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## CONTACT



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# BELARUSIAN HUMAN RIGHTS HOUSE IN VILNIUS

In 2000 Belarusian human rights organizations launched an initiative to found a **Belarusian Human Rights House**. In 2006 the House was registered in Vilnius, Lithuania, and officially opened on 31 January 2007.

The **Belarusian Human Rights House** in exile is part of the **Human Rights House Network**.

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## OUR AIM



To foster the human rights activities of Belarusian organizations and to protect human rights and their defenders in Belarus.

## OBJECTIVES



- To create conditions allowing Belarusian human rights organizations to operate.
- To provide NGO's unable to fully operate in Belarus with premises for their educational activities outside the country.
- To increase the level of protection and security of Belarusian activists in the field of human rights as well as of materials and documents that are under threat inside Belarus.
- To create an open democratic platform to help Belarusian NGOs.
- To inform Europeans about Belarus and to inform Belarusians about Europe.
- To facilitate international cooperation in the field of human rights in Belarus.

## FIELDS OF ACTIVITY



- Human rights
- Information
- Education
- Culture



## PROGRAMS



- **Week-long Human Rights Schools held each summer.** The classes are taught by experienced experts from several Belarusian human rights organizations.
- **Educational Program "International Law in Advocacy".** This program consists of two projects, "Bring International Standards Home" and "Electronic Human Rights Education for Lawyers", providing multi-stage training of lawyers and human rights activists. The trainers are experts from various European countries and international institutions.
- **Election Observation: Theory and Practice Project,** co-implemented by Belarus Watch, European Humanities University (EHU) and Belarusian Human Rights House. The project provides Belarusian civic activists and EHU students with theoretical knowledge about and practical experience in election observation.
- **Assistance to Victims of Political Repression.** In cooperation with Belarusian partners, the House provides assistance and shelter to people who suffered from politically-motivated repression in Belarus.
- **Dialogue of Human Rights Organizations.** The House has become the meeting place for international forums of human rights activists from different countries, including representatives of the Human Rights House Network and human rights organizations from European countries and the United States.

## SERVICES



The Human Rights House hosts an information centre and a library with a collection of materials for human rights education.

The House has the capacity to show movies on human rights topics, as well as to organize exhibitions, thematic excursions and concerts for participants, students participating in trainings, and other visitors.

It has equipment such as computers, a printer and copier, fax and projector all available for free to users. In addition, meeting and seminar rooms are available for rent.

The information centre provides information and assists with services related to activities in the House to all interested organizations and media.

The Human Rights House Network has a joint website: <http://humanrightshouse.org>.

All Houses provide information concerning human rights issues in their countries.

The Belarusian Human Rights House has its own subpage where news and background information are published regularly.

