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Dream event for HRLA to put on in 2018

How can UK human rights lawyers effectively contribute to human rights protection in third countries?

An invitation-only roundtable event for human rights lawyers based in NGOs in the UK

Inaugural event of the HRLA's NGO Lawyers Network

Chatham House Rules Apply

30 March 2018

3.00 – 6.00 pm

Tate Modern Function Room

Guests from London-based NGOs:

- [Joss Saunders](#), General Counsel of Oxfam and founder of Lawyers Against Poverty*
- [Padraig Hughes](#), Legal Counsel, Media Legal Defence Initiative*
- [Lucy Claridge](#), Legal Director, Minority Rights Group
- [Joanna Whiteman](#), Co-Director, Equal Rights Trust*
- [Susie Talbot](#), Legal Director, ESCRNet*
- [Clive Stafford Smith](#), Legal Director, Reprieve
- [Carla Ferstman](#), Legal Director, REDRESS
- [Yasmine Ahmed](#), Legal Director, Rights Watch
- Chief Legal Counsel, Amnesty International

Each guest is asked to invite 1-2 lawyers from their organisation to attend the roundtable event.

[*Persons whom I know already and can extend an invitation to]

We invite you to attend a unique event hosted by the Human Rights Lawyers Association (HRLA) which brings together leading UK-based human rights lawyers who are working in international NGOs to combat human rights violations outside the U.K.

The HRLA is committed to supporting human rights lawyers in the U.K. in all areas of their work at the domestic and international level. To date, there have been few opportunities for human rights lawyers from international NGOs, based in the U.K., to meet, network and share their professional experiences. This event will be the first in a series of events that HRLA will run in 2018 as part of a newly-established HRLA NGO Lawyers' Network.

The purpose of this event is to foster frank and open discussion amongst senior international human rights lawyers about the role of UK-based lawyers in contributing to human rights protection outside the U.K.

During this three-hour seminar, the HRLA will facilitate discussion regarding effective contributions by human rights lawyers in international NGOs. The topics for the discussion will include:

- Building effective partnerships with lawyers and civil society outside the U.K.

- Conducting litigation at the international and regional level (e.g. ECtHR) in partnership with lawyers in other countries
- Striking the balance between strategic litigation by UK-lawyers and capacity-building of lawyers outside the U.K.
- Conducting effective advocacy for human rights reform in countries outside the U.K
- Measuring impact of work to combat human rights violations in countries outside the U.K.