



# Discrimination Law Association

**The Discrimination Law Association and its members are united around a commitment to defend and improve equality law, practice, education and advice for those who face discrimination.**

## Join now!

- The DLA seeks to improve the quality of assistance and support available to people who are, or who may be, facing discrimination;
- The DLA promotes an understanding of the needs of people who suffer discrimination, or are likely to do so, and seeks to ensure that such needs are taken into account in policy and legal practice;
- The DLA provides training to those who give legal assistance and advice to people facing discrimination;
- The DLA gathers and disseminates information to its members and to governmental and non-governmental organisations and the wider public on matters relevant to the development and application of discrimination law.

The DLA is a registered charity established in 1995  
President: Sir Geoffrey Bindman QC (hon)

Using the Law to Fight Discrimination

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## DLA Members receive:

- **Briefings** – the DLA's journal, published three times a year, provides accessible, complainant-oriented analysis of the latest developments in discrimination law including recent cases in the UK and European courts and new legislation.
- **Practitioner Group Meetings** – PGMs provide unique opportunities to hear from diverse expert practitioners and to discuss discrimination law matters in an informal setting. Meetings are generally held in central London, but access via Skype or video link enables members from elsewhere to participate. PGMs are accredited for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points through the Bar Standards Board and the Law Society.
- **eNews and information circulation** – the DLA regularly updates its members on discrimination law news, cases and events. Members receive monthly newsletters by email covering UK and European cases, debates and legislation.
- **Participation in DLA responses** – members are invited to contribute to DLA analysis of and response to UK and EU consultations on proposed policies and legislation likely to impact on rights to equality and non-discrimination.
- **Event discount** – members enjoy reduced fees for annual DLA conferences and other adhoc events which offer unique opportunities for innovative thinking and discussion about current and future discrimination law issues. Keynote conference speakers in recent years have included South African Constitutional Court Judge Justice Albie Sachs, Mrs Justice Laura Cox, ex-Countryfile presenter Miriam O'Reilly and Professor Sir Bob Hepple.

**Above all**, the DLA offers its members the opportunity to share experiences with others working on eliminating discrimination in Britain and a respected avenue through which to raise issues of concern.



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## What do members say?

When members were surveyed in 2012, they said:

*"I find the Briefings very useful and keep them for reference."*

*"I'm very happy with what the DLA does .... Keep up the excellent work."*

Feedback on the 2012 conference included many appreciative comments including:

*"excellent conference – I feel that it was of fantastic value to me as a practitioner."*

**Over 90% of people who responded to a members' survey said the DLA's analytical overview of discrimination law that synthesises all areas of discrimination law was an important part of their decision to become a member.**

## Membership of DLA

Membership is open to any individual or organisation interested in discrimination law who is in general agreement with the Association's objectives.

Individual members include practising solicitors and barristers, trade unionists, advice workers, academic lawyers, law students, equality officers, human resources advisors and trainers.

Organisations include solicitors' firms, barristers' chambers, trades unions, citizens advice bureaux, race equality councils and other voluntary sector organisations.

Individual members receive one copy of *Briefings* and are entitled to one vote at AGMs.

Organisations joining as associate members receive one copy of *Briefings* per organisation and are entitled to one vote at AGMs. However, associate members may nominate as many partners/staff/officials as they wish to receive electronic updates and (subject to space) free places at Practitioner Group Meetings and discounted places at conferences.



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## How to join

You can find full details of current subscription rates and can also download the membership questionnaire and direct debit form on the DLA website at [www.discriminationlaw.org.uk](http://www.discriminationlaw.org.uk).

1. **Complete the members' questionnaire** and return it by e-mail (with an electronic signature) or in hard copy to the DLA office.

The questionnaire is used to ensure the database is up to date and that members receive the best possible service.

2. **Pay your subscription**

The rate will be determined by your membership category and method of payment – you can pay by:

- **direct debit** (fill out the direct debit mandate and post the signed original to the DLA office)
- **online using any major credit or debit card** via our secure payment facility: <http://www.discriminationlaw.org.uk/membership/payment>
- **cheque**
- **BACS** (bank details available from the DLA administrator)

The DLA membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March. Purchase order numbers or invoices can be provided on request.



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