

Network **Psychologists for Human Rights** Proposal

Future website: HumanRightsmatterinPsychology.eu

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1. Aim:
 - a. To promote the active engagement of psychologists in human rights issues.
 - b. To promote the use of psychological science and practice in protecting human rights and preventing human rights violations.
 - c. To inform about psychological expertise and assessment in how to overcome negative consequences of human rights violations.
 - d. To form a network with **membership wider than the EFPA** Board Human Rights and Psychology to achieve these aims, and to scope options for the establishment of an international association (network) of psychology and human rights.

2. Purpose of this network:
 - a. Exchange of information on
 - i. Events and conferences
 - ii. News and reports from
 1. relevant United Nations institutions
 2. European Union (EU) agencies like the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and its Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP)
 3. Initiatives from the EU Parliament and the EU Court
 - iii. Relevant human rights issues in the member association's (EFPA MAs) countries and societies
 - iv. Good practice examples of human rights groups in the MAs
 - v. Ethical issues
 - vi. Examples of societal interventions
 - vii. National human rights institutes
 - viii. Publications: books, journals, articles, theses, vlogs, blogs, and so on
 - b. Deliver psychological associations with the information listed above and request them to support initiatives as well as to distribute information.
 - c. Support colleagues working in difficult situations or being under threat
 - d. Signalling human rights violations or threats to human rights arrangements in relation to psychology / psychologists.
 - e. Promoting best practices of psychologists for protection of human rights.

3. This point is outdated. In the meantime, EFPA EC rejected the idea and wants the information via Workplace to the EFPA's Mas. Merry Bullock offered to make the website and the International Council of Psychologists (ICP) is willing to support.
(Start with

- a. A project, e.g. for a year, as a key work stream of the EFPA BHR&Psy, as there is a need for such a support-network and write the terms of reference.*
 - b. Developing a method for cooperation, inviting colleagues and associations, starting a network of psychologists who are committed to Human Rights.*
 - c. Producing a final report with recommendations to be produced for the next General Assembly in July 2019.)*
4. If the proposal for an International Association or Network is the preferred option, this is likely to be independent of the EFPA and broader than Europe alone; the plan would be for the EFPA to have an important role in it. Existing groups, for example, the 'Coalition for an ethical psychology' could be a member as well as individuals.