

Let us Introduce Ourselves!

OCR works with and provide support to tenants; helping them to exercise their rights and protect their dignity.

Since 1984, the OCR has also lobbied with government and brought legal challenges to change the law to protect tenants. It conducts workshops and publishes information to educate and empower tenants about their rights, duties and obligations.

OCR strives to improve the living conditions of tenants and together with residents and other community structures, work towards a better and just society.



2014: *Front (from left)* Krubashen M. Moodley (co-ordinator of Social facilitation & Fund raising), Yoliswa Gladys Mhlaba (deputy treasurer), Adila Adam (Legal Team Co-ordinator), Alice Tukute (Treasurer) *Back (from left)* Dr. Sayed Iqbal Mohamed (Chairperson; Director of projects), Baruti Amisi (co-ordinator of Refugee/Migrant tenants' committee) Reverend Kevin Sprong (Deputy Chairperson), Angel Paulsen (Secretary General), Honorary Members: Magnus Hammar (secretary general: International Union of Tenant, Sweden); Prof. Yelena Shomina (Russian Tenant Union, Moscow)

Enhancing human rights, sustaining sound relationships, restoring respect and human dignity between tenants & landlords of residential dwellings

OCR provides

- free advice, mediation & representation to tenants nationwide
- intervention in resolving unlawful actions such as lockouts, disconnection of services
- assistance & support on matters relating to maintenance, rental increases, evictions, discrimination and other unfair practices

Some of OCR's Achievements

- OCR was in the forefront for the abolition of the apartheid Group Areas Act and stopped the harassment of mixed couples and forced evictions
- OCR initiated and was a major stakeholder regarding the new legislation for landlords and tenants (Rental Housing Act)
- Addressed the plight of exploited tenants
- Reinstatement of displaced tenants
- Intervention between tenant and landlord disputes
- Successful representation of tenants at Rent Boards & High court
- Reconnection of basic services
- Social facilitator-(upgrade/refurbishment of Municipal & provincial rental dwellings
- Established street and flat committees
- Contributed to democratic changes in the composition of rent board members
- Served on the Task Team to advise the Minister of Human Settlements on rental housing matters
- National initiative to have lifts made functional – *first test case pending*
- Brought about changes to the Municipal systems Act- unit owners now directly liable for rates; preventing sale of entire buildings

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WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AS TENANTS? Your right to privacy, dignity & secured tenancy?

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Our publications (1984-2016) include

Research on

- The homeless community
- Rental Housing Tribunals
- ‘Sweatshop’ tenants
- ‘Student accommodation
- Inner city crime
- Tenants
- Lifts/elevators



Workshops with

- Tenants
- Sectional titles' owners
- Magistrates
- Student internships
- Social facilitation
- Rental Housing Tribunal



Welcome to the Neighbourhoods where OCR works

“Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like Slavery and Apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. YOU can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom.” — *Nelson Mandela (1918-2003)*

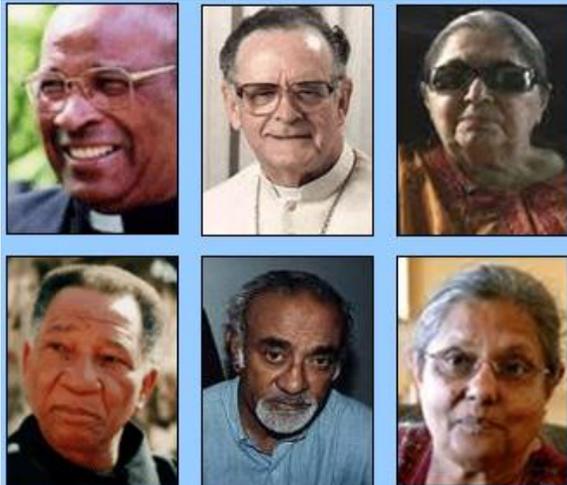


Magnus Hammar (Sweden) OCR's executive member visiting 'container' tenants in Durban



Phezu Lodge tenants lost their belongings in a fire

PATRONS - PATRONESSES



Judge FBA Dawood, Cardinal Wilfrid Napier OFM, Archbishop of Durban, Dr. Omaruddin Don Mattera, Retired Bishop Norman Hudson & Ms. Ela Gandhi (the late archbishop Denis Hurley), Billy Nair & Prof Fatima Meer were also patrons

