

CORE puts people and the planet at the heart of business. We provide a platform for the UK's leading charities and experts to speak as one united voice on business and human rights issues.

CORE aims to reduce business-related human rights and environmental abuses by ensuring UK-linked companies are required to operate to high standards and are held to account for their impacts both at home and abroad.

## How we work

CORE pools expertise on international development, the environment and human rights from NGOs, academics, trade unions and the legal profession.

Together we lead UK civil society advocacy work on corporate accountability issues. Current priorities include:

- the business and human rights agenda, with a focus on access to justice
- supply chain transparency and due diligence
- company law and corporate governance

We also provide advice and information to member organisations on the latest developments in corporate accountability, in the UK and internationally.

CORE is represented on the Board of the European Coalition for Corporate Justice (ECCJ) and is a member of the Equality and Human Rights Commission's Business and Human Rights Working Group.

## Member organisations



## Funding foundations



## Work priorities 2014-2015

- **Modern Slavery Bill** – coordinating advocacy work on amending the bill so that large UK companies would be required to report on the steps they are taking to identify and address modern slavery in their supply chains.
- **Access to justice** for victims of corporate harm – advising member organisation Traidcraft on the development of a public campaign.
- **Conflict minerals** – supporting Global Witness to secure an EU law compelling companies to source the metals they use responsibly, to stop the mineral trade fuelling some of the world's most brutal conflicts.
- Research project on evaluation of **non-judicial redress mechanisms** – in partnership with Melbourne and Essex Universities.
- **CORE fringe events** – hosting panel discussions on business and human rights at the Labour and Liberal Democrat Party conferences, 2014.

## Successes

- **EU non-financial reporting directive** – ratified by the European Parliament in April 2014.
- **Human rights reporting in the Companies Act 2006.**
- Published a response to the UK Government's **Business and Human Rights Action Plan.**
- Revealed how the UK Government capitulated to **corporate lobbying** by Shell and Rio Tinto, supporting them in human rights court cases.
- **Study on barriers to access to justice** – published 'The Third Pillar', in partnership with ECCJ and the US-based International Corporate Accountability Roundtable.