

Prison reform: a discussion on international human rights

Wednesday, 14th September 2011, 5pm The Equality and Human Rights Commission Arndale House, The Arndale Centre, Manchester, M4 3AO

The Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales (BHRC) is the international human rights arm of the Bar of England and Wales. It is an independent body primarily concerned with the protection of the rights of advocates and judges around the world. The Committee is also concerned with defending the rule of law and internationally recognised legal standards relating to human rights and the right to a fair trial.

The development and implementation of international human rights instruments in relation to prison law and prison conditions is key to respect for the rule of law. Speakers will discuss current trends in prison law domestically and internationally with a view to promoting and protecting the rights of prisoners, upholding fair trial rights and ensuring access to justice.

Chaired by

Pete Weatherby (Garden Court North), Executive Committee Member of the Bar Human Rights Committee

Addresses by

Prof Dirk Van Zyl Smit, Professor of Comparative and International Penal Law at the University of Nottingham

Juliet Lyon CBE, Director of the Prison Reform Trust

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1.5 CPD available to barristers

The BHRC's meetings are aimed at legal professionals, academics, students and others with an interest in human rights and in particular international human rights law.

All are welcome - please feel free to circulate widely

Please note that places for this event are limited.

To RSVP or for further information, please contact

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