

# 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

Plenary room

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

**HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW**

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

**Louise Whitfield**, Head of Legal Casework (Liberty)

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

**12:15 – 13:15**

## Networking

**13:30 – 15:00**

## Workshops

**WORKSHOP 1: VULNERABLE EEA CITIZENS POST-BREXIT**  
Room 1

**Eileen Bye**, Solicitor (Harrow Law Centre)

**Emily McCarron**, Equalities and Human Rights Policy Manager (Age UK)

**Stewart MacLachlan**, Senior Legal and Policy Officer (Coram Children's Legal Centre)

**WORKSHOP 2: SHOWCASING LCN DIGITAL**  
Room 2

**Alex Charles**, IT and Digital Officer (LCN)

**Andrew Flett**, Digital Product Designer (LCN)

**Emily MacLoud**, Digital Lead (LCN)

**WORKSHOP 3: CAMPAIGNING FOR HOUSING RIGHTS IN 2021**  
Room 3

**Siobhan Taylor-Ward**, Housing Solicitor (Merseyside Law Centre), Chair (ACORN Liverpool)

**Jason Tetley**, Director (Greater Manchester Law Centre)

**Ben Clay** (Greater Manchester Tenants Union)

**15:30 – 17:20**

## Plenary 2: International Covid Response

Plenary room

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)

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

**Fiona Rigney**, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Advisor (knowmore Legal Service)

**Nassim Arrage**, CEO (Community Legal Centres Australia)

**Jade Johnson**, Male Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Advisor, working alongside female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Advisor, Fiona Rigney (knowmore Legal Service)

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: CHALLENGING THE DYNAMICS OF RACISM**  
Room 3

