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INVITATION: Consultation & Capacity Building Event

**UK Torture Review:**

**Birmingham, Manchester, Cardiff, London**

October 2018

In April 2019, the UK will be reviewed by the United Nations Committee against Torture under their periodic review procedure for their compliance with the UN Convention against Torture. The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment is an international human rights treaty adopted by the United Nations that entered into force in 1987. Its purpose is to prevent the use of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (ill-treatment).

**REDRESS** is facilitating a joint civil society response to the process, through a series of consultation events and a call for written evidence to inform the preparation of a joint shadow report. REDRESS is working on this project with help from organisations including Disability Rights UK, Liberty, Freedom from Torture, Children’s Rights Alliance England and Children in Wales.

The joint civil society shadow report will cover the range of settings which are relevant to the Convention, including:

* prisons, policing and intelligence services;
* health and social care;
* asylum and migration;
* violence and abuse against women, ethnic, religious or sexual minorities and victims of trafficking and exploitation.

Some issues, such as children’s rights and disability rights issues, are included across one or more of the above groupings. For a preliminary list of issues please [**click here**](https://redress.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/UK-Torture-Review-preliminary-list-of-issues-.docx).

**Consultation events**

REDRESS with partners will be holding consultation events for civil society organisations across England and Wales as well as a call for written evidence throughout October 2018.

* Monday 8 October - Birmingham City Centre - 2-4pm
* Wednesday 10 October - Manchester City Centre- 2-4pm
* Thursday 18 October - Cardiff City Centre- 2-4pm
* Tuesday 23 October - London (location tbc)- 2-4pm
* Tuesday 30 October - London (Location tbc) – 2-4pm \*\*consultation only\*\*

Morning capacity building session will also take place on the above dates from **11.00am-1.00pm.**

***Sign Up***

If your organisation is interested in participating in the consultations, please complete the form on the website here <https://redress.org/our-work/national-laws-and-institutions/uk-torture-review/>

You can find out more about the project on this link, and details of events taking place in England

**Please feel free to forward this to any organisation who may have an interest in attending.**

Contact Josie at [josie@redress.org](mailto:josie@redress.org) for further information.