

# Workshops

## The Legal Empowerment Conference

**How does PLE advance a culture of civil and social justice?**

**10 February 2010 at Inmarsat Global, London**

### **Workshop 1**

#### **Advice and legal services**

Myles Kunzli and Flora Williams, Law Centres Federation; Martin Curtis, LawWorks, and Clare Shirtcliffe, Consultant

A workshop looking at the role of advice and legal services in addressing the PLE needs of communities and the individuals they serve. The workshop will outline a recent PLE project undertaken by advice agencies and explore what was learnt around the opportunities and barriers. Law Works are keen to explore with participants how they and the legal profession may work with advice agencies in delivering PLE.

### **Workshop 2**

#### **Youth justice approaches**

Lewis Parle, IARS, James Kendrick, Youth Access, and Ruth Cohen, Citizenship Foundation

Following research into the needs of marginalised young people, this workshop will discuss the Youth Justice Champions project aimed at addressing the needs that have been identified. Discussion will aim to understand and provide innovative solutions to improving the skills and confidence of marginalised young people.

### **Workshop 3**

#### **Poverty and human rights: PLE approaches to empowerment and anti-discrimination**

Roisin Cavanagh, British Institute of Human Rights

This workshop will discuss BIHRs' Human Rights and Poverty project that provides support to voluntary and community sector organisations working with and for people facing poverty or social injustice. How can rights-based approaches be used to strengthen voice and influence with national and local policy makers? What is needed in order to build awareness, skills and knowledge in human rights? The workshop will explore a range of PLE responses to improving civil and social justice.

## **Workshop 4**

### **Adult learners and legal capability**

Howard Gannaway, NIACE and Gill Hind, Consultant

Following research into the viability of developing PLE initiatives in the adult learning context, this workshop will discuss the development of a legal capability framework. The session will also consider the possibilities of embedding PLE in existing adult learning contexts and how this might be successfully adapted and scaled in the future.

## **Workshop 5**

### **Research and evaluation seminar: evidence of the effects of poor levels of legal capability**

John Seargeant, Consultant, and Nigel Balmer, Legal Services Research Centre

The seminar offers the opportunity to hear about progress in research and evaluation developments in PLE including an exploration of the components of legal capability; developing models of legal capability delivery; and the impact of legal capability on different social groups. Nigel Balmer will present the most recent LSRC analysis of the English and Welsh Civil and Social Justice Survey, highlighting the negative effects of poor levels of legal capability on different groups in society, and identifying the most vulnerable groups at risk of suffering adverse outcomes from the law-related situations they encounter