**Raggi Kotak**, Barrister (One Pump Court) and Race Educator

**TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER**

**08:30 – 9:30**

**Live Discussion**

Room 3

**WITH INTERNATIONAL COVID RESPONSE SPEAKERS FROM AUSTRALIA/NZ**

**09:00 – 9:30**

**Meditation Session**

Plenary room

**10:30 – 12:00**

**Workshops**

**WORKSHOP 5: OPENING YOUR DOORS TO NEW COMMUNITIES**  
Room 1

**Madeline Denny**, Community Engagement Officer (LCN)

**Kath Whittaker**, Community Engagement Officer (LCN)

**WORKSHOP 6: POST-BREXIT AND BEYOND: THE MAIN CHANGES TO THE IMMIGRATION RULES**  
Room 2

**Nath Gbikpi**, Immigration Solicitor (Islington Law Centre)

**WORKSHOP 7: MANAGING STAFF REMOTELY: PRACTICAL TIPS FOR SUPPORTING WELLBEING**  
Room 3

**Elizabeth Rimmer**, Chief Executive (LawCare)

**13:00 – 14:00**

**Networking**

**14:30 – 16:00**

**Workshops**

**WORKSHOP 8: EMPLOYMENT ADVICE – PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**  
Room 1

**Jayne Butler**, Head of Income and Development (LCN)

**Charlotte Harwood**, Employment Solicitor (Plumstead Community Law Centre)

**Ellen Taylor**, Employment Caseworker (Derbyshire Law Centre)

**Victoria Speed**, Covid 19 Response Coordinator (ELAN)

**Barbara Likulunga**, Solicitor (Bristol Law Centre)

**WORKSHOP 9: IT UPGRADE: A SOLUTION FOR BETTER REMOTE WORKING AND COLLABORATION**  
Room 2

**Alex Charles**, IT and Digital Officer (LCN)

**Adrian Edgar**, Managing Director (AspiraCloud)

**WORKSHOP 10: WELFARE BENEFITS**  
Room 3

**Matthew Ahluwalia**, Barrister (Garden Court Chambers)

**Olivia Mowll**, Welfare Benefits Specialist (Bristol Law Centre)

**Owen McCloskey**, Legal Officer (Law Centre NI)

**17:00 – 18:30**

**Workshops**

**WORKSHOP 11: WHEN THINGS GO WRONG – SHARING AND LEARNING FROM FAILURES**  
Room 1

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

**Jayne Butler**, Head of Income and Development (LCN)

**WORKSHOP 12: WELLBEING – MANAGING CHANGE**  
Room 2

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

**Robert Goate**, Managing Director (Cogence Training)

**WORKSHOP 13: SUPPORTING VULNERABLE GROUPS WITH DIGITAL**  
Room 3

**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**

Plenary room

(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)**  
Room 3

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

**Jayne Butler**, Head of Income and Development (LCN)

**10:30 – 12:00**

**Workshops**

**WORKSHOP 15: OVERCOMING LANGUAGE BARRIERS IN ADVICE SESSIONS**  
Room 1

**Audrey Ludwig**, Director (Suffolk Law Centre)

**Shelley Purchon**, Director (English Unlocked)

**WORKSHOP 16: SOLVING THE RIGHT PROBLEMS FIRST**  
Room 2

**Mark EJ Garner**, Facilitator and Trainer (Design Sprint Academy)

**WORKSHOP 17: LAW IN THE WIDER CHANGE ECO-SYSTEM**  
Room 3

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

**13:00-14:00**

**Networking**

**14:30 – 16:00**

**Workshops**

**WORKSHOP 18: THE LANDSCAPE OF PERSONAL DEBT IN THE UK**  
Room 1

**Jessica Cook**, Project Development Manager (National Energy Action)

**Jason Roberts**, Debt Adviser (Speakeasy Law Centre)

**WORKSHOP 19: DISCUSSION GROUP – LAW CENTRES AND MENTORING**  
Room 2

**Nathan FitzPatrick**, Learning and Transformation Lead (LCN)

**14:30 – 16:00**

**Live discussion**

Room 3

**WITH INTERNATIONAL COVID RESPONSE SPEAKERS FROM US/CANADA**

**17:00 – 18:30**

**Workshops**

**WORKSHOP 20: RAISING THE GAME**  
Room 1

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

**Jayne Butler**, Head of Income and Development (LCN)

**WORKSHOP 21: SCREENING OF SICK BY RED SHED PLAYERS**  
Room 2

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

**Peter Hirst**, Writer (Red Shed Players)

09:15 – 9:30

**Welcome**

Plenary room

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

9:30 – 11:00

**Plenary 3: Digital Justice**

Plenary room

**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 22: THE CRIMINALISATION OF YOUNG VICTIMS**

Room 1

**Pamela Fitzpatrick**, Director (Harrow Law Centre)

**Annahita Moradi**, Barrister/Victims of Crime Project (Harrow Law Centre)

**Ruba Huleihel**, Young Persons Adviser (Harrow Law Centre)

**Naomi Trewinnard**, Justice First Fellow (Harrow Law Centre)

**WORKSHOP 23: PROVIDING FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO ASYLUM SEEKERS ON THE GREEK ISLANDS**

Room 2

**Philip Worthington**, Managing Director (European Lawyers in Lesvos)

**Tara Mariwany**, Co-founder (Collective Action for Iraq)

**WORKSHOP 24: HOW CAN WE STRENGTHEN PUBLIC LAW PROVISION IN LAW CENTRES?**

Room 3

**Daniel Rourke**, Lead Lawyer (Public Law Project)

**Isabella Mulholland**, Legal Caseworker (Public Interest Law Centre)

**Michael Bates**, Solicitor (Central England Law Centre)

**Dr Tara Mulqueen**, Assistant Professor (University of Warwick, School of Law)

15:30 – 17:00

**Plenary 4: Activist Lawyers**

Plenary room

**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**, Barrister, Activist, Founder (BLAM UK and Black Protest Legal Support UK)

17:00 – 17:30

**Closing Remarks**

Plenary room

**Julie Bishop**, Director (LCN)

18:00 – 21:00

**Evening Event / Social**

**18:00 – BEFORE DINNER ADDRESS**

Plenary room

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

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Plenary room

Presented by **Lord Willy Bach**

**18:30 – MURDER MYSTERY**

Room 2

**Martin South**, Chief Executive (Tower Hamlets Law Centre)

**20:00 – CHRISTMAS KARAOKE**

Room 1

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