



Conference 2006

Representing Community Lawyers

Young Lawyers Sessions

The Macdonald Holland House Hotel, 24-26 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0DD

6th October 2006

Legal Aid Lawyers – The Fourth Emergency Service

YLAL Student Programme 1.45pm – 2.35pm, YLAL Trainee Programme 2.50pm – 3.40pm

With the future of legal aid on the brink, Young Legal Aid Lawyers (YLAL) present a first aid tool kit for the next generation. The panel session will focus on current developments in legal aid practice and successful campaign methods to go beyond individual cases to influence law as well as policy. Students are especially welcome to the first afternoon session (1.45 – 2.35) with Trainees invited to the second (2.50 – 3.40).

• Young Legal Aid Lawyers will provide an introduction to legal aid and discuss what motivates us to eschew perks and platinum gold in favour of careers built on actively promoting social inclusion and protecting the rights of those most vulnerable in our society.

• Liberty's Campaigns Co-ordinator, Doug Jewell, will give an introduction to the work carried out by Liberty and discuss how lawyers can link up with media, politics and community to effect change and promote human rights at a local, national and international level.

• Leading Legal Aid Practitioner, Nicola Mackintosh of Mackintosh Duncan solicitors, will explore the invaluable work carried out by legal aid lawyers, who fight fearlessly both for the individual and in the public interest. She will illustrate this with some recent landmark cases and campaigns she has spearheaded.

For more information on YLAL please go to:
www.younglegalaidlawyers.org



So, you want to be a Legal Aid Lawyer? Trainee Solicitors' Group Programming

TSG Trainee Programme 1.45pm – 2.35pm

Getting a leg up...

The TSG trainee programme will focus on providing trainees approaching qualification with the tools they require to obtain an NQ position in legal aid. Practitioners will be on hand to give advice and assistance in how to turn your training contract into the career you want – including advice on CVs, looking for positions and interviewing. Trainees will also get an insight into what to expect from qualification, and how to create that all important work/life balance and manage the stress of a qualified position.



For more information on the TSG, please visit: www.tsg.org

TSG Student Programme 2.50pm – 3.40pm

Getting your foot on the rung...

The Trainee Solicitors' Group will provide a session aimed at giving students assistance in obtaining a training contract. The talks will centre on specific advice in obtaining a training contract focussing on legal aid work, but also provide general assistance and advice on legal recruitment. This will include how to prepare a CV and interview technique tips. Students will be able to obtain an insight into a day in the life of a legal aid trainee and ask practitioners for their own top tips in pursuing a career in the law.

Speakers: Katherine Gibson, Genevieve Monclin and Natalie Goffe.

Further speakers to be confirmed.

To book a place please email: cardiff@lapg.co.uk

There is no cost but places are limited.

Delegates are also welcome to attend the rest of the conference.