



DLA Conference 2017

The Place of Gender in Equality Law

Morning programme

- 08:30 Registration
- 09:30 Welcome
- 09:40 KeyNote Address
Sex Discrimination Law Review
Sam Smethers
Chief Executive - Fawcett Society
Questions and Discussion
- 10:20 Plenary talk
*Developments in discrimination law:
How are women treated? Current developments*
Professor Aileen McColgan
*Matrix Chambers and Chair of Human Rights Law at King's College
London*
Questions and Discussion
- 11:00 *break (tea/coffee)*
- 11:20 Plenary talk
Intersectionality and women/ women and race
Professor Iyiola Solanke
*Chair in EU Law and Social Justice, School of Law,
Leeds University*
- 12:00 Discussion led by the speakers
- 12:30 *lunch*

Afternoon programme

1:30-2:30 Breakout session 1

- **Developments in disability discrimination law**
Catherine Casserley (Cloisters Chambers) and Kate Annand (Doughty Street Chambers)
- **Developments in discrimination law in the workplace**
Katharine Newton (Old Square Chambers)
- **Flexible working**
Rachel Crasnow QC (Cloisters Chambers)
- **Treatment of Muslim women - issues in discrimination for Muslim Women**
Asma Nizami (One Pump Court Chambers)
- **Discrimination issues arising outside the workplace - Challenging structural discrimination & disadvantage within social housing, education and health services**
Poornima Karunacadacharan (Race on the Agenda)

2:30 *change-over*

2:45-3:45 Breakout session 2

- **Developments in disability discrimination law**
Catherine Casserley (Cloisters Chambers) and Kate Annand (Doughty Street Chambers)
- **Developments in discrimination law in the workplace**
Katharine Newton (Old Square Chambers)
- **Discrimination law and mental health**
Stephen Heath (MIND)
- **Developments in caring for family and dependents/maternity/ pregnancy discrimination/parental leave**
Katherine Fennell & Rachel Bennett (Allen & Overy)
- **Recent developments in race discrimination law**
Nicola Braganza (Garden Court Chambers)

3:45 *break (tea/coffee)*

4:00 **Panel discussion:**
Gender Discrimination - making rights an effective tool for the future
Chair: Robin Allen QC (Cloisters Chambers)
Panel will include Susan Belgrave, 7 Bedford Row Chambers, Kiran Daurka, Leigh Day, Joanne Kaye, southwest regional TUC vice chair, and Janet Veitch, Women's Budget Group (Trustee)

5:00 **Reception - drinks, nibbles and conversations**