

Thursday 9 and Friday 10 September 2021

Hosted by Glasgow City Council Welfare Rights & Money Advice

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AGENDA

Day 1: Thursday 9 September 2021 (1.00pm to 4.30pm)

- 1.00 **Introductions and welcome** Alan Markey, Coventry Independent Advice Service and NAWRA chair
- 1.10 **An overview of the devolved Scottish benefits** Richard Gass, Glasgow City Council Welfare Rights & Money Advice Manager
- The Scotland Act 2016 gave powers for some benefits to be devolved from UK Parliament to the Scottish Parliament. This has resulted in the creation of a new agency in Scotland (Social Security Scotland) to administer these benefits. Some of these benefits are now in payment with others in the pilot stage or soon to commence. Richard Gass, Welfare Rights Manager within Glasgow City HSCP and the Chair of Rights Advice Scotland will give an overview of the new benefit landscape in Scotland and the timeline for change.
- [Slido #319619](#)
- 1.55 **Activity 2 Taking nutrition and the effect of an eating disorder** James Cunningham, Welfare Rights Officer at Durham Welfare Rights
- This workshop will discuss common eating disorders and how the narrow scope of Activity 2 fails many people with eating disorders. There will be discussion of [TK v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions](#) – a step towards broadening the scope of Activity 2. We will look at the lack of financial support for carers and ask the question “how we can achieve the best outcome for our clients at Tribunal?”
- [Slido #887295](#)

2.40 **Break**

2.50 **Who cares for the kinship carers?** Kathy Wade, Advice Service Manager at Kinship

This session will give an overview of what kinship care is and the difficulties faced by kinship carers and their families. It will also give details of Kinship which is a leading charity supporting kinship carers across England and Wales.

[Slido #060811](#)

3.20 **A word from our sponsors** [Ferret Information Systems](#)

3.30 **Access to justice at the Social Security Tribunal of Canada** Kate Sellar, Special Advisor, Social Security Tribunal of Canada

The Social Security Tribunal of Canada is committed to providing people with an appeal process for benefits that is simple, quick and fair. Find out more about what the Tribunal has done to be more accessible to the people they serve. Kate Sellar will also share some of her own experience and describe the methods she uses to keep access to justice at the forefront of the work she does.

[Slido #148253](#)

4.30 **Close**

Social evening: Thursday 9 September 2021 (7.00pm to 9.00pm)

In the evening all members are welcome to join a virtual NAWRA social evening on Zoom.

Day 2: Friday 10 September 2021 (9.30am to 1.15pm)

9.30 **Welcome and introductions**

9.40 **Tribunal reform after 20 years – and the future** Paul Stockton, Adviser with Epping Forest Citizens Advice, formerly a senior civil servant with the Tribunals Service

20 years ago, as part of the Labour Government's programme of constitutional reform, a report called Tribunals for Users started a process which led to the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007, which created the framework for the modern tribunal system. How has it worked out? Were the aims of the reforms met? Were the concerns at the time justified? Were there missed opportunities? And how should the tribunal system develop in the future?

[Slido #316493](#)

10.20 **But why??' - Ten things to ask parents** Carri Swann, Child Poverty Action Group

Carri is a welfare rights adviser at CPAG who works exclusively with parents. In this practical session, she will talk about some common pitfalls and easy wins for this client group. There will be tips for couples and for single parents, parents who do paid work and those who don't. Health, age and immigration status will get a mention. Come with questions.

Slido #0568030

11.05 **Break**

11.15 **Problems in the process of issuing UC50 forms**

Dr Tara Mulqueen, Director of Warwick Law in the Community and part of the Strategic Public Law Clinic (SPLC) run in partnership with Central England Law Centre, will join us to discuss the findings of the SPLC's recent project exploring problems in the process of issuing UC50 forms.

Slido #354300

11.35 **Health and Disability Green Paper** Daphne Hall, rightsnet

After more than two years of promising it, the government finally launched its [Health and Disability Green Paper](#) in July 2021 covering -

- reasonable adjustments;
- advocacy;
- employment support;
- health assessments;
- decision-making; and
- the design of the benefits system.

The consultation, which ends on 11 October 2021, is an opportunity for NAWRA to feed in its views. This workshop will look at the questions being asked in more depth and give members an opportunity to discuss them in smaller groups to inform our response.

Slido #275334

12.50 **NAWRA updates and information exchange**

Slido #462333

1.15 **Close**

Yoga session: Friday 10 September 2021 (2.00pm to 3.00pm)

Mind in overload after the conference? Take an hour to step away from it all, and relax and recharge in a gentle yoga session to ease you into the weekend.

Open to all levels - different options will be offered - and you are invited to take breaks whenever feels right - just focusing on the breath is a great stress reliever!

The conference is free to attend but open to NAWRA members only.

[Find out more about joining](#)

If you have any queries about the conference please contact

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