's submission to Northern Ireland Bill of Rights Consultation

Question 1a. To what extent do you agree that everyone in Northern Ireland today enjoys the same basic human rights?

Answer - E. Strongly Disagree

Question 1b. Why do you say that you "Strongly disagree" that everyone in Northern Ireland today enjoys the same basic human rights?

I strongly disagree because unborn babies do not enjoy the most basic human right - the right to life.

Question 2. In your view, do people in Northern Ireland need more protection for their human rights in relation to any of the following areas?

Answer - E. Pregnancy and maternity

Question 3. In your view, which of the following values, if any, would make appropriate foundations for rights in Northern Ireland?

Answer - B. Human dignity (everyone deserves respect)

Question 4a. How important, if at all, do you think a bill of rights is for Northern Ireland?

Answer - F. Don't know

Question 4b. To what extent, if at all, do you agree that a bill of rights for Northern Ireland should set out an aspirational vision based on guiding or foundational values?

Answer - A. Strongly agree

Question 4c. Civil and political rights can include freedom from discrimination; the right to privacy; freedom of expression, assembly, religion and movement; and the right to a fair trial. To what extent, if at all, do you agree that a bill of rights for Northern Ireland should include civil and political rights?

Answer - A. Strongly agree

Question 4d. What, if any, political and civil rights would you like to see in a bill of rights for Northern Ireland?

Answer - The civil rights I would like to see in a bill of rights are Freedom of expression, assembly, religion and movement. These rights must cover the right to express pro-life opinions, distribute and display prolife information and images, and the right to assemble outside abortion centres, handing out information leaflets and praying

Question 4h. Do you have any other comments?

Yes.

Question 4i. Enter your comments in the text box below.

I want the rights of unborn babies protected in law, policy and practice. Every person in Northern Ireland - born and unborn - must have the Right to Life. The Right to Life is protected in the UK under The Human Rights Act 1998 - "Everyone's right to life shall be protected by law. No one shall be deprived of his life..." (Article 2) The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states "...every Child has the inherent Right to Life...the Child...needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, BEFORE as well as after BIRTH"

Every child in Northern Ireland - before birth - must have special safeguards and care, including legal protection.

The most basic human right is the Right to Life itself - without it, all other rights are meaningless.

Regarding Question 2 - Unborn babies and their mothers need more protection for their human rights in the area of Pregnancy and maternity

Regarding Question 3 - the value for the foundation of rights in Northern Ireland is Human Dignity. Everyone, including unborn babies, deserves respect and to be given the dignity of being treated as a human.

Regarding Question 4 - I answered "Don't know" to how important a Bill of Rights is for Northern Ireland because it would be "very important" if the dignity, humanity and right to life for unborn babies was acknowledged and protected. However, if a Bill of Rights is used in any way to promote or support abortion then it would be "Not important at all."

Regarding Question 4b - I strongly agree that a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland should set out an aspirational vision based on the guiding and foundational value of the right to life for everyone - before and after birth.