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**Sixth National Forum on Access to Justice for those without means**

**8 December 2017: 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1**

**"TOWARDS 2025"**

**PROGRAMME**

**Aims:**

- (1) To engage and make connections with others addressing access to justice for those without means, in order to use these channels better**
- (2) To update and share new learning; to enable challenge and to identify opportunities**
- (3) To look together at what next, and to share vision for the longer term**

<b>08.30</b>	<b>Arrive and Registration</b>
08.30-08.55	Coffee
09.00-09.10	<b><u>Welcome by the Master of the Rolls and Head of Civil Justice</u></b> Sir Terence Etherton MR, Chairman of the Civil Justice Council
09.10-09.15	<b>Brief Introduction to the day</b> Robin Knowles, Member of the Civil Justice Council

09.15-09.25

**Context: Needs, reform, solutions - and the people we are trying to help**

Address by Matthew Smerdon, CEO, The Legal Education and Member of the Civil Justice Council

09.25-09.55

**Engaging:**

**(1) The LIP Support Strategy, and the LIP Network**

Clare Carter                      Programme Director, LIP Support Strategy

**(2) Liaison Judges - update**

Lady Justice Sarah Asplin  
Mrs Justice Geraldine Andrews

**(3) The All Party Parliamentary Groups - recent work and work in hand**

James Sandbach              Director of Policy & External Affairs, LawWorks  
Swee Leng Harris              Head of Policy and Public Affairs, The Legal Education Foundation

**(4) JUSTICE – recent work and work in hand**

Andrea Coomber              CEO, JUSTICE

09.55-10.05

**Engaging and Learning: Unlocking potential - in partnership with HMCTS**

**(HMCTS Reform programme update, including LIPEG – the Litigant in Person Engagement Group - and other Engagement Groups)**

Sidonie Kingsmill, Customer Director, HMCTS

10.05-10.55

**Engaging and Learning: Unlocking potential - in partnership with the business sector**

LexisNexis/ RELX (UK)

Christian Fleck      Managing Director, UK & Ireland  
James Harper      Director, Exec Sponsor-Rule of Law, CSR  
Penny Halpin  
Matt Wardle

Thoughtworks

Mark Coster      Design Principal  
Julie Matthews

Stanford University, USA

Kate Didech      Fellow, Stanford Law School;  
Codex (The Stanford Centre for Legal Informatics)

Islington Law Centre

Ruth Hayes      Centre Director  
Helen Sheldon      Advisor

University House Legal Advice Centre

Eddie Coppinger      CEO

Bar Pro Bono Unit

Emily MacLoud      Head of Casework

RCJ Advice Bureau

Beccy Scott      Senior Solicitor; Member of the Civil Justice Council

10.55-11.10

Coffee

11.15-11.55

**Learning: Effective interventions**

Commentator:

Katherine Alteneder      Executive Director, The Self-Represented Litigation Network, USA

**(1) Responding to major events**

Victoria Vasey      Director, North Kensington Law Centre  
Fran Eccles-Bech      CEO, Manchester Law Society  
Rebecca Greenhalgh      Senior Associate, Pro Bono Manager, Ashurst

## (2) Health and access to justice

Barbara Gelb OBE      CEO, Together for Short Lives (the UK umbrella charity for childrens' palliative care)  
Raymond Sheehy      CEO, Bridge Mental Health

## (3) Data analysis; strategic research

Natalie Byrom      Director of Research and Learning, The Legal Education Foundation

11.55-12.45

## **Opportunities (Discussions in break-out sessions)**

### (1) Getting behind and scaling up Public Legal Education

Robert Bourns (Chair)      Former President of the Law Society  
Lisa Wintersteiger      CEO, Law for Life (the Foundation for Public Legal Education)  
Victoria Speed      Joint Director of Pro Bono & CSR, BPP Law School  
Barbara Gelb OBE      CEO, Together for Short Lives (the UK umbrella charity for childrens' palliative care)

### (2) Making the most of "Before The Event" Legal Expenses Insurance

Introduction by Eddie Coppinger, CEO, University House Legal Advice Centre

Prof. Rachael Mulheron (Chair)      QMUL; Member of the Civil Justice Council; Chairman of the CJC's Working Group on BTE Insurance  
Eddie Coppinger      CEO, University House Legal Advice Centre  
Guy Beringer CBE, QC      Chairman, The Legal Education Foundation  
Faisal Rahman OBE      Founder, FairFinance

### (3) Using technology well

Introduction by Kate Didech, Codex (The Stanford Centre for Legal Informatics), Stanford University, USA)

Mark Coster (Chair)	Design Principal, Thoughtworks
Bea Karol Burks	Director of Design, Good Things Foundation (contracted by HMCTS on Assisted Digital)
Julie Bishop	CEO, Law Centres Network
Marion Edge	Pro Bono Lead (US/UK and EMEA) Herbert Smith Freehills

#### (4) **Achieving the true contribution of mediation**

Introduction by Peter Farr, Secretary to the CJC and to the CJC's ADR Working Group

Bill Wood QC (Chair)	Mediator, Brick Court Chambers; Member of the Civil Justice Council; Chairman of the CJC's ADR Working Group
Will Ingram-Hill	Mediator, Pacificus; Community Co-Mediator
Nikki Edwards	Mediator, Pacificus; Community Co-Mediator
Jess Campbell	CEO, Bar Pro Bono Unit
Gillian Charnock-Neil	District Judge, Northumbria

12.45-13.25 Lunch

13.25-13.35 **Address by the Chairman of the Justice Select Committee, UK Parliament**  
Bob Neill MP

13.40-14.40 **Whole Room Plenary Discussion: What Next Towards 2025, for the people we are trying to help**

(including questions fed in during the day)

facilitated by Robin Knowles, Member of the Civil Justice Council

14.40-15.25 **Reflections:**

