



Tuesday 4 June and Wednesday 5 June 2024

On Zoom

AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday 4 June 2024 (1.00pm to 4.00pm)

1.00 Introductions and welcome

Alan Markey, Coventry Independent Advice Service and NAWRA chair

1.10 Aligning a Pro-Social Security drumbeat in the build up to the General Election

Nicky Hawkins (Strategic Communications Specialist) and Michael Orton (University of Warwick)

The social security system is drenched in negativity. For decades the public has heard a constant barrage of criticism of welfare and its users, and very little praise.

A group of organisations is aiming to change this. Facilitated by strategic communications expert [Nicky Hawkins](#) and [Michael Orton](#) from the University of Warwick, the group aims to align around Pro-Social Security messages to create a drumbeat in the run up to the general election.

Nicky and Michael will talk about work the group has been doing, sharing the [messaging toolkit](#) they're developing. They're keen to hear about related work in this space, as well as people's thoughts and ideas, so there will be plenty of time for discussion.

[Slido #2524314](#)

2.10 Break

2.20 **Living Income: organising for change in Greater Manchester**

Molly-May Smith (New Economics Foundation)

The Living Income campaign in Greater Manchester is about re-designing our social security system to ensure people have a decent and secure income, and genuine engagement and support. Join our workshop to find out more about the campaign, our community organising approach, and why we're organising in Greater Manchester.

[Slido #5457012](#)

3.20 **Break**

3.30 **PIP is actually a great benefit!**

Matthew Hall, London Irish Centre

A discourse on how, if it were administered effectively, the statutory framework of PIP would actually produce excellent outcomes for claimants, particularly in view of many sympathetic Upper Tribunal decisions; but that its efficacy is undermined largely by the egregious failings of the decision making and appeals process.

[Slido #2936693](#)

4.00 **Close**

Day 2: Wednesday 5 June 2024 (9.30am to 12.30pm)

9.30 **Welcome and introductions**

Alan Markey, Coventry Independent Advice Service and NAWRA chair

9.40 **Pension age Tax Credits claimants – migration to Pension Credit or Universal Credit?**

Jane Crawford and Julia Service, UC Notes

In this workshop we will look at the new regulations for the migration of pension age Tax Credits claimants – which will start from July 2024.

Which pension age claimants will be invited to claim UC and who will need to claim Pension Credit? What about those who already get Pension Credit? What transitional protection is there?

[Slido #3853024](#)

10.40 **Break**

10.50 **Running human rights arguments in social security tribunals**
Alexa Thompson, Pupil Barrister (Second-Six), Garden Court North Chambers

- Introduction to human rights law statutes and treaties.
- The role of the tribunal and jurisdiction to consider human rights arguments.
- ECHR rights in focus and application in a social security context.
- Available remedies.
- Practical guidance: how and when to run?
- Discussion and Q&A.

[Slido # 8193732](#)

11.50 **Break**

12.00 **Using Word to transcribe PIP assessments**

Daphne Hall, rightsnet

Since 2022, it has been possible to request a recording of a PIP assessment (provided it is requested in advance). However, the option is used very little and one of the reasons for this may be that it is time-consuming and arduous to listen through the entire recording.

In this very short presentation, Daphne will talk you through a simple way to use Word to create a transcript which can then be read through in a much shorter time and also provides a written copy to cross-refer to the HCP report.

[Slido #3092346](#)

12.10 **Information Exchange**

[Slido #1673041](#)

12.30 **Close**

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

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