



Membership scheme

Legal Action Group makes a difference

Every year, millions of people experience one or more problems that need to be resolved through some part of our justice system. These problems can take the form of events that threaten livelihoods or even endanger lives. Legal Action Group (LAG) believes that equal justice and fair treatment by the justice system are fundamental rights within a democratic society - a view that underpins our mission and all of the principles set out in our policy statement **Access to justice: agenda for action** which is available online at lag.org.uk/agenda.

Our agenda is designed to guide and inspire action by government and policy-makers. We recognise that some of the action points have significant financial implications, but our proposals include many ideas that require minimal resources - or simply a fresh approach to policy or the delivery of services. We hope that the more aspirational proposals will help to inform development of the government's own policy agenda.

Recent activities

In November 2007 LAG celebrated its 35th anniversary with a lecture presentation by Professor Conor Gearty, Professor of Human Rights Law at the London School of Economics at which he addressed the question "Can human rights deliver real equality?" Transcript of the event are available in the January 2008 *Legal Action* magazine.

LAG continued its pioneering tradition in April 2007 by circulating a discussion paper, **Developing the users' perspective**, questioning why those to whom legal services are provided have no direct voice in relevant strategic policy debates and decision-making fora. Responses have been received from the Ministry of Justice, the Legal Services Commission and a range of non-governmental organisations. The next step is to secure funding to begin a collaborative investigation into the users' perspective.

LAG also continues to be a key member of the **Access to Justice Alliance (AJA)**, arguing for adequate funding for high quality legal aid services in social welfare law. The AJA organised a week of action from 14 May to 18 May 2007 to raise awareness of the vital role that legal aid plays for people seeking to enforce or defend their rights. 'Justice - access denied' involved demonstrations outside local county courts, tribunals and the Royal Courts of Justice.

Responses to consultative documents and parliamentary briefings were provided on a range of issues linked to the principles set out in *Agenda for action*. LAG has continued to push for a national strategy for public legal education through its membership of the taskforce, chaired by Professor Dame Hazel Genn QC. A final report is due in July 2007.



Benefits of membership

Become a LAG member

In July 2007, LAG launched a new membership scheme with the goal of providing opportunities for engagement in our campaign and policy activities. Membership is open to individuals and organisations that share or wish to support our aims and objectives in *Agenda for action*.

Individual members receive:

- Members updates via e-mail with policy reports
- Invitations to the AGM and other select LAG events.
- Opportunities to contribute to LAG's campaigns through e-mail and to our online surveys.
- 10% reduction in the price of LAG books, training courses, *Legal Action* and *Community Care Law Reports* subscriptions and all our publications.

Fee structure

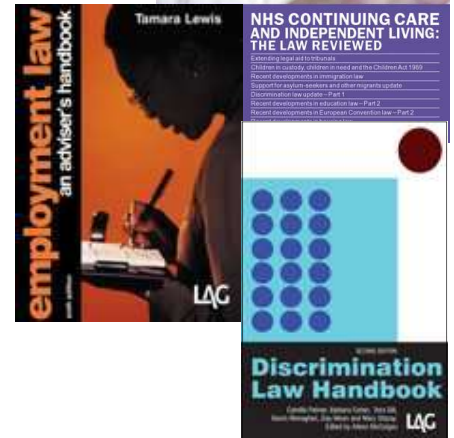
Individuals

Annual membership fee: £30 (£28 if paid by direct debit)

Students/Unwaged

Annual membership fee £15

Business and organisation members receive:



Corporate social responsibility

- Members updates via e-mail with policy reports.
- Invitations to the AGM and other select LAG events.
- Opportunities to contribute to campaigns through e-mail and to our online surveys.
- 10% reduction in the price of LAG books, training courses, *Legal Action* and *Community Care Law Reports* subscriptions and all our publications.
- The opportunity to say your organisation supports LAG in your publicity material and on your website, with a link to the LAG website and use of our logo.
- Two complimentary annual subscriptions to *Legal Action*.
- Opportunities to underwrite LAG programmes, events and/or campaigns, either financially or in kind.

Fee structure

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