

ACTIVIST LAWYERS IN A CHANGING WORLD

MONDAY 14 DEC –
THURSDAY 17 DEC

SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOPS

MONDAY 14 DECEMBER

09:00 – 10:30

Registration, Set up your agenda, Networking

Video with instructions available on platform upon registration.

10:30 – 12:00

Plenary 1: Human Rights and the Rule of Law

WELCOME

Helen Rogers, LCN Chair & Senior Manager, Pro Bono (Allen & Overy)

Alex Chalk, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Ministry of Justice) and Assistant Government Whip (To be confirmed)

HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW

Prof Conor Gearty, Professor of Human Rights Law, Department of Law (London School of Economics)

Louise Whitfield, Solicitor and Head of Legal Casework (Liberty) (To be confirmed)

Michael Abiodun Olatokun FRSA, Head of Public and Youth Engagement, Research Fellow in Citizenship and The Rule of Law (Bingham Centre for Rule of Law)

12:15 – 13:15

Networking

13:30 – 15:00

Workshops

WORKSHOP 1: VULNERABLE EEA NATIONALS POST-BREXIT

Eileen Bye, Solicitor (Harrow Law Centre)

Emily McCarron, Policy Manager for Equality and Human Rights (Age UK)

WORKSHOP 2: LCN SHOWCASING DIGITAL WORK

Alex Charles, IT and Digital Officer (LCN)

Andrew Flett, Digital Product Designer (LCN)

Emily MacLoud, Digital Lead (LCN)

WORKSHOP 3: HOUSING / HPCDS / EVICTIONS ETC.

15:30 – 17:00

Plenary 2: International Covid Response

CANADA:

Hugh Tye, Executive Director (Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, Ontario)

USA:

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

Molly Meltzer, Director of Pro Bono (Brooklyn Defenders, NY)

AUSTRALIA: (PRE-RECORDED)

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

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

Janet Taylor, Managing Principal Solicitor (Central Australian Women's Legal Service / CAWLS)

AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND: (PRE-RECORDED)

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

UK:

Jason Tetley, Director (Greater Manchester Law Centre)

17:30 – 19:00

Workshop

WORKSHOP 4: ANTI-OPPRESSION TRAINING

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

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER

09:00 – 9:30
Meditation Session

10:30 – 12:00
Workshops

WORKSHOP 5: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Madeline Denny, Community Engagement Officer (LCN)

Kath Whittaker, Community Engagement Officer (LCN)

WORKSHOP 6: TRAINING ON NEW IMMIGRATION RULES

Nath Gbikpi, Immigration Solicitor (Islington Law Centre)

WORKSHOP 7: MANAGING STAFF REMOTELY: PRACTICAL TIPS FOR SUPPORTING WELLBEING

Elizabeth Rimmer, Chief Executive (LawCare)

13:00 – 14:00
Networking

14:30 – 16:00
Workshops

WORKSHOP 8: DEVELOPING AND FUNDING EMPLOYMENT ADVICE

Jayne Butler, Head of Income and Development (LCN)

Charlotte Harwood, Solicitor (Plumstead Community Law Centre)

Ellen Taylor (Derbyshire Law Centre)
Victoria Speed, Solicitor (ELAN/South West London Law Centres)

WORKSHOP 9: REMOTE WORKING

Alex Charles, IT and Digital Officer (LCN)

Adrian Edgar, Managing Director (AspiraCloud)

WORKSHOP 10: WELFARE BENEFITS
To be confirmed

17:00 – 18:30
Workshops

WORKSHOP 11: WHEN THINGS GO WRONG – SHARING AND LEARNING FROM FAILURES (for Law Centres only)

Matt Howgate, Compliance and Organisational Development Consultant

Jayne Butler, Head of Income and Development (LCN)

WORKSHOP 12: WELLBEING – MANAGING CHANGE

Victoria Speed, COVID 19 Response Coordinator (Employment Legal Advice Network)

Robert Goate, Managing Director (Cogence Training)

WORKSHOP 13: SUPPORTING VULNERABLE GROUPS WITH DIGITAL

Tom Norman, Head of Service Design (Barnardo's)

Peter Brown, Head of Resources & Organisational Development (Sheffield Citizens Advice & Law Centre)

WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER

09:00 – 9:30
Yoga
(meditation, deep breathing & mindfulness)

Raj Sahota, Solicitor (Hammersmith & Fulham Law Centre)

09:00 – 10:00
Workshop

WORKSHOP 14: WHY BECOME A LAW CENTRE? (for those interested in setting up a Law Centre)

Matt Howgate, Compliance and Organisational Development Consultant

Jayne Butler, Head of Income and Development (LCN)

10:30 – 12:00
Workshops

WORKSHOP 15: HOW LANGUAGES SHAPE SERVICES

Language accessibility in advice services

WORKSHOP 16: SOLVING THE RIGHT PROBLEMS FIRST

Mark Garner, Facilitator and Trainer (Design Sprint Academy)

WORKSHOP 17: LAW IN THE WIDER CHANGE ECO-SYSTEM

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

13:00-14:00
Networking

14:30 – 16:00
Workshops

WORKSHOP 18: DEBT / COVID IMPACT

Jessica Cook, Project Development Manager (National Energy Action)

Jason Roberts, Debt Adviser (Speakeasy Law Centre)

WORKSHOP 19: CONVERSATION ABOUT MENTORING FOR JUNIOR LAWYERS

Nathan FitzPatrick, Learning and Transformation Lead (LCN)

WORKSHOP 20: LEGAL AID/ SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW

Speaker to be confirmed

17:00 – 18:30
Workshops

WORKSHOP 21: RAISING THE GAME

Matt Howgate, Compliance and Organisational Development Consultant

Jayne Butler, Head of Income and Development (LCN)

WORKSHOP 22: SCREENING OF SICK BY RED SHED PLAYERS

Nick Whittingham, Chief Executive (Kirklees Citizens Advice and Law Centre)

09:15 – 9:30

Welcome

Helen Rogers, LCN Chair & Senior Manager, Pro Bono (Allen & Overy)

9:30 – 11:00

Plenary 3: Digital Justice

DIGITAL JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW

Amos Toh, Senior Researcher, Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights (Human Rights Watch) (pre-recorded)

Martha Dark, Director (Foxglove)

Nick Davies, Programme Director (Institute for Government)

12:00 – 13:00

Networking

13:30 – 15:00

Workshops

WORKSHOP 23: TO BE CONFIRMED

WORKSHOP 24: LEGAL ADVICE IN LESVOS BEFORE CLAIMING ASYLUM

Philip Worthington, Managing Director (European Lawyers in Lesvos)

WORKSHOP 25: HOW CAN WE STRENGTHEN PUBLIC LAW PROVISION IN LAW CENTRES?

Central England Law Centre

Public Interest Law Centre

Public Law Project

15:30 – 17:00

Plenary 4: Activist Lawyers

ACTIVIST LAWYERS

Prof Leslie Thomas QC (Garden Court Chambers, London)

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, Chicago, USA)

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

17:00 – 17:30

Closing Remarks

Julie Bishop, Director (LCN)

18:00 – 21:00

Evening Event / Social

BEFORE DINNER ADDRESS

Lord Willy Bach, Legal Aid Minister 2008-2010 reflects on Activist Lawyering

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented by **Lord Willy Bach**

MURDER MYSTERY

Martin South, Director (Tower Hamlets Law Centre)

CHRISTMAS KARAOKE

Nimrod Ben-Cnaan, Head of Policy and Profile (LCN)