

**Westminster Social Policy Forum Keynote Seminar:**

**The future for charity law and regulation: independence, transparency and fundraising**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Venue: Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall, Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Barker**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Complex Needs and Dual Diagnosis
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Change in the third sector**  
**Nick Starkey**, Deputy Director, Office for Civil Society, Cabinet Office  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.50 **Assessing the Government's response**  
**Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts**, former Lead, Charities Act Review  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 - 10.00 **The impact of the Social Value Act on charities and Corporate Social Responsibility**  
**Lord Hastings of Scarisbrick**, Global Head of Corporate Citizenship, KPMG
- 10.00 - 11.00 **The changing role of charities: public trust, public sector commissioning and trustee payments**  
*With the Government agreeing with Lord Hodgson's recommendation that a "statutory definition of public benefit would not be desirable", how should the Charity Commission and courts define charities? With the Minister for Civil Society stating that he would not currently support an easing of the presumption against trustee remuneration, how should charities attract and retain suitable trustees and how should diversity within trustee boards be encouraged? What are the early indications for the impact that the Social Value Act - which allows commissioners to take into account the extra social value charities bring - is having on the sector, local authorities and corporate social responsibility? How should local authority and business commissioners shape contracts to recognise the independence and knowledge base of charities, and how can charities act to maintain public confidence in their independence if they are delivering public services? How should charities balance their resources between the additional revenue that contracts - such as those provided for in the Work Programme - could bring with their core philanthropic activities?*  
**Sarah Hodgkinson**, Founder and Chief Executive, Getting on Board  
**Neil Cleeveley**, Director of Policy and Communications, NAVCA (National Association for Voluntary and Community Action)  
**Julian Blake**, Partner, Bates Wells & Braithwaite  
**Nick Brooks**, Head, Not for Profit Sector Group, Kingston Smith and Chair, Charities and Voluntary Sector Group, ICAEW  
**Kalvinder Kohli**, Senior Service Manager, Strategy Policy and Commissioning, Birmingham City Council  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Lord Hastings of Scarisbrick**, Global Head of Corporate Citizenship, KPMG
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Barker**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Complex Needs and Dual Diagnosis
- 11.05 - 11.35 Coffee
- 11.35 - 11.40 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Thornton**, Shadow Minister for Equalities
- 11.40 - 12.00 **The role of the regulation following the Review of the Charities Act 2006**  
**Sam Younger**, Chief Executive, Charity Commission  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.45 **The future for regulation, transparency and fundraising**  
*How can deregulation be used to maximise charities' freedoms whilst not damaging public trust and confidence in charities? What are the next steps for transparency in the sector and how should rules relating to transparency be shaped in order to minimise the administrative burden on charities? With the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) review of charity accounting ongoing, how should charity accounts be made more accessible and transparent for the public? What should be the role of voluntary site agreements between the Public Fundraising Regulatory Authority and local authorities in regulating public fundraising and what system of licensing would be most effective in ensuring appropriate fundraising techniques? What are the next steps for self-regulation in the sector and how should fundraising regulators work together to shape their evolving roles? What is the future for the use of technology and media within the fundraising sector and how should this be regulated?*  
**Alistair McLean**, Chief Executive, Fundraising Standards Board  
**Jane Tully**, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Charity Finance Group  
**Peter Lewis**, Chief Executive, Institute of Fundraising  
**Elizabeth Chamberlain**, Senior Policy Officer, National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)  
**Aleyne Johnson**, Senior Government Affairs Manager, Vodafone  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 - 12.55 **Key issues and next steps for policy**  
**Nick Starkey**, Deputy Director, Office for Civil Society, Cabinet Office
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**  
**Baroness Thornton**, Shadow Minister for Equalities  
**Michael Ryan**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum