

Diversity and Inclusion Event

Free regional event for Yorkshire and the North West

Thursday 18 March 2010

08.45 - 14.00 (lunch provided)

Cobbetts LLP, No. 1 Whitehall Riverside, Leeds LS1 4BN

Overview

This event will provide an overview of the importance of the diversity and inclusion agenda and introduce speakers who will give an insight into the benefits of having a positive and proactive approach to diversity and inclusion. Speakers are from The College of Law, Pathways to Law, Queer Up North and Real World Group, as well as Cobbetts and the Law Society. There will be an opportunity to participate and ask questions.

Who should attend?

This event will be of interest to anyone active or interested in the areas of equality and diversity, including HR practitioners.

Speakers

Herabans Kaur is the widening participation coordinator for the School of Law, University of Leeds. She has more than 10 years' widening participation experience, having previously worked at the University of Leicester and Brunel University. After working for an inner city, legally aided practice, Herabans went on to work in many challenging and diverse areas, including contributing to the setting up of Leicester Law Centre, working in inner city community based organisations, lecturing in law at Loughborough College and the University of Leicester and teaching English in Japan.

Tricia Chatterton is a Director at the College of Law. Formerly a practising solicitor and tutor at the College, Tricia has been closely involved in several of the College's diversity initiatives, including setting up minority support groups and mentoring schemes and working with the College's careers service in tracking and recording diversity destination statistics from amongst its graduates.

Before qualifying as a solicitor **Lindsay Ward** worked in the not-for-profit sector for ten years. Admitted as a solicitor in 1996, post-qualification she specialised in family law, with particular interest in domestic abuse, and was a partner in a Leeds firm. Employed by the College of Law, York since 2005 as supervising solicitor in the Centre for Pro Bono Services and Clinical Education, she is the Senior Pro Bono Co-ordinator for the College. She acts as trustee and consultant for a number of charities including the North East Legal Support Trust. She has been a part-time judge for mental health tribunals since 2005.

Juliette Alban-Metcalf is managing director of Real World Group. She is an occupational psychologist with specialist knowledge of leadership and equality and diversity. She has been commissioned to write best practice guides for the public and private sector in these areas by government bodies including the Greater London Authority, Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA), and the National Disability Authority. She is the author of various articles and book chapters on the subject of leadership and organisational culture, and her work has led to her speaking at national and international conferences over the years.

Ric Watts is the festival producer for Queer Up North International Festival and is currently programming the 2010 festival. He is an experienced theatre producer, who has created work on a range of scales, from celebrated venues such as Barbican Centre London, Manchester Royal Exchange and Brisbane Powerhouse to smaller projects on allotments, village halls and swimming pools. In recent years, he has taken five award-winning productions to the Edinburgh Festival and toured productions around the UK and internationally. Queer Up North embraces diversity, dialogue, connection and communication and supports equality and diversity in all its forms.



The Law Society

Cobbetts speakers are **Michael Shaw** - managing partner; and **Mark Thompson** - head of HR.

Law Society speakers are **Stephen Ward** - director of communications, inclusion and corporate responsibility and **Pat Corcoran** - head of equality and diversity and corporate responsibility.

Programme

08.45 - 09.15	Registration and coffee
09.15 - 09.25	Welcome and introduction
09.25 - 09.40	Law Society Diversity and Inclusion Charter
09.40 - 09.55	Diversity within Cobbetts
09.55 - 10.30	Win-Win situations: increasing diversity alongside greater engagement across a firm
10.30 - 10.45	Coffee Break
10.45 - 11.30	Widening Participation Activities and Pathways to Law Scheme
11.30 - 12.00	Preview of the Law Society Equality and Diversity Best Practice Tool kit
12.00 - 12.15	'Queer up North'
12.15 - 12.45	Q+A Session
12.45 - 14.00	Lunch and networking

How to book

To book a place on this event, please RSVP by Thursday 11 March to:

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