

securing universal and effective observance of human rights. The UK's Human Rights Act 1998 creates legal duties that bring these Convention rights into UK law and makes the enforceable here at home.

- The British Institute of Human Rights will also be hosting a Human Rights Day event in the House of Lords on 10th December from 11am – 12.30pm. The letter will be shared at the event and attendees will also hear speeches from Lord Ponsonby (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Ministry of Justice) and community groups who have participated in BIHR's programme to co-design a human rights support solution to social justice issues. For more information on this programme, visit:

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- The British Institute of Human Rights is a registered charity working across the UK to achieve social change through human rights by working directly with people, communities and public bodies to change practice and amplify this evidence of human rights in action to influence policy.
- The Human Rights Day open letter has been signed by 73 organisations, including: SMK Law Solicitors; C-Change Scotland; Fair Justice System for Scotland Group, (FJSS Group); Hourglass (Safer Ageing); Civil Society Alliance; Unlock Democracy; Freedom from Torture; British Geriatrics Society; GM Freeze; Learning Disability England; Carers UK; Older People's Commissioner for Wales; UNISON - the public services union; Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE); Liberty ; Choice Support; Rightful Lives; Friends of the Earth; Clynyfwr Care Farm; West London Welcome; After Exploitation; City of Sanctuary UK; The William Gomes Podcast; Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation-MEWSO; Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group; Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA); Global Link; Latin American Women's Rights Service (LAWRS); IMIX; Right to Remain; African Rainbow Family; Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL); Scottish Recovery Consortium; Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association (Bomoko NI); The Include Project ; Southeast and East Asian Centre (SEEAC); René Cassin, the Jewish voice for human rights; Dudley Voices for Choice (DVC); Changing Our Lives ; ECPAT UK (Every Child Protected Against Trafficking); Release; Access Social Care ; Care Rights UK; English PEN; End Violence Against Women Coalition (EVAW); Helen Bamber Foundation ; MESMAC; Welsh Centre for International Affairs; Compassion in Dying; Kinship; Quakers in Britain; Rights of Women; Rook Irwin Sweeney LLP; Working Families; Prisoners Abroad; Detention Action; Humanists UK; Welsh Refugee Council; Public Law Project; Mind; Parent and Carer Alliance CIC; Restraint Reduction Network; Asylum Aid; WISH; African Women Empowerment ; Juno Women's Aid ; Cwm Taf People First; Euro Youth Mental Health; Association for Real Change; Leigh Day; Human Rights Consortium Scotland; and Inclusion North
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