

Draft Event Proposal – Frederique Neal

Event Title: Why Tolerate Hate?

Location: The Common Room, The Law Society, Chancery Lane, London (capacity 280)

Date: Mid November 2018, to allow for university groups to plan and deliver awareness sessions around Human Rights Day (10th December 2018). Note invitations for the event would have to be sent out mid-September to allow for universities to select participants.

Event Outline: the event is designed to bring together Young Human Rights Lawyers Association Members and interested students to discuss the increase of hate crime and the role that young lawyers play in ensuring its reduction. The event will consist of an introductory morning with a panel discussion and an afternoon of strategic planning. Ultimately, groups of university students will be tasked with developing a community-based project to help raise awareness and tackle hate crime in their local areas.

Aims:

- To increase awareness of hate crime and its increase in London and the UK
- To increase discussions of hate crime within universities
- To lobby for change surrounding hate crime and its monitoring
- To enhance community relations by implementing outreach schemes to educate others on hate crime
- To improve the awareness of HRLA and YLC

Format:

Panel Discussion:

Panel consisting of Hazel Wardrop (social researcher at EHRC), Michelle Brewer (Garden Court Chambers and TELI), Amal Clooney (Doughty Street Chambers and Southern Poverty Law Center donee), Mark Oakley (Cannon Chancellor of St Pauls Cathedral and Stop Hate UK Patron)

Each speaker will discuss their interaction with hate crime, and how they think it can be best tackled in a community setting. Talks from each panellist will last approximately 20 minutes, as some such as Hazel Wardrop may wish to present part of their research papers. This will be followed by a question and answer session.

Break

Community Plan:

Introduction -HRLA or YLC member to introduce the community plan project, outline the aims of the project and the timescale available (approximately 2-3 weeks to plan and deliver)

Breakout – attendees split into university groups and each given resources to plan a community project (such as hosting their own awareness scheme, panel discussion or quiz night) aimed at raising awareness and the legal implications of types of hate crime in their local area. Panel members and HRLA members in attendance to circulate the groups to offer assistance and advice. Additional resources may be provided

Networking:

Time scheduled at the end of the event for a vote of thanks and a short networking session where the students can

Specific Human Rights: Article 3, 5 and 14

Particular focuses of panel members:

Hazel Wardrop – 2015 report by the ECHR on progress of equality and human rights in the UK, discussion on how hate crime can be an indicator of this progress (or regress) address the changes that have happened since publication of the report.

Michelle Brewer – hate crime from the perspective of the LGBTQ+ community, perhaps the least well represented group, discussion on the work of the Trans Equality Legal Initiative and how people from minority groups can be empowered to talk about and report hate crimes.

Alal Clooney – hate crime from the perspective of black and ethnic minority (BAME), discussion of her experiences of the Charlottesville attacks, her donation to the Southern Poverty Law Center and her work at an international level concerning Libya, Bahrain and the International Court of Justice.

Mark Oakley – hate crime from a religious perspective, discussion of the use of charities and voluntary organisations in preventing hate crime and personal reflection of work done for Stop Hate UK, discussion of what the best methods for targeting hate crime at a grassroots level.

Follow-up:

University groups asked to write a report/send evidence of their community plan being executed, follow up email sent to participants to thank them for their time and perhaps a survey to assess the success of the day.

Possibility of a small award of money to be granted to a university group who have executed a particularly strong community plan so that they can continue to lobby for hate crime awareness and prevention.