



**Dear members,**

We hope to work with as many of you as possible and always welcome your feedback and ideas, so please do not hesitate to get in contact with the BHRC Project Coordinator, [Illari Aragon](#).

### **BHRC LETTERS OF CONCERN**

On the 15th of June, the BHRC issued a Press Release expressing concern about the ongoing detention of four International Criminal Court (ICC) staff members in Zintan, Libya. The BHRC joined the President of the ICC, Judge Sang-Hyun Song, in requesting their immediate release. To access the BHRC Press Release click [here](#).

### **TRAINING DELEGATION RETURNS - NIGERIA**

From the 9th to the 12th of July 2012, a BHRC expert delegation traveled to Lafia, Nasarawa State, in Nigeria to conduct training on Child Rights Documentation and Monitoring with representatives from different Child Protection Networks (CPNs) across Nigeria. The delegation was led by BHRC Vice-Chair Kirsty Brimelow QC and integrated by barristers Nathan Rasiah and Smita Shah.



Smitha Shah with CPN training participants



CPN Mentors during role play  
at Mentors training day

The training in Lafia forms part of a capacity building project implemented by BHRC in partnership with UNICEF which started in 2011 and continues throughout 2012. As well as in-country training, the project comprises a Long-Distance Case Support Programme, by which UK lawyers provide legal advice on referrals from different CPNs on cases involving child rights. For more information about this project [click here](#).

### **BHRC SCOPING WORK DELEGATION RETURNS - MALAWI**

BHRC members Michelle Knorr and Rachel Logan returned from Malawi in June from a scoping delegation on behalf of the BHRC. The delegates met with a number of individuals and human rights organizations as part of the existing Public Interest Casework Support (PICS) project, funded by the Scurrah Wainwright Charity. Through the PICS project, BHRC members undertake *pro-bono* casework support and provide legal opinions on human rights and public interest cases. For more information about the PICS project [click here](#) and to get involved please contact the BHRC Project Coordinator.

### **BHRC TRAINING DELEGATION RETURNS - TANZANIA**

In early July, Executive Committee members Kirsty Brimelow QC and Theodora Christou, as well as BHRC member Abigail Bache, returned from a training delegation to Tanzania. They conducted a training programme on Criminal Practice and Procedure at the Tanzania Law School in Dar es Salaam. This ongoing project is implemented in partnership with the International Senior Lawyers Project UK (ISLP-UK), and it builds upon the training courses and project activities carried out during 2010 and 2011.



Kirsty Brimelow QC, Theodora Christou and Abigail Bache with the Dean of Tanzania Law School and other participants



Participants during working groups

**RECENTLY CREATED BHRC WORKING GROUPS *Call for members!***

**Guatemala working group**

Following a round-table meeting in May with reverend Jose Pilar from the Association to protect Las Granadillas Mountain (APMG) in Guatemala, a UK working group was formed to support human rights lawyers and defenders at risk in Guatemala. This group comprises members from Peace Brigades International (PBI) Solicitors International Human Rights Group (SIHRG) and the BHRC. For more information about this working group and how to join, please contact the BHRC Project Coordinator.