

LCF Annual Conference

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THIS YEAR

This year Law Centres have again been under added pressure to keep up the important work of providing legal services to the community. Yet it is precisely at this time, with the deepening of the recession and government spending cuts, that communities have a much greater need of their Law Centres. In the face of all this, we need to be reminded, and to remind others, of the power of Law Centres to transform people's lives by delivering justice.

WHAT'S IN STORE

We aim to continue the conversation started last year on the future path of Law Centres as a movement.

For this, there will be a dedicated 'problem solving' and strategy session on Saturday morning. A senior EU justice official will address our conference on Europe's justice and human rights policies. The conference will also offer the usual mix of keynote speakers and themed practical workshops, which are CPD-accredited.

TOGETHER WE STAND

Your participation in the conference is crucial to its success.

- Come to listen and to be heard
- Come to learn and to collaborate
- Come to meet and catch up with colleagues

— but do come, and let's make this time count!

Fees are similar to last year. We are seeking sponsorship to subsidise some places to try to ensure that representatives from as many Law Centres as possible can attend. 24-hour and day rates are available.

Details and a booking form for download are also available from the LCF website at www.lawcentres.org.uk

For more information, contact Jennifer Ball, Training and Conference Coordinator, on 07590 050 897 or email jennifer@lawcentres.org.uk

What's in store?

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Registration will begin at 11:30 and will be followed by a lunch together and an opening session, including the chair's welcome and keynote speakers. Following afternoon tea we will break up into four parallel training workshops.

After evening tea we will reconvene for LCF's Annual General Meeting and the election of LCF's Executive Committee for the coming year.

The day will end with dinner. The annual Law Centres Innovation Award will be presented. Anyone still in the mood is welcome to enjoy the late evening entertainments.

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

After breakfast on Saturday, we will begin the facilitated session discussing the progress since last year and the current and the future needs of Law Centres.

Following a short refreshment break there will be a selection of workshops available.

We will then get together to enjoy lunch before a final round up of the 2009 conference by a plenary session featuring guest speakers. We will conclude with the customary tea.

This year for those wishing to stay for a little longer we have offered to facilitate sessions for specialist groups as requested at last year's conference.

The programme and speaker details will be available on LCF's website and will be circulated to all Law Centres prior to the conference.

THE VENUE

This year we are returning to the MIC Conferencing centre, a five minute walk from Euston station. In addition, MIC offers 4-star hotel accommodation and the within the Atrium bar you will have a perfect opportunity to relax, catch up on some e-mails or network during the conference.