

On 29 April 2008 Sitra & Legal Action Group bring you a one day event on

Individual Rights vs Social Responsibility

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29 April 2008 - Regents College Conference Centre

Conference Information

Event overview

Supported housing now spans numerous government agendas requiring it to embrace many specialist areas of the law. However the law relating to supported housing has no specific legal framework and is particularly complex. Providers face the daily dilemma of promoting the rights of individuals whilst protecting vulnerable service users in a community based setting. This conference is a unique opportunity for practitioners, lawyers and academics to come together and openly debate these issues and understand how the law applies to supported housing.

Benefits of attending

Delegates will learn about the legal framework that practitioners are expected to work within when providing supported housing services. Practitioners will understand the legal requirements associated with specific areas of supported housing provision. Lawyers and academics will appreciate the challenges of providing services in a supported housing setting. Debate will inform how policy personnel can influence the emerging law and policy agenda.

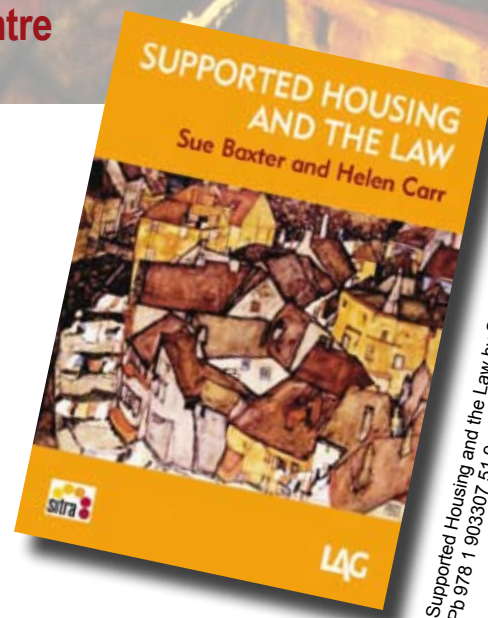
Accreditation: 5.5 CPD hours*

About LAG and Sitra

Legal Action Group (LAG) is an independent, self-financing charity whose mission is the promotion of equal access to justice for all members of society who are socially, economically or otherwise disadvantaged. To this end, we seek to improve law and practice, the administration of justice and legal services. www.lag.org.uk

Sitra is an umbrella organisation committed to raising standards in the housing, care and support sector. We have over 20 years experience of offering policy advice, training, information, conferences, events management, consultancy and capacity building services. www.sitra.org

** Accredited by the Law Society. Bar Council accreditation pending*



Supported Housing and the Law by Sue Baxter & Helen Carr
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Target audience

Supported Housing Providers, Solicitors and Barristers, Local Authority personnel including Supporting People, Policy Officers and Health and Social Care Providers and Academics.

Speakers

- Sir Bert Massie, Equality & Human Rights Commission
- Naomi Goode, Lewis Silkin
- Professor Luke Clements, Cardiff Law School
- Helen Carr, Kent Law School
- Sue Garwood, Care Standards in Partnership
- Gary Lashko, Carr Gomm
- Chris Holmes, Housing Corporation
- Rob Dunas, Fry Housing Association
- John Bryant, NHF
- Shazia Shamim, Nacro
- Steve Hynes, LAG
- Sue Baxter, Sitra
- Joe Redmond, Richmond Fellowship

Programme

- 09:00 – 10:00 **Registration and networking breakfast**
Come and relax before the start of the event and enjoy a continental breakfast and a chance to network with colleagues and speakers.
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- 10.00 – 10.20 **Chairs welcome and introductions**
Steve Hynes, Director of LAG, opens the conference with a short speech on law and vulnerable people.
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- 10.20 – 11.15 **Individual rights versus social responsibility**
Naomi Goode, Lewis Silkin, explains the role of law in supporting providers to ensure individual rights are respected.

Gary Lashko, CEO Carr Gomm, will talk about the dilemmas faced by providers respecting rights of individuals when responsible to other vulnerable service users and the wider community.
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- 11.15 – 11.45 **Refreshments**
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- 11.45 – 13.00 **Plenary sessions**
These sessions will feature experts in the field of law, and a member who can provide a provider perspective. The sessions are intended to promote a dialogue about applying aspects of law in the supported housing setting. Feedback and discussion will be noted to inform Sitra and LAG policy development in the future and delegates' points will NOT be attributed in order to promote a safe space for detailed and critical debate.
- A - The interface between disability law and housing law**
Presented & facilitated by *Sir Bert Massie*, Equality & Human Rights Commission
Panel members: Joe Redmond, Richmond Fellowship and LAG representative
- B - What does human rights mean in a supported housing setting?**
Presented & facilitated by *Helen Carr*, Kent Law School
Panel members: *Rob Dunas*, Fry HA and *Clare Lucas*, Sitra
- C - What does the Mental Capacity Act 2005 mean for providers and users?**
Presented & facilitated by *Professor Luke Clements*, Cardiff Law School
Panel members: *Sue Garwood*, Care Standards in Partnership and LAG representative
- D - What legal developments are in store in the field of housing and support?**
Presented & facilitated by *John Bryant*, National Housing Federation
Panel members: *Shazia Shamim*, Nacro and *Sue Baxter*, Sitra
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- 13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**
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- 14.00 – 15.15 **Plenaries repeated**
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- 15.15 – 15.30 **Refreshments**
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- 15.30 – 16.30 **Your chance to ask the experts**
Chris Holmes from the Housing Corporation Vulnerable Peoples Board will chair a panel of experts from the workshops which will consider questions from participants.
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- 16.30 **Conference end**

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Workshop Sessions

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A Disability Law & Housing Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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C Mental Capacity Act 2005	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D Legal Developments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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