



The ESC Rights Initiative

Dedicated to Strengthening Constitutional Protection of Economic, Social & Cultural Rights

PRESS RELEASE

THE ESC RIGHTS INITIATIVE WELCOMES THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO REFER THE REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS TO AN OIREACTHAS COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

The ESC Rights Initiative welcomes the government's decision to refer the report of the Constitutional Convention on economic, social and cultural rights to an Oireachtas Committee for further consideration.

Although the Constitutional Convention voted by 85% to strengthen constitutional protection of ESC Rights, its members also recognised that this required some further discussion and consideration.

The ESC Rights Initiative welcomes the opportunity afforded to the Oireachtas Committee to deliberate on these matters while being conscious that this discussion needs to be informed by academic experts on human rights and the experiences of states that have successfully implemented ESC Rights in a reasonable and practicable manner. We call for transparent, inclusive and timely consideration by the Oireachtas Committee and a clear indication as to the outcome of this deliberative process. We are convinced that ESC Rights can be implemented incrementally without imposing a huge immediate cost on the state. Making ESC Rights justiciable, subject to resource constraints, would gradually reverse the gross inequality and deprivation currently experienced by many communities of place and interest. In particular, it would create the conditions for better housing, health and social inclusion policies/strategies to be developed and implemented.

The ESC Rights Initiative would welcome an opportunity to present its views to the Oireachtas Committee in the course of its deliberations.

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The ESC Rights Initiative is a coalition of civil society organisations that support strengthened economic, social and cultural rights protection in the Irish Constitution. The ESC Rights Initiative successfully campaigned for the inclusion of economic, social and cultural rights as an agenda item of the Constitutional Convention.

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