues which concern us in Scotland. We hope that these seminars will be the beginning of a longer-term programme of work on making human rights real in Scotland.

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A Way Forward in Scotland: Agenda

The agenda for each of the meetings will be as follows:

Lunch — a vegetarian lunch will be provided

Introduction by GARA

Human Rights in Scotland — European Convention on Human Rights, public authorities and organisations that can help you achieve/enforce your rights

Raising Awareness of the United Nation's Treaties, including:

- The Convention on the Rights of the Child
- The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The United Nation's International Covenant on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (ICERD): process, timescales, participation and accountability

The Draft UK Government Report on ICERD and how we in Scotland should respond to it

Giving your rights practical effect – working groups

Feedback and way forward

To book your place at any of the seminars, please complete the form on the next page and send it to GARA by clicking submit or by any of the methods outlined below:

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