

Residents of a city or a village

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Subject: *Local Human Rights Committees to recalibrate local democratic values*

Dear resident,

First I hope that you and your loved ones are in good health and cyber safe.

The crumbling of democratic values in our polarising cities and towns will not have escaped your notice either. Especially since the start of social media, the downward spiral seems unstoppable. Communication sabotage is an undesirable consequence. Since 2009, it has been growing due to careless, invisible actions committed by local councillors, local mayors, officials and townspeople chosen by them. Consider, for instance, anonymous cyberstalking by administrative and civil service account holders who combine their behaviour with unnotarised consultations. This development runs counter to the OECD guidelines on socially responsible coordination, but is difficult to address for now.

Local Human Rights Commissions with authority to act can contribute to transparent coordination of decentralised government budgets, curb polarising radicalisation and encourage democratic, orderly use of social media by local administrators and officials. In this, *local human rights commissions* can take over tasks from the police, such as mediation in conflicts between city inhabitants, setting up local cyber counters where residents can report cyber abuse, guaranteeing the right to freedom from discrimination, and coordinating annual Local Economic Forums where local citizens can collectively reflect and look ahead to the economic design/restructuring of their city, village.

Academic research and case studies also show that *Local Human Rights Commissions* contribute to curbing polarising coarsening in our shared public spaces, through their role as mediators.

Human rights commissions are already active in several European cities to combat bureaucracy, administrative inaccessibility and cybercrime locally, such as the Human Rights Cities Net: <https://humanrightscities.net/>. On my Pinterest project, I have been collecting professional literature since 2016. I have been receiving positive responses to my lobbying since January 2022.

Thank you for reading this letter, hoping for your understanding and independent thinking.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix: 8 guidelines

WHAT CAN A LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION DO FOR YOU?

1. Takes over police tasks, such as mediation in conflicts between city residents, protection of your private life, or other ambiguities about your civil rights, noted in a publicly accessible convention on the website of your municipality.
2. a. Coordinates democratic, orderly use of social media by local governors, with the help of local advisory councils. b. Establish a cyber desk where resident can register cyber abuse for further investigation.
3. Supports your right to freedom from local [discrimination](#).
4. Provides an independent listening ear through a network of professionals knowledgeable in dialogue and mediation techniques, if you get stuck communicating with public officials.
5. Sets up an advisory council from the local population for the vacancy of a new municipal secretary and mayor.
6. Takes a leading role in quarterly meetings of all local journalists and culture managers to discuss local political and journalistic ethics.
7. Gives a binding advice to the mayor concerning General Local Government Regulations.
8. Supervises [Open Government Act](#).

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