CIVIC CHARTER
The Global Framework for People’s Participation

The Civic Charter was intentionally designed to be a framework that can be adapted to the needs of anyone wishing to use it to reclaim or demand their civic rights. It is currently available for download in ქართული | հայերեն | English | Deutsch | Español | Français | Finnish | Nepali | македонски | Polski | Português | 中国 | русский | Burmese | беларуская мова | العربية.

With the sign on of over 300 organisations and 1250 individuals, the Civic Charter is being used in countries around the world to advance advocacy efforts, guide campaign strategies, build a starting framework for country coalitions, and start the conversation about civic rights between activists and their communities. A few examples are:

- Activists from ActionAid Uganda used the Civic Charter to begin the dialogue about protecting people’s right to participate in shaping Uganda’s society with the Uganda Police Force. They got the Director of Human Resources and Spokeperson of the Uganda Police Force to sign the Civic Charter, emphasising that the Police exists to protect the people, their property and their rights. (read more here)

- In Macedonia, the Civic Charter was adopted as the framework for a campaign called Society Without Borders to connect those in the civil sector working on civic rights, social justice, and environmental issues. Activists created info booths to educate the Macedonian public about civic rights and ask them to participate in a photo petition. (read more here)

- Human rights activists in Kenya are using the Civic Charter in a series of community dialogues aimed at educating the community about police killings of activists by highlighting principle 8 of the Civic Charter, the duty to protect. (read more here)

- Activists in Germany, Japan, and Australia adapted the Civic Charter to advocate to their respective G20 leaders to raise the issue of shrinking space for civil society at the G20 Summit in July of 2017.

- In Finland, the CSO Platform Kepa used the Civic Charter at its annual Development Policy Day where participants from the sector could speak openly with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland about people’s participation.

Got more ideas? Email mniehaus@icscentre.org to share how you’re using the #CivicCharter or for support in adapting the Civic Charter to meet your needs!