



# CAREERS DAY 2022 PROGRAMME

**Saturday 12th November**

**10AM-4:30PM**  
**Online**

Careers Day attendees will have an early sign-up  
opportunity to our upcoming Human Rights  
Mentoring Scheme

With special thanks to:



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# Agenda

**10:00 - 11:00**

**KEYNOTE SPEECH by Lui Asquith**

\*What it means to be a human rights lawyer in the context of today's political chaos"

**11:00 - 12:00**

**PANEL: ROUTES INTO HUMAN RIGHTS**

Vicki Prais, *International Human Rights Lawyer, Consultant and Career Coach*

Tori Sicher, *Solicitor, Bhatt Murphy*

Nusrat Uddin, *Partner, Wilson Solicitors LLP*

Shu Shin Luh, *Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers*

**12:00 - 12:15**

**BREAK**

**12:15 - 13:15**

**PANEL: PERSPECTIVES FROM JUNIOR HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYERS**

Aqsa Hussain, *Barrister, 33 Bedford Row*

Hannah Cheesebrough, *Solicitor, Bindmans LLP*

Donnchadh Greene, *Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers*

**13:15 - 14:00**

**BREAK**

**14:00 - 15:00**

**PANEL: HOW TO FUND A CAREER IN HUMAN RIGHTS**

Ollie Persey, *Barrister, Garden Court Chambers*

Christina Ashibogu *Solicitor, Bindmans LLP*

Turan Hursit, *Barrister, Old Square Chambers*

**15:00 - 16:15**

**NETWORKING WITH INCOMING HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYERS**

See speaker profiles below

**16:15 - 16:30**

**CLOSING REMARKS BY THE HRLA'S YOUNG LAWYERS' COMMITTEE**

# Speaker Profiles

**10:00 - 11:00**

## **KEYNOTE**

### **Lui Asquith (they/them)**



Lui is a non-binary public and human rights lawyer. They qualified in the north-east of England carrying out mainly public law, family work and some general public law. They then moved to work within the third sector for four years, becoming Director of Law and Policy at the charity, Mermaids – an organisation which supports transgender young people and their families. This role exposed Lui to a mix of legal strategy work as well as parliamentary policy work. They worked on cases and with a calibre of lawyers they do not believe they would have had the chance to at such an early stage in their career had they not made that move.

They have recently moved back in to private practice and work within the litigation team at Russell-Cooke LLP. They have a varied public law practice, with a focus on judicial review cases, including discrimination JR work, general discrimination claims, human rights / equality law cases and get involved with some regulatory work also.

They have been on various podcasts such as JVN's "Getting Curious" and have a passion for making the law accessible to the everyday person. They are currently drafting a chapter for a Bloomsbury publication, focussing on the impact a ban on conversion therapy would have on the trans and non-binary community.

## 11:00 - 12:00

# PANEL: ROUTES INTO HUMAN RIGHTS

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*Discussing the different ways you can build a career in human rights, across various practice areas and sectors.*

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### **Vicki Prais (she/her)**

Vicki is an international human rights lawyer and independent human rights consultant with particular expertise in prisoners' rights, prison reform, dignity behind bars and torture prevention. She has 26 years' experience in the human rights sector and a professional background in International Organizations (the UN, Council of Europe), the British Government, NGOs (Amnesty, Penal Reform International), National Human Rights Institutions and academia. Vicki's international experience has taken her to Japan, Canada, Thailand, Georgia, Kosovo, Bangladesh, Russia and Ethiopia. Vicki is a Visiting Professor of Human Rights at Birmingham City University.

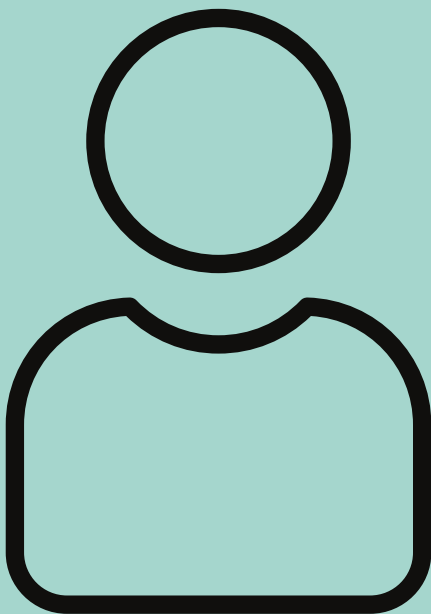


### **Tori Sicher (she/her)**

Tori Sicher has an undergraduate degree in Law and a masters in International Human Rights Law. She qualified as a solicitor in 2005, and is currently working at Bhatt Murphy, specialising in immigration, asylum, human rights and public law cases. In 2020 she was recognised as Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year in the Immigration and Asylum category.

## **Nusrat Uddin (she/her)**

Nusrat is a Partner at Wilson Solicitors LLP, where she specialises in public law and human rights, with a focus on modern slavery, forced labour and human trafficking. She has been involved in several strategic litigation challenges and was awarded the Anti-Slavery Day award for outstanding contribution last month in Parliament.



