



The Impact of Welfare Reform

6 – 7.30pm, Monday 7th December 2015

Leigh Day & Co, 25 St John's Square, London EC1M 4LB

On 8 July 2015 George Osborne revealed plans to cut a cumulative £46 billion in social security payments over the next five years in furtherance of the Government's commitment to reducing the deficit. The Welfare Reform and Work Bill which followed has raised concerns that further cuts will only exacerbate existing inequality, particularly for the vulnerable and disabled, and increase poverty. In September 2015, the Government's memorandum to the Joint Committee on Human Rights declared that the reforms in the Bill *are compatible* with the rights enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights and other international conventions. But are they?

This event is an opportunity to examine the impact of the welfare reforms to date and to look ahead to consider the impact of the reforms in the Bill. What legal challenges have gone before and will they help or hinder action going forward?

Chair

Emma Jones (Leigh Day & Co)

Panel

Jonathan Manning QC (Arden Chambers, who acted for Shelter in the appeal against the benefit cap)

James Harrison (Co-director of Centre for Human Rights Practices, University of Warwick)

Andy Kempster (Policy and Campaigns Officer, MIND)

Entry is free but places are limited so please RSVP to administrator@hrla.org.uk (CPD 1.5)