

Guidelines for writing blog pieces for ourvoiceourrights.ie

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- Pieces should be between 500 and 800 words.
- Please suggest a title – we might edit it but will try to use the one you prefer.
- Similarly, we may edit your piece for length etc but send back for your approval in such cases before publishing.
- Indicate clearly which Covenant article(s) or sub-section(s) you are referring to in your piece.
- If you are using a case-study or personal example, please ensure that anyone who is mentioned is happy with it.
- Please use spell-check before submitting. We use Irish/British-English spelling but it's not a big deal if you prefer to use US spelling.
- Try not to use acronyms, the full title is much clearer for non-insiders.
- Any images accompanying the piece should be sent to us as a separate image file (jpeg/TIFF/bmp etc) for upload.
- Please embed your hyperlinks in the text you want to use for it (like this [if I want to link to the FLAC site](#)) but if you are not sure how to do it, underline the text and put the desired link in brackets after it and we will do it for you.
- You can put a list of further links at the end in bullet points.
- Please include a short bio with just your name, title/organisation, main area of interest/work and any other relevant info. If you want to put in your direct contact info, please do but be aware that you may be risking spam or other contact.
- Please use sub-headings to break up your text where appropriate.
- Please credit any references to external sources – you can use hyperlinks for this or footnotes. But not too many footnotes! They don't work well on a webpage.
- Legal or caselaw references – you can use your preferred legal referencing system but please be clear about the names of cases/legal instruments/treaties you quote – for example:
 - UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2002) *Concluding Observations of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Ireland*, Geneva: OHCHR, p.2.
 - The Constitutional Review Group (1996) *Report of the Constitutional Review Group*, Dublin: Stationery Office, p.211.
 - *O'Donnell (a minor) & Others v South Dublin County Council* [2007] IEHC 204

Blog pieces will appear on the www.ourvoiceourrights.ie website and will be promoted via the dedicated Twitter account @RealRightsIRL and via FLAC and PILA's other social media channels – we'll be encouraging everyone to share the pieces widely.

E-mail us at icescr@flac.ie for further information or give us a call at 01-887 3600.

Thank you so much for getting involved!