## **Shu Shin Luh (she/her)**

Shu Shin is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers, where her practice has a strong human rights, civil liberties, and anti-discrimination focus. She grew up in Hong Kong, Taiwan and the US, and prior to Bar, she worked for Amnesty International and as a journalist for the Washington Post, Wall Street Journal and the Chicago Sun-Times in the US and in Southeast Asia and China. She is also on the panel of junior counsel for the Equality and Human Rights Commission and undertakes various advisory and consultancy work on legal policy and draft legislation.

## 12:15 - 13:15

# PANEL: PERSPECTIVES FROM JUNIOR HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYERS

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*Discussing the life and work of human rights lawyers in the early stages of their careers.*

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### **Aqsa Hussain (she/her)**

Aqsa Hussain has a multidisciplinary practice spanning criminal, public and international law, primarily taking on cases with pertinent human rights issues at play. Besides her legal practice, Aqsa is the Executive Director of the NGO Human Rights Pulse and is further involved with a number of human rights and social mobility related projects at the Bar and across the globe.



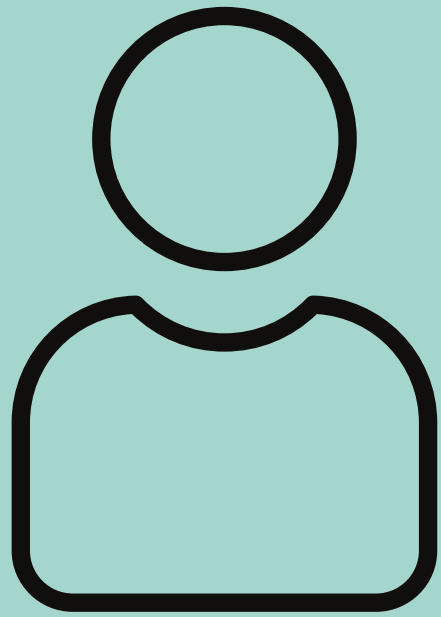
### **Hannah Cheesebrough (she/her)**

Hannah is a criminal defence solicitor at Bindmans LLP having completed seats in the firm's Crime team and Public Law and Human Rights team. Hannah studied Philosophy & Politics for her undergraduate degree before completing the GDL and LPC and beginning her career as a paralegal before becoming a Trainee.



## Donnchadh Greene (he/him)

Donnchadh is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers. He practises in public law, encompassing human rights and discrimination, with a particular focus on community care law and migrants' rights. Donnchadh also practises in education law, data protection law and regularly advises bodies and individuals on their rights and obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and data protection legislation.



## About the HRLA

*The HRLA's principal objective is to **promote the effective legal protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of people in the United Kingdom**. In addition, we aim to **develop knowledge and understanding** of human rights through **research, education and training**.*

*HRLA membership is available for all entities, lawyers, legal practitioners, students and others interested in human rights law. Sign up now on [www.hrla.org.uk](http://www.hrla.org.uk)*



## 14:00 - 15:00

# HOW TO FUND A CAREER IN HUMAN RIGHTS

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*Learn about the financial support available to you when pursuing a human rights career.*

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### **Ollie Persey (he/him)**

Ollie is a claimant public law barrister at Garden Court Chambers specialising in education, community care, mental capacity and mental health law. Much of his work involves challenging discrimination against people with disabilities and migrants. He is a contributing author of the new Legal Action Group textbook, 'Discrimination in Public Law'. Before joining Garden Court Chambers in January 2021, Ollie trained and qualified at the Public Law Project through a Justice First Fellowship. He was previously a lecturer and researcher at the London School of Economics and Oxford University.



### **Christina Ashibogu (she/her)**

Christina is a solicitor in the Actions against the Police department at Bindmans LLP, specialising in civil, disciplinary and public law challenges against the police and other public authorities. Her particular area of work includes the Public Inquiry into Undercover Policing and the misuse of police stop and search powers.

## Turan Hursit (she/her)

Turan is a barrister specialising in medical law and human rights law and has a particular interest in cases where the two overlap. She practises in clinical negligence, personal injury, inquests & inquiries, the Court of Protection, community care, police law, and claims under the Human Rights Act. She has acted as junior counsel in a number of high-profile cases, including the reopened inquests into the Guildford Pub Bombings, and the Manchester Arena Inquiry. Being from a family of asylum seekers who fled war, Turan has always wanted to make a difference in the fight for justice. This led her to specialise in Public Law as a postgraduate student and work at the European Court of Justice and with several NGOs before coming to the Bar.



