



Representing Legal Aid Lawyers

Legal Aid Practitioners Group

Annual Legal Aid Conference

Friday 4th October 2019

And LAPG Annual Dinner sponsored by Accesspoint
Thursday 3rd October 2019 (open to all - booking details inside)
The Courtyard Restaurant, Conference Aston, Aston University
Birmingham B4 7ET

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Equivalent to 5.5 CPD Hours
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Conference Schedule 2019

- 09.00 Registration Tea/Coffee
Exhibition for Sponsors/Exhibitors**
- 09.40 Welcome Address :**
Nicola Mackintosh QC (Hon), Co-chair of LAPG, Mackintosh Law
- 09.50 Keynote Speech:** Jess Phillips MP for Birmingham Yardley
- 10.20 Panel: Campaigning – Winning Hearts and Minds to Save Legal Aid**
Speakers demonstrating the wide variety of ways legal aid lawyers can change the law and legal aid system for the better:
- Parliamentary processes: Karen Buck MP
 - Influencing the media: Owen Bowcott, Guardian
 - Working directly with the MOJ/LAA: Jenny Beck, Co-Chair LAPG, Beck Fitzgerald
 - Strategic litigation: Jo Hickman, Public Law Project
 - Political lobbying: Daisy Cooper, More United
 - Campaigning organisations: Rosie Brighouse, Liberty
 - Further speakers to be announced
- 11.30 Tea/Coffee + Exhibition**
- 12.00 Workshops: Session (1)**
- Ia. Campaigning Masterclasses**
Karen Buck MP, Chair of the APPG on Legal Aid; Danielle Manson, Barrister, Young Legal Aid Lawyers and Garden Court Chambers; Giles Peaker, Partner, Anthony Gold Solicitors
- Ib. Universal Credit and Legal Aid**
Carla Clarke, Head of Strategic Litigation at Child Poverty Action Group provides an overview of Universal Credit, including issues affecting the legal aid means test
- Ic. Working effectively with clients in crisis**
Dr Louise Bowers, HCPC Registered Forensic Psychologist and Director of the Forensic Psychologist Service Ltd; Dr Laura Janes, Howard League for Penal Reform will provide guidance on working with clients with mental health issues, neurodevelopmental disorders, and learning difficulties/intellectual disabilities
- Id. Practice management: The critical importance of staff welfare**
Rachel Francis and Joanna Fleck, Claiming Space; Matt Howgate, DG Legal, on effective people management
- 12.45 Lunch + Exhibition**
- 13.45 Plenary – The Ministry of Justice Legal Support Action Plan**
Facilitated by Richard Miller of The Law Society
Senior members of the MOJ’s Legal Aid Policy team will outline key elements of the Action Plan, with operational input from the Legal Aid Agency, followed by a Q&A.
The session will include:
- Early legal advice pilot in social welfare law
 - Criminal legal aid review
 - Public awareness campaign
 - A potential new model for family legal aid
 - Exceptional Case Funding
 - Review of the means test

Details of Workshop Sessions



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I 4.45 Workshops: Session (2)

2a. Civil non-family costs masterclass

Laura Bennett and Kenny Shealey of John M Hayes costs specialists provide essential tips and advice on maximising civil, non-family costs

2b. A career in legal aid

Young Legal Aid Lawyers provide helpful hints and advice on starting your career in legal aid with contributions from Sam Coe, KCH Garden Square (chair); Malvika Jaganmohan, Coram Chambers; Alex Pritchard-Jones, St Ive's Chambers; Helen Gill, John Ford Solicitors

2c. Current issues in criminal Legal Aid

LAPG Committee - criminal defence practitioners; Joanne Cecil, Barrister, Garden Court Chambers, cover key issues for criminal legal aid practitioners

2d. Practice management: The new SRA Standards and Regulations

DG Legal provide an overview of the new rules in place from 25th November 2019

I 5.30 Tea/Coffee + Exhibition

I 5.45 Workshops: Session (3)

3a. Family costs masterclass

Laura Bennett and Kenny Shealey of John M Hayes costs specialists provide essential tips and advice on maximising family costs

3b. How Immigration and Public Law Issues come into Criminal Litigation

Young Legal Aid Lawyers explore the interplay between immigration and public law issues in criminal litigation with contributions from Paramjit Ahluwalia, barrister, Lamb Building Chambers and a further YLAL member TBC.

3c. Peer Review masterclass

Speakers from DG Legal, including Carl Buckley, Barrister and former peer reviewer, Guernica 37 International Justice Chambers

3d. Practice Management – staff development and training

Matthew Howgate, co-lead tutor on the LAPG CPM, Supervision and Introduction to Legal Aid courses provides an overview of key issues to consider in relation to staff training and development

I 6.30 Closing remarks

Chris Minnoch, LAPG CEO
Wendy Morton MP Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice

I 7.00 Drinks reception

I 8.00 Close

Note: The LAA will be in attendance all day to run CCMS drop-in sessions and demonstrate the new legal aid application interface

We may need to make changes to the final programme – please check on www.lapg.co.uk

Booking for the Annual Conference 2019

To attend the conference please book online using Eventbrite:
<https://tinyurl.com/y4kz38lf>

Early Bird discounts available until 6 September 2019

	Members		Extra Member delegates		Non-Members		YLAL	
	Full rate	Early bird	Full rate	Early bird	Full rate	Early bird	Full rate	Early bird
24 hour delegate package*	220	195	170	145	270	245	145	120
Conference only delegate	140	115	110	85	190	165	45	30

Prices exclude VAT

***The 24 hour package includes pre-dinner drinks, dinner with wine, hotel room, breakfast and the conference.**

Terms and Conditions

A full refund will be given if a place is cancelled up to 7 days before the conference and no refunds in the last 7 days before the conference. A substitute delegate from your or another organisation will be accepted at any time before the event.

Please note that we reserve the right to change the running order and we may need to make changes to the final programme. All details will be on www.lapg.co.uk

LAPG Annual Dinner Thursday 3rd October 2019

Our pre conference dinner is open to all. Even if you are not attending the conference, come along and enjoy LAPG's annual dinner. This is a fantastic occasion to meet colleagues from all over the country.

The cost of dinner only with wine is £38 per person (YLAL members £24 per person) with discounts for group bookings

The venue is The Courtyard Restaurant, Conference Aston, Aston University, Birmingham B4 7ET

To book places please go to <https://tinyurl.com/y69sv68y>