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# Rising to the Challenge

Independent Living and People  
with Learning Disabilities.

**Manchester Conference Centre**

**Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB**

**Thursday 19 November 2014 | 9 am - 4.30 pm**



H&SA Annual Conference 2015

# Rising to the Challenge

This year's annual conference will explore what independent living means for people with learning disabilities, how Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled People (UNCRDP) applies to the lives of people with learning disabilities in the United Kingdom and the shift that commissioners and providers need to make to achieve it.

There is much confusion about what independent living means for people with learning disabilities and assumptions are made that independent living is only for more able people. Little regard is paid to the UNCRDP in the lives of people with learning disabilities and decisions about funding and support for people to determine their own lives are being side-lined because of austerity.

There have been recent attempts to strengthen rights and the law through the Green Paper **No Voice Unheard, No Right Ignored** and the draft **Disabled People (Community Inclusion) Private Members Bill** and we will look at the impact that stronger legislation would have on delivering the housing and support that people want.

There is a challenge for us all; providers, commissioners, those who need support and their families to come up with better ways to enable people with learning disabilities and their families to determine their own lives and get the support they need to do this.

## Speakers will include:

**Gary Bourlet** - People First England  
(Co-Chair)

**Ian Birrell** - Journalist (Co-Chair)

**Steve Broach** - Barrister at Monckton  
Chambers

**Sally Warren** - Paradigm

**Professor Chris Hatton** - Lancaster  
University

**Tom Noon** - Cordis Bright

**Tim Keilty** - New Prospects

**Siraj Nadat** - Changing Our Lives

**Dr Sara Ryan** - Oxford University

## Who should attend?

**Rising to the Challenge** is for anyone who has an interest in the rights of people with learning disabilities to independent living. Housing and support providers, commissioners, people with learning disabilities and families are all welcome.

To enter a draw for one of a limited number of free places for people with learning disabilities and their families please email Mariana at H&SA: [mariana.ortiz@housingandsupport.org.uk](mailto:mariana.ortiz@housingandsupport.org.uk).

## Parallel Seminars

- 1. Using the Care Act to make Independent living a reality:** Steve Broach, Monckton Chambers; Kate Whittaker, Scott-Moncrieff & Associates Ltd.
- 2. Flexible and outcome based commissioning:** Fred Grand, Durham CC; Sanna Westwood & Craig Derry, Strategic Arc.
- 3. Housing Brokerage:** Diane Young, Dimensions; Ben Harrison, United Response.
- 4. Good stuff that does not cost a lot:** Angela Catley, Community Catalysts.
- 5. Social Investment and Independent Living:** Steve Harris, Mark McGoogan; Housing and Support Alliance.

## Legal advice session

Book a 15 minute legal advice session with solicitor members:  
**Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP / Trowers & Hamblins LLP.**

## Conference exhibitors

People First England  
Time designers Ltd  
Golden Lane Housing

Future Directions  
The Challenging Behaviour  
Foundation

## Sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities

We have sponsorship opportunities and exhibition stands available for organisations. This will provide a great opportunity to meet a wide range of commissioners, service users and other useful contacts from the sector. For more information please contact: [mariana.ortiz@housingandsupport.org.uk](mailto:mariana.ortiz@housingandsupport.org.uk)

# Booking form



H&SA Conference / Manchester Conference Centre, Sackville St, Manchester M1 3BB

I would like to book place/s for the Housing and Support Alliance Annual Conference on Thursday 19th November 2015

H&SA Member 1 free place

H&SA Member subsidised place(s) £100 (number of places)

Non-Member places at £195 (number of places)

Total amount £ Order reference (invoice)

Please **choose the 2 seminars** you wish to attend:

Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3 Seminar 4 Seminar 5

Tick the box if you want to book a Legal advice session

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