

Engaging with the European Court of Human Rights

QCEA TRAINING DAY
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Do you work on human rights issues in your community, such as those involving refugees or asylum seekers?

Do you want to better understand how the European Court of Human Rights works - and how to use it?

Join QCEA's training day in Brussels, directly following the *Sanctuary Everywhere* conference this December.

Human rights in Europe are facing challenging times - particularly in the context of forced migration, with many refugees and asylum seekers facing human rights abuses. At the same time, a rise in authoritarianism in several European governments threatens to fundamentally undermine human rights protections when they are needed most.

However, the institutions created to safeguard our rights remain active and accessible to everyone. In particular, the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) hears hundreds of cases every year and makes rulings which apply to every European country.

QCEA is organising a training day in December which will equip human rights activists with the knowledge they need to engage with the Court's work. The aim is to build understanding of how the Court works and how it can help with human rights work, particularly involving refugees and asylum seekers. The training will be held in Quaker House in Brussels and will be led by QCEA staff.

Places are **strictly limited**, and so priority will be given to those with an active interest in human rights whose work may directly benefit from the content of the training day. The event costs **£40 / €40** which covers accommodation in Brussels on the night preceding the training (Sunday 3 December) as well as lunch and refreshments on the day.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 09:00 Start
- 09:15 What is the state of human rights in Europe today?
- 10:00 What is the European Convention on Human Rights, and how is it enforced?
- 11:00 How is the Convention relevant to refugee protection?
- 12:45 How can a case be brought before the Court?
- 14:00 The future: how the Court is being undermined, and what we can do
- 15:30 End