

# People, prevention and partnership:

## Marking 60 years of Housing Rights

Tuesday 14th May 2024

Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings

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Celebrating

# Sixty Years

1964 – 2024

# Housing Rights

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# Programme

Event compère: John Campbell, BBC NI

Please join us from 3pm for refreshments & event photography

<b>Welcome</b> Ciara Ferguson MLA, Event Sponsor
<b>Opening remarks</b> Gordon Lyons MLA, Minister for Communities
<b>Our History</b> Rose Crozier, Chair, Housing Rights Board
<b>Video screening, celebrating 60 years of Housing Rights</b>
<b>Sharing insights from experts by experience and peer advocates</b> Rachael Pierce, Peer Advocate, Housing Rights for Young People Jenni Millar, Renters' Voice
<b>Guest speaker</b> Balakrishnan Rajagopal, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing
<b>People, prevention &amp; partnership: our strategic plan</b> Kate McCauley, Chief Executive, Housing Rights
<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>Launch of Housing Rights' 60th anniversary book</b> Sharon Muldoon, book editor
<b>Wine reception</b>

## Guest speaker



**Balakrishnan Rajagopal: United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing**

Mr. Balakrishnan Rajagopal is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on adequate housing, a role he has held since May 2020. He is Professor of Law and Development at the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). A lawyer by training, he is an expert on many areas of human rights, including economic, social and cultural rights, the UN system, and the human rights challenges posed by development activities.

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