

Speakers at AGM 2021

14th – 16th October – Live from Newcastle Civic Centre

Thursday 14th October

16.00 – Kit Malthouse MP, Probation and Reducing Reoffending Minister



Kit Malthouse was appointed Minister of State in the Home Office and Ministry of Justice on 14 February 2020. He was previously Minister of State (Minister of State for Crime, Policing and the Fire Service) for the Home Office from 25 July 2019 to 14 February 2020 and Minister of State in the Ministry of Justice on 14 February 2020.

17.00 – Liz Saville Roberts MP, Co-Chair of the Justice Unions' Parliamentary Group

Liz Saville Roberts was initially elected to Parliament in the General Election of May 2015 as Plaid Cymru's first female MP.

She is the Westminster leader of Plaid Cymru and the Plaid Cymru's Spokesperson for Home Affairs, Justice and Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy.



19.00 – 20.00 – The Police and the State – with Terry Renshaw, Rob Evans and other speakers TBC



Terry Renshaw (far left) is a convicted Shrewsbury picket and a founding member of the Shrewsbury 24 Campaign and a lifelong trade unionist. As a member of UCATT he took part in the 1972 building workers strike. In 1973-74, along with 23 other building workers, he was prosecuted at Shrewsbury Crown Court for picketing offences during the strike. In a landmark judgment on the 23 March 2021,

the Court of Appeal quashed all the pickets' convictions.



Rob Evans has worked for the Guardian as a reporter since 1999. He has won awards for his work both on corruption scandals and for promoting freedom of information. With a colleague Paul Lewis, he wrote a book, *Undercover*, about the infiltration of undercover police officers into political groups over the past 40 years. He is also the author of *Gassed: British chemical warfare experiments on humans at Porton Down* (House of Stratus, 2000). He has also worked for the Financial Times, the Sunday Telegraph, and local papers.

Friday 16th October

10.45 - Frances Crook, The Howard League



Frances Crook is the Chief Executive of the Howard League for Penal Reform which is responsible for research programmes and campaigns to raise public concern about suicides in prison, the over-use of custody and poor conditions in prison, young people in trouble, and mothers in prison. The Howard League also provides legal advice to children in custody and has taken a number of successful judicial reviews that have improved the treatment of children and young people in custody and on release.

11.30 Panel Discussion - Domestic Abuse and the Family Courts - a year on from the 'The Harm Report' – with Jenny Birchall, Jack Harrison and Cafcass representatives TBC

Dr Jenny Birchall is Senior Research and Policy Officer at Women's Aid. She works on Women's Aid's *Child First: Safe Child Contact Saves Lives* campaign, which aims to make family court processes safer for women and children survivors of domestic abuse. She was the co-author, along with Professor Shazia Choudhry at the University of Oxford, of Women's Aid's report: *What about my right not to be abused? Domestic abuse, human rights and the family courts.*

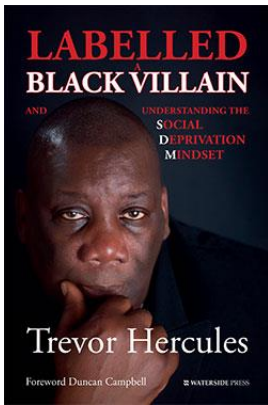


Jack Harrison is a barrister at Coram Chambers, London, specialising in cases about children, both public and private law including care, child arrangements and cases about alternative families or legal parenthood. Most of his work involves allegations of serious injury, sexual, physical or emotional abuse, or allegations of alienation. As part of my work I have become interested in how the law addresses cases involving domestic abuse.

13.45 Panel Discussion - The impact of Racial Trauma on Probation and the Family Courts – with Delphine Duff-Butler, Trevor Hercules, Alison Lowe and Justin Russell

Delphine Duff-Butler began her career as a case manager in mental health, before switching to the Probation Service. She worked for London Probation from 1985 until 2017. She and has developed a range of training courses including specialist interventions and more recently has taken the lead with regard to developing practice answers to the current challenge of working with Serious Group Offending and gang violence. In 2016 Delphine became the first female within the Criminal Justice arena to twice receive a well acclaimed Butler Trust commendation. Delphine now acts as a consultant on Criminal Justice matters and continues to devise and deliver prestige programmes and training to a varied sector of statutory, non-statutory and community stakeholders.





Trevor Hercules is the author of two books about his experiences in the Criminal Justice System: 'Labelled A Black Villain' and 'Rage Within'. With a background of time Children's Homes, Detention Centre, Borstal, and 10 years incarcerated (2 years in solitary confinement) he attended PCL for Journalism and has spent years of volunteer work in London including developing the start of 'The Hercules Programme' training mentors how to deal with disruptive pupils and young men.

Alison Lowe is the West Yorkshire Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) and in this role she works with the Mayor to oversee policing in the county, on behalf of the public. Other key functions include consulting the public to ensure that their views and priorities are taken into account and strengthening links such as inclusive growth and community safety and cohesion. Alison is passionate about inclusion as a Black woman and mother of 2 gay children and she will be working with the police to deliver the Mayor's pledge to recruit more diverse police officers and staff. Alison will also support the force more widely on further developing an anti-racist and anti-misogynistic culture to make West Yorkshire an even better place to live and work.



Justin Russell entered Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation as Chief Inspector in June 2019 and will serve in this role until May 2024. Justin's previous role, from 2016 to the beginning of 2019, was as Director General, Justice Analysis and Offender Policy at the Ministry of Justice. Justin started his career as a social researcher in the Home Office and has worked on a wide range of criminal justice issues including as a Senior Policy Adviser on home affairs in the

No10 Policy Unit and as Head of the Violent Crime Unit in the Home Office where he led the Ending Gang and Youth Violence Programme and the government's strategy on ending violence against women and girls.

15.45 - Lyn Brown MP, Shadow Probation and Prisons Minister

Lyn Brown has been MP for West Ham since 2005. Before that she was a councillor in the London Borough of Newham and held a number of senior political roles in the Local Government Association.

Since 2006 has held Ministerial and Shadow Ministerial roles, including Assistant Government Whip, Opposition Whip, Shadow Fire Minister, Shadow Policing Minister, and Shadow Treasury Minister with responsibility for social justice. Since April 2020, Lyn has been Shadow Prisons and Probation Minister in Labour's Shadow Justice team.



17.00 - Jo Farrar, Chief Executive HMPPS

Jo Farrar became CEO of HMPPS in 2019 after a varied career in public service, working in the Home Office, the Cabinet Office and over 10 years as a CEO in Local Government. She says “I was drawn to the role of CEO of HMPPS as I could see that it would allow me to bring together the operational experience I gained as a CEO in local government, together with the policy experience and knowledge gained in central government, in an area that I am passionate about. I felt that I could bring a fresh perspective and new ways of doing things to HMPPS”. In March she became the Second Permanent Secretary as well.



Saturday 16th October

10.45 – Dame Vera Baird, Victims Commissioner for England and Wales



Dame Vera Baird was appointed Victims Commissioner in 2019, and as such she is responsible for championing the interests of crime victims and witnesses and reviewing the operation of the Victims Code of Practice (the Code).

Dame Vera was previously Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria (2012-19). Prior to that she spent much of her working life as a criminal barrister. She served as Labour MP for Redcar from 2001 to 2010 and was Solicitor General from 2007

to 2010. She is particularly proud of her role in taking the Equalities Act 2010 through its House of Commons stages. In 2017 she was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE) for services to women and equality.