

Scottish Human Rights Commission



Human Rights Budget Work: What, Why, How?



ESR Issue

A government's values should be reflected through its budget, yet human rights are not systematically considered when governments set their budgets. Therefore, many human rights problems remain unaddressed and rights holders are left unable to participate in, and hold the government to account on the way money is generated, allocated and spent.



NHRI Action

The NHRI has undertaken joint work with the Centre for Economic and Social Rights, civil society and academic partners, to improve stakeholder understanding of and capacity to undertake human rights budget work. This has involved developing process indicators, running stakeholder masterclasses, publishing a 'What, Why and How?' briefing series and participating in and supporting others to participate in budget scrutiny.



Impact

The project activities have helped to develop the capacity of those with both formal responsibilities (legislature and audit commission) and informal responsibilities (civil society, public bodies, NHRIs and the wider public) to undertake budget scrutiny and hold the government to account in relation to budget impact on human rights.



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