## BARBRI Bridges

*In September 2021, the **Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE)** was officially introduced. BARBRI believe the new route to qualification will **reduce existing barriers and strengthen diversity and representation** of those working in the legal industry. They launched BARBRI Bridges to help actively support this change in the profession, alongside their SQE preparation courses.*

*BARBRI have partnered with a number of firms, charities and universities to help shape a funding model that meets the needs of the industry. See the end of the Programme for more information.*

## 15:00 - 16:15

# NETWORKING WITH INCOMING HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYERS

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*Breakout rooms where you can ask questions and hear directly from current and future pupil barristers and trainee solicitors, who have recently been through the recruitment process.*

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### **Miranda Zeffman (she/her)**

Miranda is a member of the HRLA Young Lawyers Committee. She will be commencing pupillage at Three Raymond Buildings in 2023. Before converting to law, she studied Modern Languages at the University of Oxford and then completed the two-year Teach First Programme.



### **Daniella Adeluwoye (she/her)**

Daniella Adeluwoye is a Future Pupil Barrister, with an interest in building a practice in public, immigration, and employment law. She graduated from Cambridge University in 2021 with a degree in Human, Social, and Political Sciences and recently completed the GDL at City, where she is on the BVS.

### **Chloe Reddock (she/her)**

Chloe is a future public law pupil barrister at Kings Chambers in Manchester. She completed her undergraduate degree in Law with Spanish at the University of Liverpool and Master's in Human Rights Law at UCL. She works for an Amsterdam-based NGO called the European Legal Support Center as their UK Legal Officer.



### **Edward Arash Abedian (he/him)**

Ed is a current pupil at Landmark Chambers specialising in public, planning and property law. He has experience of immigration and asylum (Refugee Council), information rights (former cybersecurity professional) and freedom of expression (Index on Censorship) issues. In 2019 he was part of an international trial observation team in Colombia.



### **Dan Webster (he/him)**

Dan is an associate solicitor in Leigh Day's Human Rights department. He does a wide range of work, primarily in the context of mental health and social care and gambling harms. This includes representing bereaved families at inquests, acting for claimants in human rights and discrimination claims and in actions for judicial review, and representing individuals who lack capacity in Court of Protection proceedings.



### **Claudia Hyde (she/her)**

Claudia is a bar course student and HRLA Young Lawyers Committee member who will be commencing pupillage at Landmark Chambers in 2023. Before the bar, Claudia spent five years working in public and political affairs. She then studied the LLM and worked as a Judicial Assistant in the Court of Appeal.

### **Brenda Efurhievwe (she/her)**

Brenda is a Trainee Barrister at Matrix Chambers. Prior to pupillage, Brenda gained a diverse professional experience; she was involved with numerous NGOs and social justice movements as a volunteer lawyer, campaigner and organiser. Brenda's interests are focused on asylum and immigration, human rights advocacy, racial justice, and LGBTQ+ rights.

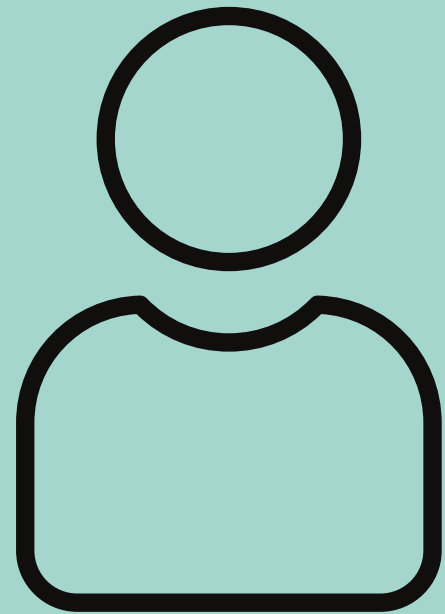


### **Sarah Gibbons (she/her)**

Sarah is a first-year trainee solicitor in the international department of Leigh Day, having joined the firm as a paralegal in January 2021. Sarah graduated with an LLB in 2011 and before deciding to qualify, worked in several NGO, paralegal and researcher roles in South Africa, Australia, Zambia and the UK.

## **Savannah Sevenzo**

Savannah is a future pupil barrister at One Pump Court Chambers, as well as an Equality and Diversity Policy Analyst at the Bar Council of England & Wales, tasked with ensuring everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed at the Bar. Savannah graduated in Philosophy and English Literature from the University of Sussex.



## **About the YLC**

*The HRLA's Young Lawyers' Committee (YLC) is made up of young and aspiring human rights lawyers from a variety of backgrounds. It arranges events for students and young lawyers throughout the year. Notably, these include our annual Careers Day, Judicial Review Mooting Competition, and Lord Kerr Essay Competition.*



# Special Thank You

Thank you to BARBRI SQE Prep for providing the online platform for HRLA Careers Day 2022.

## About BARBRI Bridges

BARBRI Bridges is an inclusive way to empower lawyers in creating a profession that is more representative of today's society. As well as preparing you for SQE success with five decades of experience in the legal education sector, we're breaking down financial obstacles to reduce barriers to qualification too so that aspiring lawyers from all walks of life have access to equal opportunities. To find out more information about BARBRI Bridges please follow this [link](#).



The YLC is immensely thankful to all of our speakers, and everyone who contributed to making this event possible,