

# Welcome to the Litigant in Person Network

Innovation and progress in access to justice is happening everywhere. Until now, there has been no central, online platform where a wide range of people can share information. There is consequently a risk that developments and resources are being missed, leading to duplication or gaps.

In response, the Litigant in Person Support Strategy has developed a platform to connect those with a common goal of improving access to justice. This group includes the advice sector, legal professionals, academics, the judiciary, court and tribunal staff (the Network). The Network is for professionals, rather than litigants in persons themselves, as other websites already exist to directly help members of the public.

The Legal Education Foundation has provided funding to develop the website and to pilot it for a year.

## Our objectives

Through cross-sector networking, collaboration and shared and creative thinking, the Network will be stronger and more effective in meeting the needs of vulnerable people. We plan to achieve this through:



### **Connecting**

Facilitating cross-sector communication, discussion and sharing of good practice.



### **Signposting**

Signposting to resources and projects, to improve awareness of existing tools and to encourage collaboration.



### **Policy Engagement**

Providing opportunities to engage with policy and public sector change.

## How does it work?

The new website provides a central platform from which to disseminate information on projects, resources, research and other content relating to access to legal advice and the legal system. Material is written both by the Network and by the coordinator on behalf of the Network. If you are short on time, we are happy to take a short phone call and produce a blog for you. Alongside this, there is a private 'noticeboard' area, where members can post questions, make comments and respond directly to other members.

A summary of new Network content and noticeboard posts is circulated to members via a fortnightly newsletter.

## Support us

To find out more and join the Network please visit [www.lipnetwork.org.uk](http://www.lipnetwork.org.uk) or email Ella Playfair at [ellaplayfair@atjf.org.uk](mailto:ellaplayfair@atjf.org.uk).

If you are a professional working in the field and would to contribute to the Network, please get in contact. We are looking for content about projects, resources, research, relevant developments and events related to access to justice for those without means.

*Please note: This site is not for Litigants in Persons, please continue to direct LiPs to the existing resources.*

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