

NATIONAL PRO BONO WEEK 2009

The Access to Justice Foundation

During National Pro Bono Week, Trustees and Officers of the Access to Justice Foundation will be speaking and attending events, in particular to promote Pro Bono Costs Orders. Guidance on the costs orders is being distributed at a number of events. The week will also see the announcement of the first set of grants awarded by the Foundation, following the recent invitation for small grants applications. Visit probonoUK.net for information on National Pro Bono Week. The following are events of particular note for the Foundation, with more information available using the links below.

Attorney General's MPs Reception

Tuesday 3 November 2009, House of Lords

Members of the Foundation will be in attendance. Scott Melhuish will be honoured by the Attorney General as one of the unsung “pro bono heroes” for his long standing and free of charge website support to charities including the African Prisons Project and the Access to Justice Foundation. Visit Scott’s website at scottmelhuish.com.

Annual Bar Conference: Access to Justice - Justice for All?

Saturday 7 November 2009, Lancaster London Hotel
barcouncil.org.uk/news/BarConference2009

Ingrid Simler QC (Trustee of the Foundation) is a panellist on the Bar Conference’s first session entitled *Justice for all - the part that pro bono plays*.

Toby Brown (Officer of the Foundation) will be giving a short talk on *Pro bono costs orders*.

The conference will also see the announcement of the Bar Pro Bono Award.

Joint National Pro Bono Conference

Monday 9 November 2009, Friends House, London
spbg.org.uk/conference09

Lord Goldsmith QC (Chairman of the Foundation) will give the plenary address on *Pro bono costs orders and the Access to Justice Foundation*.

Sandra Barton (Trustee of the Foundation) and Nick Hanning (South West Legal Support Trust) are panellists on the session *Casting the net wider: national and regional development*.

Bob Nightingale MBE (Trustee of the Foundation) leads the closing plenary session of the conference.

The Foundation also supports the conference as an Associate Sponsor.

Joint National Pro Bono Conference

Tuesday 10 November 2009, Civil Justice Centre, Manchester
spbg.org.uk/conference09

Andrew Holroyd CBE (Trustee of the Foundation) will chair the plenary forum on *Pro bono in the North*.

Toby Brown (Officer of the Foundation) and Sandra Barton (Trustee of the Foundation) will giving the plenary address on *Pro bono costs orders and the Access to Justice Foundation*.

The conference is followed by an event in Manchester organised by ILEX to raise funds for the North West Legal Support Trust www.probonouk.net/index.php?id=events_detail_pbw&rid=70

National Pro Bono Week Exhibition

Wednesday 11 November 2009, Toynbee Hall, London
probonouk.net/index.php?id=events_detail_pbw&rid=123

Launch of the South West Legal Support Trust

Thursday 12 November, St Werburghs Centre, Bristol
Friday 13 November 2009, Bournemouth
atjf.org.uk/regional-trusts/southwest

The South West Legal Support Trust will be formally launched at events in both Bristol and Bournemouth.

Friday's launch event in Bournemouth is preceded by a lecture on pro bono costs orders and the Foundation by Sandra Barton (Trustee of the Foundation) and Nick Hanning (Chair of ILEX Pro Bono Forum).