



## Human Rights Measurement Initiative

### **Dear friend of HRMI,**

We have some exciting news to share with you.

Much like when I first left home at 16 to spend a year as an exchange student in Peru, HRMI has grown up and is leaving the nest. Since our founding, our Aotearoa New Zealand operations have been hosted by respected NZ research institute, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research. HRMI's growth in recent years has allowed us to now register as an independent Charitable Trust. We will continue to collaborate and co-locate with Motu (so not completely moving out of home) but we now have our own bank account and our own governance arrangements. Please see below for an introduction to our fabulous Board of Trustees!

There has been a lot of other exciting stuff happening at HRMI. First, we are continuing to see [great use of HRMI data in a range of media](#) - please see below for links to the latest articles. Second, I am excited about the Solutions Co-Design Summit that HRMI will be hosting next month. The goal of the Summit is to discover some of the best innovations for engaging the private sector in advancing country-level human rights. We've got an inspiring group of people already registered to participate – including from multilateral and industry bodies, rating/ranking agencies, investors, banks, private companies, human rights advocacy groups, philanthropic foundations, NHRIs, and universities.

As a values-driven human rights data producer, we are delighted to be able to create opportunities such as this one, which facilitate the building of collaboration between the private sector and civil society. The Summit is shaping up to be my dream team for a co-design event, and I'm excited to see what comes out of it.

Finally, please take note of my new email address, and add it to your safe senders list. Not sure how? Follow these simple [instructions](#).

If you'd like to learn more about the Summit, or any of our work, please feel free to drop me a line.

In appreciation of all our collaborators,

With warmest regards,

Anne-Marie Brook

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## Meet HRMI's Board of Trustees



We are pleased to announce that HRMI is now a registered charitable trust in Aotearoa New Zealand.

HRMI's inaugural Board of Trustees (pictured here) include Meg de Ronde, Debbie Birch, Aaron Hape, and Anne-Marie Brook.

HRMI wishes to thank Motu for the years of support that have allowed us to flourish and grow to this point. Having a home with such a prestigious and influential think tank has helped put us in a strong position.

**Meg de Ronde** is a Deputy Regional Director for Amnesty International in the East Asia, South-East Asia and Pacific region. Prior to that, Meg was the first woman Executive Director of Amnesty Aotearoa New Zealand, working on issues domestically and internationally across the spectrum of rights. She's led multiple projects working with former refugees and advancing legal and policy solutions on issues impacting those who flee their home countries.

**Debbie Birch** (Tu Whare Toa) is a professional director with significant experience in global debt capital markets, funds management, commercial and strategic investment as well as risk management. Outside of her governance roles she was

an inaugural member of the Sustainable Finance Leadership Forum which developed a 2030 roadmap for a sustainable financial system in NZ incorporating environmental, social and economic considerations in financial decision making.

**Aaron Hape** (Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-ā-Rua) is the consulting lead for PricewaterhouseCoopers New Zealand's Māori Economic Development practice and has held senior government appointments in the justice, health, and economic sectors. He serves in several New Zealand-based governance positions and on the global stage Aaron has held advisory appointments at the Commonwealth Secretariat, the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers Community, and The Queen's Commonwealth Trust.

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## What's changing?

We are changing our **email addresses** from @motu.org.nz to @hrmi.ngo.

That means that from now on, you'll be receiving HRMI newsletters from anne-marie.brook@hrmi.ngo instead of anne-marie.brook@motu.org.nz.

To ensure HRMI news gets to your inbox, please mark us as safe and add us to your email contacts.

Not sure how? Follow [these simple instructions](#).

This change applies to all HRMI team members who have been using an @motu.org.nz email address.

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## Story of impact

### Aotearoa New Zealand

We often say that 'leaders are moved by numbers', so getting our numbers in front of decision-makers is crucial.

Read on to find out how this happened in Aotearoa New Zealand.



We were really pleased to see the strong press attention to our 2022 human rights scores for Aotearoa New Zealand, which show that the government is a long way from meeting its obligations – and that it could be doing so much more, even without more resources. Our data also document huge inequities, with Māori, Pacific people, disabled people, and anyone in poverty much more likely to be missing out on their basic rights.

