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This year marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of the legal aid system in 1949. *Legal aid at 60: Bridging the justice gap* is a national conference that will commemorate this landmark and discuss the government's plans for reshaping legal aid. Will the public be better served or, as many argue, will the system continue to decline in quality and coverage? With this conference LAG is seeking to spark a debate about the future of legal aid and ensure that firms and not-for-profit agencies can meet the changes envisaged for the system.

Delegates will hear from leading experts in the legal aid field including legal aid minister, Lord Bach, chief executive of the Legal Services Commission, Carolyn Regan, chief executive of the Law Society, Des Hudson, director of JUSTICE, Roger Smith and director of LAG, Steve Hynes.

As well as the plenary sessions on legal aid policy and the future of the system, delegates will be invited to participate in workshops on practice management and service planning. Three workshops will be run on civil legal aid, criminal legal aid and partnership working with local authorities and others.

The conference concludes with a panel discussion led by leading commentators on legal aid's role in the welfare state and the impact of the recession on the demand for legal services.

The conference will be of value particularly to solicitors, barristers, legal executives and not-for-profit agencies such as Citizens Advice Bureaux and Law Centres®, as well as officers from central and local government concerned with advice services.

The venue is easily accessible by a number of transport links and is fully wheelchair accessible. The auditorium has an induction loop fitted. LAG will make every effort to accommodate the accessibility needs of delegates – please contact us to discuss your requirements.

For the latest information on the conference visit: www.lag.org.uk/60years

Legal aid at 60: Bridging the justice gap

11 June 2009, London

Programme

9.00 Registration; tea and coffee

9.45 Session one – The justice gap

Chaired by Poonam Bhari, LAG's chairperson

Keynote speech – Lord Bach, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice – '60 years of legal aid'

Speakers include: Sir Geoffrey Bindman and Steve Hynes (LAG's director): 'Bridging the justice gap'.

Questions and comments from delegates

11.15 Break

11.30 Session two – Looking to the future

The Legal Services Commission (LSC) has announced plans to introduce best value tendering. This session will discuss how it will work in practice and the potential pitfalls.

Chaired by Christine Kings, LAG's vice-chairperson

Speakers include: Dominic Grieve (Shadow Secretary of State for Justice), Carolyn Regan (LSC's chief executive) and Des Hudson (Law Society's chief executive).

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Session three – Workshops: Making legal aid work

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WORKSHOP 1 – 'Civil legal aid' – David Gilmore (DG Legal) will facilitate a workshop on managing civil legal aid practices.

WORKSHOP 2 – 'Criminal legal aid' – Andrew Keogh, Solicitor Advocate will facilitate a workshop on managing criminal legal aid practices.

WORKSHOP 3 – 'Developing civil legal aid in partnerships' – Paul Newall (LSC) will facilitate a workshop for local authorities, providers and others interested in the provision of legal services in partnerships at a local level.



14.30 Break

14.45 Session four – Legal aid: The fourth pillar of the welfare state?

A panel of social commentators will discuss legal aid's role in the welfare state and its use in tackling the impact of the recession.

Chairperson TBC

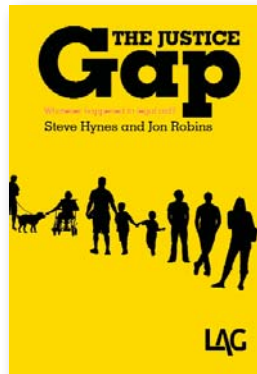
Speakers include: Kate Green (Child Poverty Action Group's chief executive), Afua Hirsch (legal correspondent for the Guardian), Helena Kennedy QC (invited) and Roger Smith (JUSTICE's director).



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16.30 Drinks reception

Titles of interest



The Justice Gap: whatever happened to legal aid?

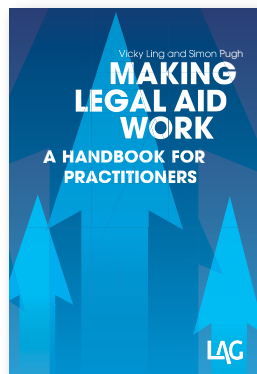
Steve Hynes and Jon Robins

'This book is an important contribution to an essential debate we need to have about how to best create a legal aid system fit for the 21st century.'
Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, from the foreword.

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Shami Chakrabarti, Liberty

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Vicky Ling and Simon Pugh

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Access to Justice Audit:

Legal Action Group launched its Access to Justice Audit in March 2009. The project is a continuation of LAG's policy of getting the public to voice their experiences of the legal aid system. In a link-up with the Guardian and Observer newspapers, a series of films are being broadcast by the Guardian which will draw on the LAG project and interviews.

For more information visit: www.lag.org.uk/justiceaudit

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