

## Pathways to Human Rights Work

I have had the good fortune of attending events held by the HRLA and the pleasure of networking at the drinks that usually follow. The networking has provided good opportunities to talk to people who work in various sectors of the human rights field. Whilst networking it reminded me that at university I knew which subjects interested me the most but what I wasn't equipped with was the knowledge as to the various options and pathways into human rights work.

I propose a career talk aimed at students and those considering a change of career. The purpose of the talk is to share knowledge, experience and most importantly to inspire. The intention is for each panellist to give a brief talk on their work, their backgrounds and the pathways available in to their fields of work. Which will then be followed by a Q&A session.

### Panellist

- **Legal Officer and Policy work:** Sasha Ali at the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees can speak on how you do not need to qualify as a lawyer to work in human rights law. With her background in Medicine and masters in International Refugee Law she has developed a career advocating the rights of refugees. This work has enabled her to work with governments and the take a hands on approach in the field.
- **Academia:** Stefan Theil is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights. He is currently completing his PhD at the University of Cambridge on the subject of human rights and the environment. He can speak on the decision to undertake a PhD and how to secure funding and draft research proposals.
- **Community Law Centres:** Sean Canning started his career working in the social housing movement where he began work as a housing worker before becoming Director of An Teach Irish Housing Association, an organisation which specialises in working with young, single homeless people in Haringey.
- **Human Rights Lawyer:** Kirsty Brimelow QC specialises in international human rights, criminal law, public international, constitutional and international criminal law.

### Venue

- The event can be held at a lecture theatre of one of the London universities and have an online presence. The event can be streamed on You Tube and this video link can be sent to university legal departments across the country prior to the event to share with their students. Therefore increasing accessibility for those outside London. We could also provide those not physically attending an opportunity send in questions for the panel to consider during the Q&A session.

### Branding and Marketing

- Given my background in graphic design and illustration I will be able to contribute to the HRLA in creating digital flyers for use on various platforms in emails and social media platforms such as Twitter.

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