



Disability in Society - the Law and the Lived Experience

The essential conference with for anyone
interested in disability or equality law

Date Friday, 4th October 2019
Time 9:45am - 6:00pm
Location Allen & Overy
Bishops Square
London E1 6AD

An open invitation to our deep dive into the causes, the law
and politics around disability discrimination with speakers,
workshops and contributors from multiple perspectives

Contributors

- **Roddy Slorach** (author, advisor and activist)
- **Neil Crowther** (International disability consultant)
- **Doug Paulley** (Disabled Persons Against Cuts)
- **Robin Allen QC** (Cloisters Chambers)
- **Catherine Casserley** (Cloisters Chambers)
- **Tamara Lewis** (Author - Advisors handbook)
- **Audrey Ludwig** (Suffolk Law Centre)
- **Stephen Heath** (Mind)
- **Sally Robertson** (Cloisters Chambers)
- **Ryan Bradshaw** (Leigh Day)
- **Jo Chimes** (Equally Ours)
- **Nick Wittingham** (CEO Kirklees CAB)
- **Rachel Crasnow QC** (Cloisters Chambers)
- **Aswini Weeraratne QC** (Doughty Street Chambers)
- **Louise Whitfield** (Partner, Deighton Pierce Glynn)
- **Professor Aileen McColgan** (11 KBW)
- **Chris Fry** (Fry Law)
- **John Horan** (Cloisters Chambers)
- **Esther Leighton** (Reasonable Access)
- **Joanna Owen** (Principal, Legal - EHRC)

- Keynotes
- Break outs
- Panel discussion
- Lunch and Drinks reception
- 5.5 CPD points
- Low prices and discretionary rate

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Morning programme

09:15 **Registration**

09:45 **Welcome** (Allen & Overy & the Chair)

10:00 **Plenary talk:** History of the social model and its relationship with (industrial) capitalism

Roddy Slorach

Author of "A Very Capitalist Condition" (2016), activist and frontline advisor in education

10:30 **Plenary talk:** Changing the lived world together - The international and domestic context, theories of change and Arguing for the Human Rights Framework

Neil Crowther

Independent equality and human rights consultant (with particular focus on the rights of disabled people)

11:15 **Break (tea/coffee)**

11:45 **Plenary talk:** The lived experience, an ongoing multidirectional battle

Doug Paulley

Disability Rights campaigner, activist, claimant in the Supreme Court

12:15 **Plenary talk:** Where we are, the legal framework, discrimination in employment and other key issues

Robin Allen QC / Catherine Casserley

Cloisters Chambers

1:00 **Lunch**

Afternoon programme

- 2:00 **Breakout session 1** (please select one of the following):
- Equal Treatment Bench Book (Disability focus) plus a look at Menopause - an overlooked issue
Tamara Lewis, author *Employment Law: An Adviser's Handbook*
 - Meeting the needs of Neuro diversity within advice
Audrey Ludwig (*Suffolk Law Centre*)
 - Labels, perception and reality: hidden disability and discrimination on the basis of perceived characteristics
Stephen Heath (*MIND*) + **Sally Robertson** (*Cloisters Chambers*) author of *Disability Rights handbook and Discrimination in Employment*
 - Discrimination in welfare benefits
Ryan Bradshaw (*Leigh Day*) + **Jo Chimes** (*Equally Ours*) + **Nick Whittingham**, Chief Executive *Kirklees Citizens Advice & Law Centre*
- 2:55 **Change-over**
- 3:05 **Breakout session 2** (please select one of the following):
- Employed or contractor - zero hours contracts and Flexible Working
Rachel Crasnow QC (*Cloisters Chambers*)
 - Mental Health and Capacity
Aswini Weeraratne QC (*Doughty Street Chambers*)
 - Using the Public Sector Equality Duty
Louise Whitfield (*Partner Deighton Pierce Glynn*)
 - Disability in Education
Professor Aileen McColgan (*11KBW and Professor of Law and Social Justice at the University of Leeds*)
 - Disability in goods and services
Chris Fry (*Fry Law*)
- 4:00 **Break (tea/coffee)**
- 4:15 **Panel discussion: The problem with access to justice**
Chris Fry (*Fry Law*) *Equal Justice campaign - a users tool kit*
John Horan (*Cloisters Chambers*) - *The representative Gap - Attitudes to disability and what it means for clients*
Esther Leighton (*Reasonable Access*) - *barriers to claims - challenging one way cost shifting (no win no fee)*
Joanna Owen, (*Principal, Legal - Equality & Human Rights Commission*) - *EHRC and access to justice - plugging the gap*
- 5:15 **Drinks reception**

Booking information

Prices

If you're not yet a DLA member, [join now](#) to become eligible for our discounted rates: www.discriminationlaw.org.uk/membership

RATES PER DELEGATE	DLA members	Non-members
Concessionary: vol sector / student / unwaged / retired	£60	£85
Non-concessionary: full	£155	£185

Discretionary rate

The DLA is a registered charity and pleased to offer a discretionary rate of **£25** on application. Limited numbers - please email info@discriminationlaw.org.uk. You can also support this initiative by donating [here](#)

Breakout sessions

Places on breakout sessions will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Booking early will make it more likely that the DLA can match you with your preferred sessions.

Venue

Allen & Overy, Bishops Square, London E1 6AD



How to book

Book online via our secure website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dla-conference-2019-disability-in-society-the-law-and-the-lived-experience-4-october-2019-tickets-72499173981>

where you will be able to:

- select your preferred breakout sessions
 - advise us of any special requirements
 - pay by debit or credit card online - no extra charge / alternatively by cheque
- Booking closes Thursday 3rd October 2019

CPD points available

The DLA conference is accredited for **5.5** CPD points (Bar Standards Board and Solicitors Regulation Authority)

Accessibility

The conference venue is fully accessible. The DLA is committed to making reasonable adjustments to enable maximum access and full participation in all of its events. The DLA will try to make adjustments when requested, however it may not be able to meet special requirements that are notified after Monday 30th September 2019.