



# Human Rights



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Dear All

Please find below the November edition of our human rights update full of news, opportunities and events. As always please do feel free to circulate this update to your colleagues, students, friends and family.

## Law Society News

### Human Rights Essay Competition now open

Each year law students, trainee solicitors, pupil barristers and junior lawyers (current, prospective or in-between stages) are invited to enter the Law Society's annual Graham Turnbull essay competition.

This year's essay title is: 'A most radical recommendation? Should interception warrants be judicially authorised or does there need to be democratic accountability?'

[Find out more](#)

### Independent reviewer of terrorism legislation to judge human rights essay competition

[Find out more](#)

### Law Society raises concerns over arrest of regional Turkish bar association president

President of the Law Society Jonathan Smithers has written to the Turkish Minister of Justice to express his concerns over the arrest of prominent human rights lawyer and president of the Diyarbakir Bar Association Tahir Elçi.

[Read more](#)

### Raising awareness of human rights through collaboration

The Law Society, along with Berwin Leighton Paisner and Birmingham Law School, launched a 'Human Rights in Collaboration' initiative on 19 October, designed to encourage law firms to discuss and promote human rights.

[Read more](#)

### Congratulations to Professor Philip Leach of EHRAC – winner of the Law Society 'Human Rights lawyer of the year' award

[Find out more](#)

### Human rights work at the Law Society - get involved

The Law Society carries out a wide range of human rights work both domestically and internationally.

I explain how you can get involved in the Law Society blog:

[Read blog now](#)

### The role of general counsel - business and human rights

As part of our business and human rights programme, we would like to hear the views of our general counsel (GC) members who play a crucial role in this area. We are supporting a global study, conducted by [RSG Consulting](#), which seeks to assess and analyse the current role that GC plays in shaping the business and human rights agenda.

[Complete the in-house counsel survey](#)

### What is the International Action Team (IAT) and are you interested in joining it?

The International Action Team or IAT is a Law Society driven project that relies on a pro-bono network of lawyers and law students who intervene on behalf of lawyers at risk across the globe. Please note the IAT may be required to undertake both factual and legal research as well as drafting.

[Find out more and get involved](#)

### Law Society Interventions

[All interventions can be found on our website](#)

## National Pro Bono Week

National Pro Bono Week celebrates the breadth and impact of pro bono work undertaken by the legal profession throughout the year.

This year's events will take place between 2-6 November. If you are running an event during the week, do let us know.

[Events and resources](#)



## Events of Interest:

### Human Rights in Collaboration – FREE events running across the UK

Check the link for more events being announced, as well as blogs, photos and audio content which will be updated following each event: <https://humanrightsincollaboration.wordpress.com>

### International pro bono: harnessing UK legal expertise to make a difference globally

Organiser: ROLE UK

Date: 06/11/2015

Time: 18:30

Venue: Berwin Leighton Paisner, Adelaide House, EC4R 9HA

Limited places left

For more info and to reserve your place please email: [info@roleuk.org.uk](mailto:info@roleuk.org.uk)

### Shakespeare and the Law

Organiser: Peace Brigades International

Date: 16/11/2015

Time: 18:30

Venue: Middle Temple Hall

[More info](#)

### The Refugee And Migrant Crisis Do They Have A Future In Europe?

Organiser: The Society of Black Lawyers & The Association of Muslim Lawyers

Date: 12/12/2015

Time: 09:00 – 17:00

Venue: Westminster Central Hall

[More info](#)

### Save the Date:

To mark international Human Rights Day and to coincide with European Lawyers Day on 10 December the Law Society of England and Wales and the Bar Council will be holding a joint seminar on Freedom of Expression. More info to follow!

## Opportunities

Job title: Director of Policy, Advocacy & Campaigns

Employer: Save the Children

Salary: Circa £100,000 (Dependent on skill set and experience)

Deadline: 19 Nov 2015

Location: Farringdon, London

[More info](#)

Job title: Anti-Trafficking Project Manager

Employer: AFRUCA

Salary: £32,000 - £34,000 (depending on experience) Full time position plus 6% pension

Location: London

Deadline: 17:00 9 Nov 2015

[More info](#)

## Other news:

**Lawyers call for statutory protection of lawyer-client communications**

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**Law Society reports on how Brexit will affect solicitors**

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**The human rights lawyers challenging corporate abuse**

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**Video blog: Law Society President discusses business and human rights**

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## **Training:**

International Action Team (IAT)

[Take our training now to become part of the IAT](#)

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Kind regards

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