

Charter of Rights 2005



**National Advocacy Council
Brothers of Charity Services**

Charter of Rights Declaration

**We have a right to be treated as
responsible adults, with respect and
dignity**

**We want the right to have good support to
do the things we want to do and to
access our rights and entitlements**

**We want the opportunity to take risks so
we can grow and develop as Human
Beings**



We have a right to have our rights respected

ECHRA Article 1¹ Obligation to respect human rights



We have a right not to be discriminated against

ECHRA Article 14¹ Prohibition of discrimination



We have a right to information about our rights so we can make our own choices and decisions

ECHRA Article 10¹ Freedom of expression (including receiving and imparting information and ideas)

ECHRA Article 9¹ Freedom of thought, conscience and religion



We have a right to make choices about our lives

ECHRA Article 8¹ Right to respect for private and family life

ECHRA Article 9¹ Freedom of thought, conscience and religion



We have a right to legal advice and representation

ECHRA Article 13¹ Right to an effective remedy



We have a right to friendships and relationships of our choice, and for those relationships to be free from interference

ECHRA Article 11¹ Freedom of assembly and association



We have a right to get married and have children

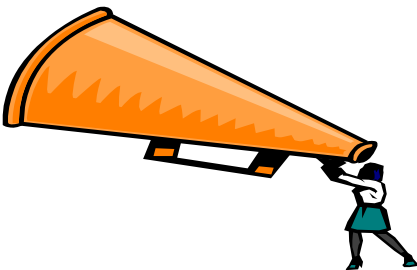
ECHRA Article 12¹ Right to marry



We have a right to say what we think so long as we respect other people

ECHRA Article 10¹ Freedom of expression

Constitution of Ireland Article 40.6.1.i



We have a right to speak out and complain if something is wrong.

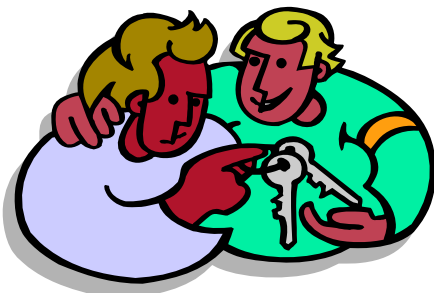
ECHRA Article 17¹ Prohibition of abuse of rights

ECHRA Article 10¹ Freedom of expression



We have a right to be listened to

ECHRA Article 6¹ Right to a fair trial



We have a right to choose where we live and whom we live with.

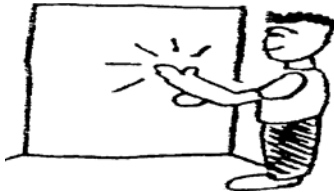
ECHRA Protocol 4 Article 2 Freedom of movement (including freedom to choose residence)



We have a right to be safe at home and everywhere we go

ECHRA Article 8¹ Right to respect for private and family life

ECHRA Article 3¹ Prohibition of torture (including inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment)



We have a right to privacy in our own home.

ECHRA Article 8¹ Right to respect for private and family life

Constitution of Ireland Article 40.3.1



We have a right to live in the community and never to be sent back to an institution against our wishes once we leave

ECHRA Protocol 4 Article 2 Freedom of movement (including freedom to choose residence)



We have a right to go out to places of our choice in the community to do the things we want to do

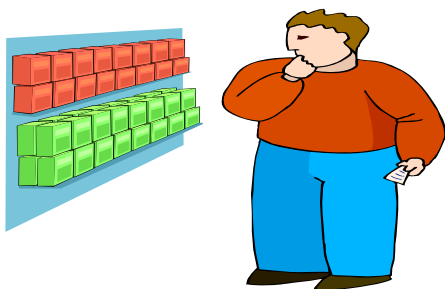
ECHRA Article 11¹ Freedom of assembly and association



We have a right to get paid for the work we do

ECHRA Article 14¹ Prohibition of discrimination

ECHRA Article 4¹ Prohibition of slavery and forced labour



We have the right to decide what we spend our money on

ECHRA Article 9¹ Freedom of thought, conscience and religion

ECHRA Protocol 1 Article 1 Protection of property

Constitution of Ireland Article 43.1.1



We have a right to support and training to learn new skills so as to grow and develop as independent adults

ECHRA Protocol 1 Article 2 Right to education



We have a right to be free from abuse and neglect

ECHRA Article 3¹ Prohibition of torture (including inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment).



We have a right not to be punished

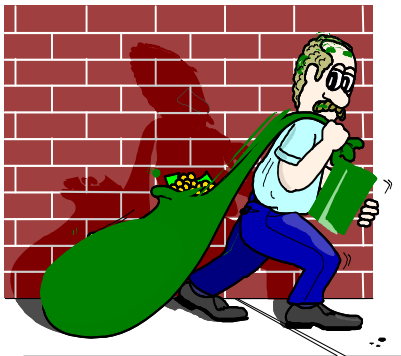
ECHRA Article 3¹ Prohibition of torture (including inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment).



We have a right not to be locked in or stopped from going out

ECHRA Article 5¹ Right to liberty and security

Constitution of Ireland Article 40.4.1



We have a right not to have our money or things taken away

ECHRA Protocol 1 Article 1 Protection of property

Constitution of Ireland Article 43.1.1



We have a right to be free from people shouting at us, calling us names or hurting us

ECHRA Article 3¹ Prohibition of torture (including inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment).

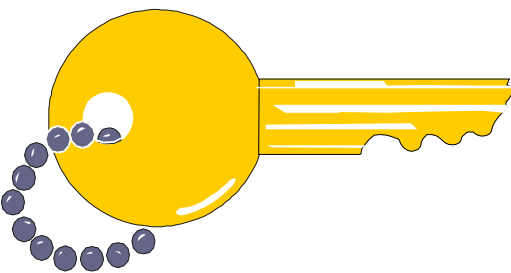
Privacy and Safety

To support our right to Privacy and Safety in our own homes, the following rights are very important to us



We want the right to have bedrooms of our own and not to have to share if we don't want to

ECHRA Article 8¹ Right to respect for private and family life



We want the right to have keys to our bedrooms and front doors and the support to use them

ECHRA Article 8¹ Right to respect for private and family life

Declaration of our Needs



**We need our families, staff, communities
and elected representatives to know
about our rights, so they can support us in
accessing our choices and rights**

The Charter of Rights is based on rights identified by Self Advocates using Brothers of Charity Services in Ireland, as contained within the European Convention on Human Rights Act 2003 (Eire) and the Constitution of Ireland

** ECHRA – European Convention on Human Rights Act 2003 (Eire)

The constitutional and legal rights and freedoms of others may restrict the exercise of rights.

However any restriction on rights must be in accordance with the law and subject to due process.