

**Project Title:** Human Rights in Zimbabwe

**Date:** March 2012

**Location:** University of Nottingham, UK

**Unit:** Short Courses and Training

**Core staff:** Professor David Harris, Professor Thérèse Murphy, Amy Weatherburn

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### **Project Summary**

In March 2012, HRLC welcomed a group of Zimbabwean Fellows from the Royal Commonwealth Society to participate in a one day workshop. Prof. Harris provided a general overview of international human rights standards and how they apply to Zimbabwe. In the afternoon, Prof. Thérèse Murphy, Professor of Law and Critical Theory, delivered a session focusing on the 'Right to Reproductive Health in Zimbabwe'.

### **Objectives**

To further develop the participant's knowledge and understanding of international human rights standards with particular focus on the context of Zimbabwe and the right to reproductive health.

### **Participants**

The participants had varying backgrounds and included representatives of civil society organisations such as the Zimbabwe Association of Doctors for Human Rights, Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition, Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR), Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN). These organisations all aim to strengthen democracy and protect human rights in Zimbabwe by promoting free and fair elections, working on advocacy and peace building, and improving the quality of health care management.

### **Activities**

#### *Speakers*

The workshop was facilitated by Prof. Harris, HRLC Co-Chair and Prof. Thérèse Murphy, HRLC Member and Professor of Law and Critical Theory.