

# 2020

MONDAY 14 DEC –  
THURSDAY 17 DEC

## Law Centres Network Annual Conference 2020

# ACTIVIST LAWYERS IN A CHANGING WORLD

ONLINE  
CONFERENCE

Over the last 40+ years the annual Law Centre conference has been the main event for Law Centres – a chance for friends to come together to reflect on what has been achieved, consider new ideas, and learn together from our past so that we can shape our future.

2020 is a year like no other. It has been shocking and, at times, even exciting. Many Law Centre communities are those that have been hardest hit by the virus. Lawyers have been under attack for doing what they must – defending the rights of local people, speaking truth to empower.

We are all exhausted by this year. Nevertheless, as it ends, let's come together in a new way. The conference will still be Law Centres together, with our friends, holding each other tight as best we can.

So please join us online, in a pick-and-mix conference from 14-17 December 2020, to see out this extraordinary year and hope for a better 2021. There will be thought-provoking plenary sessions with speakers from around the world, feisty debates, experts providing updates, engaging workshops, networking opportunities, and even a chance to have some fun.

### Pricing

Law Centre ticket, £300 / £500 / £800  
(one Law Centre ticket covers all staff,  
volunteers and trustees)

Students, non-waged, £25

Friends and Colleagues, £50

### How to Book

Book [here](#)

or go to [LawCentres.org.uk](http://LawCentres.org.uk)

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## SPEAKERS INCLUDE

**Prof Connor Gearty**, Professor of Human Rights Law, (London School of Economics, UK)

**Michael Abiodun Olatokun FRSA**, Head of Public and Youth Engagement, (Bingham Centre for Rule of Law, UK)

**Lord Willy Bach**, Police & Crime Commissioner, Leicestershire, UK

**Leslie Thomas QC** (Garden Court Chambers, UK)

**Steven H. Schulman**, Pro Bono Partner (Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Washington, USA)

**Brenna DeVaney**, Director of Pro Bono Programs / Pro Bono Counsel (Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Affiliates, USA)

**Ife Thompson**, Human Rights Defender and Barrister (BLAM UK)

**Raggi Kotak**, Immigration and Asylum Barrister (One Pump Court, UK)

**Amos Toh**, Senior Researcher (Human Rights Watch, USA)

**Martha Dark**, Director (Foxglove Legal, UK)

**Nick Davies**, Programme Director (Institute for Government, UK)

**Hugh Tye**, Executive Director (Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, Canada)

**Annie Pineda**, Director of Pro Bono (The Bronx Defenders, USA)

**Molly Meltzer**, Director of Pro Bono (Brooklyn Defenders, USA)

**Sue Moroney**, Chief Executive Officer (Community Law Centres o Aotearoa, NZ)

**Janet Taylor**, Managing Principal Solicitor (Central Australian Women's Legal Service, AUS)

**Amanda Whelan**, Director of Client Services (knowmore Legal Service, AUS)

**Peter Bermingham**, Director, Corporate Services (knowmore Legal Service, AUS)

**Sue Bent**, Chief Executive (Central England Law Centre, UK)

**Chloe Hardy**, Director of Policy & Communications (Sheila McKechnie Foundation, UK)

**Dr Tara Mulqueen**, Director, Warwick Law in the Community (University of Warwick, UK)

**Matt Howgate**, Compliance and Organisational Development Consultant

**And many Law Centre colleagues**

## PLENARIES ON

**Human Rights and the Rule of Law**  
**Response to the Pandemic across the globe**  
**Digital Justice and the Rule of Law**  
**Activist Lawyers**

## WORKSHOPS INCLUDE

**Anti-Oppression Training**  
**Campaigning**  
**Remote working**  
**Wellbeing**  
**Program of digital workshops**  
**Immigration, Housing, Employment, Welfare**  
**Benefits, Debt, Public Law**  
**Governance, Management, Finance**  
**Community Engagement**