

## **Call for Abstracts for the next issue of Practice Insights “Human Rights and Community Development”**

When the UN Declaration of Human Rights was signed on 10 December 1948 it set out fundamental human rights as common standards for all people to live with dignity and respect. Obligations were placed on states to respect, protect and fulfil these freedoms.

Human rights continue to provide a robust framework to hold states to account. Communities and social movements are increasingly organising using human rights realisation as a tool to advance human rights protections.

The focus on the rights of peoples and the duties of states to ensure them provides strong reinforcement for the key collective empowerment concern of Community Development which this issue sets out to illuminate.

We face incredible challenges globally. In the last decade, the climate crisis, right wing populist political movements, institutionalised racism, increased gender inequality, the widening of wealth inequality, the continued dominance of neo-liberalism as an economic driving force and the COVID-19 pandemic have all contributed to regressions in human rights.

The call for communities and community development practitioners to take radical action in the face of these challenges has never been stronger. The critical need for solidarity, alliance building and sharing resources provides an opportune time for us to collectively reflect on the values / standards of community development as a profession and the tools we need to support transformational change.

For this Human Rights edition of *Practice Insights*, IACD welcomes abstracts exploring:

- Case study examples using Participation, Accountability, Non-discrimination, Empowerment and Law (the PANEL principles) in practice
- How communities are using the power of human rights in practice to make transformative change.
- Stories of popular education and social movement building to organise around human rights.

- Exploring the tensions or challenges for community development practitioners embedding human rights in their practice. And the joys and successes!
- A focus on community development human rights practices which advance realisation of rights in a thematic way, for example:
  - CEDAW (women and girls' rights)
  - CRC (children's rights)
  - CRPD (disabled people's rights)
  - ICCPR (civil and political rights)
  - ICESCR (economic and social rights like the right to housing, food, clothing, health care)
  - ICERD (elimination of racism and discrimination)
- Practice supporting environmental rights, and LGBTQ+ rights.
- How communities have successfully engaged with international human rights mechanisms at the UN
- Emerging practice around community workers' use of artificial intelligence and digital disruption to advance human rights.

We are asking IACD members and other interested contributors to respond to this "Call for Abstracts" describing their articles in 500 words or less by 22 November 2021. Guest Editors Anastasia Crickley and Clare MacGillivray along with Managing Editors Anna Clarke and Paul Lachapelle will coordinate this Special Issue.

- Editors will respond to all proposed Abstracts by 23 November 2021
- Invited authors will then have 06 January 2022 until to submit their 1500 word article and photos/images. (Please ensure all permissions are in place and provided).
- The articles will undergo a peer review process and authors will then have two weeks to address any suggested edits.

Please help us market our Call by sharing with your networks around the world. We look forward to receiving your Abstracts!

Please direct your questions / submit your Abstracts by 22 November 2021 to [clare.macgillivray@iacdglobal.org](mailto:clare.macgillivray@iacdglobal.org)