The NZ Human Rights Commission made [a public statement](#) on the scores, with comments from each of the Commissioners. This helped fuel so much media coverage that after several days of [news stories](#), the Minister of Justice issued [a public statement](#) responding to the scores – so we know for sure that the most powerful leaders in Aotearoa are having to take into account the public exposure of the country's poor human rights performance.

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## Team update

As HRMI grows and evolves, so too do all of us working here.

Earlier in July, we were very sad to say goodbye to a longstanding member of the HRMI team, Catherine Chong, known to most as CC. As Survey Operations and Engagement Lead, CC played an integral role in the growth and success of HRMI's civil and political rights measurement and much more. She will be sorely missed but we know that she will go on to do much more amazing work.

Fortunately, a familiar face has stepped into this role: Pratibha Singh. After her excellent work on various HRMI projects in the last two years, we were thrilled to offer Pratibha this position. If you participate in our annual human rights survey, you will probably be hearing from Pratibha. Welcome (back?), Pratibha!

Additionally, we are very sad to see our Development Lead, Anna Churton, finishing up her time at HRMI. Anna has been an incredibly valuable member of the team, building the foundations for HRMI to grow and become an independent entity. We'll

miss your presence and hard work, Anna, but we trust you'll do many more wonderful things.

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## Events

We regularly run online events for people interested in human rights. Check out what's happening at the moment.

### **Human rights in the United Kingdom** - 16th of August 9am BST

Join us to learn about how we collect and analyse information, and look at all of the data on human rights in the UK, which covers economic and social rights, civil and political rights, and people at risk.

Register [here](#).

### **2022 data launch**

Our 2022 human rights data was released on the [Rights Tracker](#) in June. The launch webinars are on [our YouTube channel](#) but here are some highlights:

- [Guest experts react](#) to the India data
- [Guest experts react](#) to the China and Hong Kong data
- [Rights violations](#): which people groups are particularly at risk of having their economic and social rights violated?
- [Civil and political rights](#) trends around the world.

How has **Covid-19** impacted human rights? Our research paper on this topic was recently published in the [Journal of Human Rights](#). Listen to one of the co-authors, Stephen Bagwell, talk about the pandemic's impacts in this video:



## HRMI in the news



HRMI's latest data have been featured in many news outlets around the world, check out our [In The Media](#) page to see all the coverage.

Here are some of the most recent highlights:

HRMI team members Stephen Bagwell, Meridith LaVelle, and K Chad Clay wrote about the erosion of civil and political rights in Hong Kong for [The Washington Post](#). Other outlets talking about our scores for **China** and **Hong Kong** include:

- [The Guardian](#)
- [Al Jazeera](#)
- [The Cosmopolitan Globalist](#)

- [Acton Institute](#)
- [Spam Chronicles](#)
- [La Presse](#)
- [Tag 43](#)
- [Asia Society](#)

Neha Bhatt at [The Globe and Mail](#) wrote about India's poor Safety from the State performance. Who else is writing about **India's** scores?

- [Prajasakti](#)
- [Time.News](#)
- [National Affairs](#)
- [The Edge Telugu](#)

Additionally, our data has been included in coverage of [Vietnam's](#) civil rights, [Aotearoa New Zealand's](#) education system, political freedom in the [UK](#), economic and social rights in the [Pacific](#), and global [health](#) news.

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## HRMI job vacancy

**Please help spread the word!**

We are looking for a new Development Lead to grow HRMI's funding and enable our strategy and growth.

This is a unique opportunity for a well-organised self-starter, with strong fundraising skills, who wants to use their skills to make a strategic and systemic difference in the world – to be part of a human rights revolution.

If you know someone who fits this description, put us in touch!

This could be a remote position, so we'll be looking at candidates in NZ and internationally, please read the [job description here](#) and share it with friends and colleagues.

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## Please keep in touch!

Thanks for your interest in HRMI. You are also most welcome to follow us on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Facebook](#) to keep up to date in between newsletters.



Please also feel free to [contact us directly](#) with feedback, ideas, and requests. We're here to help.

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## Support us

HRMI is doing incredible work on very limited resources, and we are delighted to see the global coverage, recognition, and use that our data are getting. To achieve the exponential impact we are looking to have, we need to expand our data to achieve global coverage as soon as possible. We need to quadruple our income over the next five years in order to do this. If you can help with suggestions of potential funders, or by making a small regular donation to HRMI yourself, please get in touch by replying to this email, or visit our [donations](#) page.

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