

# Transforming Lives: The Impact of Legal Services and Legal Aid

Queen's University, Belfast, 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April 2006

## Draft Programme

- 19<sup>th</sup> April** (Registration from 11.00)
- 13.20** Welcome and Introduction
- 13.40** The Experience and Impact of Civil Justice Problems  
**Chair:** TBC  
*Tony Dignan* (Economic Research and Evaluation, Northern Ireland) - The Northern Ireland Legal Needs Survey  
*Ab Currie* (Department of Justice, Canada) - Civil Justice Problems, Social Exclusion and Health Status  
*Alexy Buck and Nigel Balmer* (Legal Services Research Centre, England and Wales) Findings from the 2004 English and Welsh Civil and Social Justice Survey  
*Rebecca Sandefur* (Stanford University, US) - Everyday Problems: Survey of 'Justiciable Events' in Low and Moderate Income Households
- 15.10** *Break*
- 15.30** The Impact of Advice and Legal Services  
**Chair:** Rosemary Hunter, Griffith University  
*Jeanne Charn* (Harvard University, US) - Preventing Foreclosure: Do Clients Who Win Their Cases Keep Their Houses?  
*Pascoe Pleasence* (Legal Services Research Centre, England and Wales) - The Impact of Advice: Findings from two studies in England and Wales.
- 17.00** *Close of Papers, Day 1*
- 18.00** *Reception, Canada Room, Queen's University*
- 20.00** *Close of Day 1*
- 20<sup>th</sup> April** (Registration from 08.30)
- 09.00** Diversity and Access to Justice  
**Chair:** Alan Paterson, University of Strathclyde  
*Geoff Mulherin* (Law and Justice Foundation of New South Wales, Australia) - Access to Justice and Disadvantaged Communities  
*Marjike ter Voert and Susanne Peters* (Ministry of Justice, Netherlands) – Justiciable Problems and Ethnic Groups in the Netherlands: Ways of Responding  
*Michael Schwartz* (Syracuse University, US) - Transforming Access to Justice for Deaf People: The Intersection of Disability and Law

- 10.30**            *Break*
- 10.45**            Issues Facing Legal Aid  
**Chair:** Frederick Zemans, Osgoode Hall Law School  
*Claire Lightowler* (Scottish Executive Central Research Unit, Scotland) - Researching the Recruitment and Retention of Lawyers in Scotland  
*Don Fleming, Anne Daly and Phil Lewis* (University of Canberra, Australia) - Firms Exiting the Australian Mixed Model: The Influence of Changes in Internal Labour Markets and Competition in the Supply of Legal Services  
*Marjukka Litmala* (National Research Institute of Legal Policy, Finland) - Evaluating the Practical Effects of the Finnish Reform of Legal Aid  
*Jon Peysner* (Nottingham Trent University, England) - Options for Change: The Access to Justice Order
- 12.30**            *Lunch, Main Hall, Queen's University*
- 13.45**            Integration of Legal, Advice and Other Services  
**Chair:** David McKillop, Legal Aid Ontario  
*Dave Wall* (Department for Social Development, Northern Ireland – The Development of an Advice Strategy in Northern Ireland  
*Mary Anne Noone* (La Trobe University, Australia) - The Transformative Potential of an Integrated Services Model: A Study of the West Heidelberg Community Legal Service  
*Angela Lake Carroll* (Legal Services Commission, England and Wales) - The Role of Public Funded Lawyers in the Resolution of Private Family Disputes  
*Francis Regan* (Flinders University, Australia) and *Tang Lay Lee* (University of New South Wales) - Why Have Multiple Service Providers in a Comprehensive Legal Aid Scheme? The Case of China
- 15.15**            *Break*
- 15.30**            Legal Aid in a Post-Conflict Context  
**Chair:** Gerry Crossan, Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission  
*Hennie van As* (Nelson Mandela Metropolitan, Port Elizabeth, South Africa) - Building and repairing: Legal Services in a Post-Conflict Context  
*James Sandbach* (Citizens Advice, England) and *Shelley Deane* (Bowdoin College, US) – Re-conceptualising Legal Services in a Post-Conflict Context
- 17.00**            *Close of Papers, Day 2*
- 18.00**            *Reception, Stormont*
- 20.00**            *Conference Banquet, Main Hall, Queen's University*
- 21<sup>st</sup> April**        (Registration from 08.30)

- 09.00**      Supplier Induced Demand and Criminal Legal Aid  
**Chair:** Colin Lancaster, Scottish Legal Aid Board  
*Cyrus Tata* (University of Strathclyde, Scotland) – Supplier Induced Demand or Demand Induced Supply? Summary Criminal Legal Aid and Recent Evidence from Scotland  
*Ed Cape* (University of the West of England, England) and *Richard Moorhead* (Cardiff University, Wales) – The Costs of Criminal Legal Aid: Policy Induced Inflation
- 10.30**      *Break*
- 10.45**      Legal Aid and the Protection of Human Rights  
**Chair:** Roger Smith, JUSTICE  
*Jon Johnson* (University of Oslo, Norway) - Human Rights and Legal Aid in the Work of the European Council's Commission on the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)  
*Idil Elveris, Galma Jahic and Seda Kalem* (Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey) - Evaluating Accessibility of Criminal Legal Aid Services in Turkey
- 12.15**      *Lunch, Main Hall, Queen's University*
- 13.30**      The Impact of Technology on the Provision of Legal Aid  
**Chair:** Jeanne Charn, Harvard Law School  
*Cate Banks, Rosemary Hunter, Jeff Giddings* (Griffith University, Australia) - Australian Innovations in Legal Aid Services: Driving the Legal Aid Dollar Further... On a Road to Nowhere?  
*Bonnie Hough* (California Administrative Office of the Courts, US) - Using Technology to Expand Provision of Legal Services to Self-Represented Litigants
- 15.00**      *Break*
- 15.15**      New Paths to Justice: The Role of Alternative Processes  
**Chair:** Vicky Kemp, Legal Services Research Centre  
*David McKillop* (Legal Aid Ontario, Canada) - Finding a Third Option: The Experience of the London Child Mediation Project  
*Liz Curran* (La Trobe University, Australia) - Different Models of Legal Aid Service Delivery - Different Outcomes? Child Lawyers in the Criminal Division of the Children's Court of Victoria and Youth Court of New Zealand  
*Alice Chapman* (Youth Justice Agency, Northern Ireland) - Youth Conferencing in Northern Ireland
- 16.45**      *Close of Papers, Day 3*
- 16.55**      *Final Comments, Award of the LSRC Award for the Best Conference Paper (Voted for by Delegates), and Good-Byes*