**The PPR Development Programme and Human Rights Based Approach**

**Introduction to Approach**

A half day workshop to introduce interested groups to what the PPR approach involves in practice. Materials include:

* *Structured discussions and break out groups*
* *DVDs, powerpoints, handouts, case studies*

**Identifying a Broad Issue and Building a Group**

A half day workshop with drivers implementing the approach. The workshop aims to enable the group of drivers to develop a plan to identify an issue and develop organising initiatives with an affected group. Materials include:

* *A paper introducing the principles underpinning PPR’s approach*
* *Case Studies with reflection points*
* *Example organising materials and resources from other PPR groups*
* *An Action Plan Template*

**Identifying an Issue**

A half day workshop with drivers implementing the approach. The workshop aims to enable a group of drivers to work directly with an affected group to identify issues, narrow down these issues to ensure they are covered under international human rights standards, and ensure they are capable of being effective campaigning issues. Materials include:

* *A paper outlining the nature and purpose of PPR Policy Support*
* *A Case Study with reflection points*
* *Action Plan template*
* *Three separate workshop plans for drivers to deliver with affected groups including materials relating to:*
  + *Introducing human rights standards and progressive realisation*
  + *Case Study DVD*
  + *Exercise which breaks down the right to employment, education, housing and health into their separate components for use by the affected group*
  + *Strategic criteria for selecting issues*

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**Developing** **Practical Strategies**

A number of half day strategies to be delivered to either drivers or affected groups which assist in developing practical strategies to progress their human rights.

* *‘What We Know About Change’*
* *A DVD based workshop exploring the lessons from the Belfast Mental Health Rights Group using five key ‘Learning Points’ as triggers for reflection, discussion, and planning for the future*
* *‘Not Just Monitoring - Using Human Rights Participation and Accountability Tools to Generate Change’*
* *A DVD from the Seven Towers Residents Group entitled ‘Papering Over the Cracks’, and a visual timeline of the first 6 months of their monitoring, assisting groups to understand the importance of using various human rights campaigning tools in their campaign*
* *‘Using Freedom of Information Requests’*
* *A series of materials (including template letters, example requests and responses) to assist groups identify what information they are seeking, how to request the information, how to ensure they get the information on time and in the right format, and how to analyse a response.*

**Monitoring Human Rights**

A series of half day workshops to be delivered to an affected group on how to effectively monitor their human rights indicators and benchmarks, and use the monitoring process as an organising tool to involve more people in the campaign. Materials include:

* + *‘Organising through Monitoring’ - Four workshop plans which guide an affected group through the monitoring process using case studies, audio clips, and example organising resources.*

**Engaging with Duty Bearers**

A half day workshop to be delivered to an affected group in advance of a meeting with a duty bearer or government department. Materials include a session plan, resources to assist drivers in preparing the session, and a case study.

**Reviewing and Refreshing a Campaign**

This tool is to be used with an affected group who have undergone at least six months of monitoring, and is aimed at re-injecting energy into an affected group who may not have seen concrete progress due to the resistance of duty bearers to implement human rights standards. Materials include a session plan, resources to assist drivers in preparing the session, and a case study timeline of other PPR campaigns.

***Human Rights and Change***

*Rights are commonly defined as something which can be claimed by individuals to be enforced by the state. However, rights can be more usefully seen as creating and regulating relationships of power within a society.*

***Measuring Change: Setting the Baseline***

*Capturing information which displays the gulf between the reality on the ground and the rhetoric of government’s promises is a vital part of the PPR Human Rights Based Approach.*

***Monitoring Methods***

*What questions to ask: where do you get your information from to build a robust case. Looks at surveys, focus groups, photographs, freedom of information requests.*

***Measuring Change: PPR’s Indicators and Benchmarks Methodology***

*Economic and social rights place obligations on states to ‘progressively realise’ rights using the ‘maximum available resources’. The PPR approach turns these obligations into participatory tools which empower marginalized groups to monitor the states’ activities.*

***Human Rights and Policy Workshop – Establishing a human rights context for your issue***

*Introduction to international and domestic legislation which is intended to promote economic and social rights, including how these legislative standards are not translating into sustainable positive outcomes for the marginalized in society*

***Building Strategy – The PPR Triangle***

*Individuals and groups can employ innovative and effective campaigning to get a ‘win’ on particular issues. However, for these ‘wins’ to be sustainable and transferable to other marginalized groups, the existing processes of economic and social decision making must be changed.*