



# **DLA Conference 2015**

## **Equality Rights - Where next?**

### Morning programme

- 08:30 **Registration**
- 09:30 **Welcome**
- 09:40 **Key Note Address**  
*Judge Brian Doyle (President of the Employment Tribunals)*  
**Questions and Discussion**
- Equality law anniversaries: -  
Past Achievements and Future Challenges**
- 10:25 **50th anniversary of the Race Relations Act**  
*Sir Geoffrey Bindman QC (Bindmans LLP)*
- 10:45 **40th Anniversary of the Sex Discrimination Act**  
*Jenny Earle (Programme Director, Reducing Women's  
Imprisonment, Prison Reform Trust)*
- 11:05 *break (tea/coffee)*
- 11:20 **20th anniversary of the Disability Discrimination Act**  
*Professor Anna Lawson (University of Leeds and Director of the  
Centre for Disability Studies)*
- 11:40 **Developments in discrimination law: where have we come  
from and where are we going?**  
*Karon Monaghan QC (Matrix Chambers)*
- 12:15 **Discussion led by the speakers**
- 1:00 *lunch*

## Afternoon programme

### 1:50-2:50 **Breakout session 1**

- Developments in disability discrimination law  
**Catherine Casserley** (*Cloisters Chambers*)
- Developments in discrimination law in the workplace  
**Tamara Lewis** (*DLA Executive Committee member*)
- Managing challenges of faith-based discrimination  
**Rachel Crasnow QC** (*Cloisters Chambers*)
- Understanding transgender: getting it right  
**Christl Hughes** (*GIRES - Gender Identity Research & Education Society*)
- Taking cases for people with mental health issues  
**Wonta Ansah-Twum** (*Disability Law Service*) and  
**Sabrina Sullivan** (*Plumstead Community Law Centre*)

2:50 **change-over**

### 3:00-3:50 **Breakout session 2**

- Developments in disability discrimination law  
**Catherine Casserley** (*Cloisters Chambers*)
- Developments in discrimination law in the workplace  
**Tamara Lewis** (*DLA Executive Committee member*)
- Public Sector Equality Duty update  
**Louise Whitfield** (*Deighton Pierce Glynn*)
- Procedure in the Employment Tribunal  
**Michael Reed** (*Free Representation Unit*)
- Recent developments in race discrimination law  
**David Stephenson** (*1 MCB Chambers*)

3:50 **break (tea/coffee)**

### 4:00 **Panel discussion:**

Equality Rights - Where Do We Go From Here?

*Chair: Robin Allen QC (Cloisters Chambers)*

*Panel will include Julie Bishop (Law Centres Network), Omar Khan (Director, Runnymede Trust), Wilf Sullivan (TUC Race Equality Officer) and Jemima Olchawski (Head of Policy and Insight at the Fawcett Society)*

5:00 **Networking reception - drinks, nibbles and conversations**