



*Representing Community Lawyers*

# **Legal Aid Practitioners Group** **Annual Conference**

**Friday 7th October 2016**

**Park Plaza Hotel**

**Boar Lane, Leeds LS1 5NS**

**(under 5 minutes walk from mainline station)**

## **Legal Aid: What Next - Working on Survival Strategies**

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See inside for details of dinner on Thursday 6th October at Park Plaza Hotel, Leeds

# Conference Schedule 2016

**09.15 Registration/coffee/exhibition**

**09.50 Plenary event**

Welcome: Nicola Mackintosh QC (Hon) and Co-Chair of LAPG

**10.00** Keynote speech: Martha Spurrier Director of Liberty - 'Human rights and unifying values'

**10.30** Panel - What next for legal aid practitioners and the profession as a whole?

Shaun McNally, Chief Executive LAA

Chris Handford, Director of Regulatory Policy, SRA

Joe Egan, Vice President The Law Society

Andrew Langdon QC, Chairman-Elect Bar Council

**11.30 Coffee & Exhibition**

**Forum** (optional) for housing lawyers to swap tips about CCMS

**12.00 Workshops: Session (1)**

**1a.** Family law update: Private and public law – Lisa Phillips, Switalskis Solicitors, Lucy Verity, Hornby and Levy Solicitors, Beverley Watkins, Watkins Solicitors

**1b.** Management issue: Time and stress management – Roy Morgan, Lead advocacy trainer at Kaplan Altior and Jenny Beck, Beck Fitzgerald

**1c.** What you need to know about immigration if you are a housing/community care/care lawyer – Ranjit Uppal, Switalskis Solicitors, Chair Kirsten Powrie, Wilson Solicitors LLP

**1d.** Young Legal Aid Lawyers session: A career in legal aid work. Emma McClure: Solicitor, Swain & Co Solicitors, Elizabeth Mottershaw: Pupil Barrister, Garden Court North, Alex Offer: Chair, Pupillage Committee, Garden Court North, Charlotte Wilson: Chartered Legal Executive, Irwin Mitchell. Chair: Rachel Francis, Barrister, IPump Court Chambers

**13.00 Lunch & Exhibition**

**13.00 AGM for LAPG members only (10 mins)**

**13.30 Forum 1** (optional) for family lawyers to swap tips about CCMS

**Forum 2** (optional) for law firms thinking of setting up a charitable arm to provide legal services (see page 3)

**14.00 Plenary event** chaired by Carol Storer, Director of LAPG

Post LASPO review: where are we now? Leading practitioners provide a round up of what you can actually do for clients

Family: Lucy Mead, David Gray Solicitors

Asylum and Immigration: Jawaid Luqmani, Luqmani Thompson & Partners

Public Law: Keith Lomax, Lester Morrill

Social Welfare: Rhiannon Jones, Lester Morrill

**15.00 Tea/Coffee & Exhibition**

**Forum** (optional) for lawyers thinking of retiring/winding down

**15.30 Workshops: Session (2)**

**2a.** Understanding clients' finances: Avoid pitfalls when assessing means – Speakers Adrian Burke and Karen Firth, Legal Aid Agency, Chair Laura Janes, Howard League

**2b.** Management issue: LAPG Certificate in Practice Management: taster session – Vicky Ling, Consultant Partnership Quality Systems and Matthew Howgate, Consultant DG Legal

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**3d.** Current issues in crime: Panel including Helen Johnson, Emery Johnson Astills Solicitors, Richard Miller, The Law Society, Kama Melly QC, Park Square Barristers, Chair Steve Hynes, Director of Legal Action Group

**17.00 Drinks reception**

Conference round-up from LAPG Co-Chairs Jenny Beck and Nicola Mackintosh

**18.00** Close

**CCMS:** LAA Customer Services Team: Right First Time - Digital Solution.  
Available from registration to early afternoon

# Pre Conference Dinner – open to all.

There will be a dinner on Thursday 6th October at a cost of £36 per head inclusive of VAT. The dinner is open to all, including those who cannot make the conference date. This is a fantastic occasion to meet colleagues and network.

To book places please go to Eventbrite: <http://tinyurl.com/z3mdbqm>

Yes, there will be a raffle to raise funds for LAPG!



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### What is a forum?

We thought it might be useful to set up some informal workshops to discuss issues of concerns to delegates. No surprise that the LAPG Committee thought we should offer two on CCMS and one for those retiring/winding down. Polly Glynn from Deighton Pierce Glynn is doing innovative work on setting up a charitable arm to provide legal services. We are not asking you to book in for these sessions. Just pop in after you have grabbed a tea or coffee. If you have any thoughts on other useful forum topics please email us.

**We may need to make changes to the final programme.  
Check on <http://lapg.co.uk/>**

# Booking Form: LAPG Annual Conference 2016

To attend the LAPG Annual Conference in Leeds on Friday 7 October 2016, please book online using Eventbrite: <http://tinyurl.com/hklh89n>

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Please set out any dietary or other special requirements:

I wish to book

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Please tick which workshop you would prefer to attend.

**12.00**

**1a.**

**1b.**

**1c.**

**1d.**

**15.30**

**2a.**

**2b.**

**2c.**

**2d.**

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**3a.**

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If you want to stay in Leeds, we suggest using e.g. [Laterooms.com](http://Laterooms.com)

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