

Everyday Equality: challenging discrimination in welfare benefits

Date: 10 May 2018 **Time:** 10.30am – 4.30pm **Location:** Rooms 1 & 5, NCVO, 8 All Saints St, London N1 9RL

Timing	Session	Speakers
10.30-11.00	Registration & networking Room 1	
11.00-11.15	Welcome & introduction to EDF and Everyday Equality project	Chair: Julie Bishop, director Law Centres Network and EDF trustee
11.15-11.30	Practical Equality Rights in Welfare Benefits Advice: launch and overview	Jo Chimes, EDF
11.30-12.05	Keynote speech: the opportunities for challenging discrimination in welfare benefits	Sara Lomri, Public Law Project
12.15-1.15	Workshop 1: Using the Equality Act to tackle sanctions and conditionality Room 1	Martin Williams, CPAG Ayaz Manji, Mind Katy Watts, Public Law Project
	Workshop 2: The equality impacts of welfare reform Room 5	Professor Jonathan Portes, EHRC & King's College London Lucy Cadd, Leigh Day
1.15-2.00	Networking lunch	
2.00-3.00	Workshop 3: How to get legal aid to challenge discrimination in welfare benefits Room 1	Nimrod Ben-Cnaan, Law Centres Network Desmond Rutledge, Garden Court Matt Ahluwalia, Public Law Project
	Workshop 4: How to deliver discrimination advice effectively to solve welfare benefits problems Room 5	Nelleke Van Helfteren, Ipswich CA Nick Whittingham, Kirklees CALC Craig Lane, Newport CA
3.00-3.30	Refreshments & networking	
3.30-4.30	Plenary panel: Collaborating to end unfairness and discrimination in welfare benefits	Steve Hynes, LAG Daphne Hall, rightsnet Alan Markey, National Assoc Welfare Rights Advisers Salli Edwards, Flintshire CA
	Chair's closing remarks	Julie Bishop

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