

Fighting Racial Injustice Training Events

How to improve the experiences, legal representation and outcomes of Black, Brown and Racialised Children & Young People in the criminal justice system.

Free to attend, register at Eventbrite using the links below:

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19 May 2022 | 5–7pm

[What kids want from their lawyers, how to address Bias and Adulthood](#)

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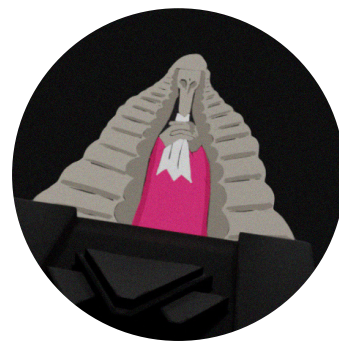
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We are a registered training provider with the Solicitors Regulation Authority. Attendance at the Summit can be recorded on your development record as part of your Continuing Professional Development (CPD).



Event 1
19 May 2022 | 5–7pm

What kids want from their lawyers, how to address Bias and Adultification



- 5:00** Introduction - **Aika Stephenson** Legal Director Just for Kids Law, Chair of Advisory Group 'Fighting Racial Injustice'
- 5:05** Judged – A short animation based on the voices of young people who have been through the criminal justice system. Conversation with film maker **Renaldho Pelle**
- 5:15** Problems with Race and the Criminal Justice System- as told by the young people we work with
- 5:30** Unconscious and Conscious Bias – **Professor Kris Henning** Georgetown University Law School and Deputy Director Juvenile Justice Clinic
- 6:00** Adultification of Black, Brown and Racialised Boys – **Jahnine Davis** Director of Listen Up one of the UK's leading specialists in the safeguarding of Black children
- 6:40** Children's distinct legal status in the Criminal Justice System – **Joanne Cecil**, Barrister Garden Court Chambers and Trustee Just for Kids Law



Aika Stephenson (Chair)

Co-founder & Legal Director, Just for Kids Law

Aika is the co-founder and legal director of Just for Kids Law. Aika is a solicitor and youth justice expert with many years' experience representing young people in criminal proceedings. Aika has chaired the expert working group leading YJLC's work on improving legal representation for Black, Brown and Racialised children and young people.



Renaldho Pelle

Director, Animator & Illustrator

BAFTA nominated director, animator & illustrator working in 2D digital/traditional animation, storyboarding, character design and illustration. Director and animator of Judged – a short film made by YJLC with a group of young people about what it feels like to be a kid going to court.



Kristin Henning

Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Centre

Kris Henning is a Professor at Georgetown University Law Centre where she is Deputy Director of the Juvenile Justice Clinic. Kris is best known for her work in juvenile defence and for her critically acclaimed book, *The Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth*.



Jahnine Davis

Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel Member

Jahnine Davis is one of the UK's leading specialists in the safeguarding of Black children – with a core focus on adultification bias. Jahnine's PhD research explores safeguarding responses to Black children when harm is outside of the home. Jahnine has over 20 years' experience of working in both the charitable and statutory safeguarding arenas. This includes her current role as a member of the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel. Jahnine is the Co-Founder and Director of Listen Up, a company established to amplify lesser heard voices in child safeguarding research, practice, and policy.



Joanne Cecil

Award winning Legal Aid Barrister

Joanne Cecil is a barrister at Garden Court Chambers. She has a mixed public law and criminal practice, with particular expertise in child rights and youth justice. She has a wealth of experience in representing children and she is renowned for having been instructed in many test cases relating to children in the criminal justice system.

Event 2
26 May 2022 | 5–7pm

Racism at the Police Station, Racial Trauma, Diversion



- 5:00** Race at the Police Station – **Sandra Paul** and **Matthew Hardcastle**, solicitors, Legal Action Group - Defending Suspects at Police Stations and Kingsley Napley
- 5:50** Racial Trauma - **Dr Aaron Reliford**, New York University
- 6:20** Actions against the Police – **Shamik Dutta**, Bhatt Murphy Solicitors
- 6:40** Diversion and Out of Courts Disposal for Black, Brown and Racialised Boys – **Bami Jolaoso**, Centre for Justice Innovation



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Sandra Paul

Solicitor, Legal Action Group - Defending Suspects at Police Stations and Kingsley Napley

Sandra Paul is a partner at the law firm Kingsley Napley and a member of the YJLC Advisory Board. Sandra is particularly experienced with navigating children and young adults safely through the justice system.



Matthew Hardcastle

Solicitor, Legal Action Group - Defending Suspects at Police Stations and Kingsley Napley

Matthew is a specialist in pre-charge investigations and litigation. Before joining Kingsley Napley, Matthew was a duty solicitor at a busy east-end firm.



Dr. Aaron Reliford

Vice Chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion -
Dept Child & Adol Psychiatry at NYU Langone Health

Aaron Reliford, MD, is Vice Chair for Diversity Equity and Inclusion and associate clinical professor of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Training Director at NYU, and both the Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the Associate Medical Director of Behavioral Health Sunset Terrace Family Health Center of NYU Langone Brooklyn.



Shamik Dutta

Solicitor, Bhatt Murphy

Shamik Dutta specialises in pursuing civil claims and public law challenges against the police and in enforcing the rights of those subject to unlawful immigration detention and unlawful deportation. He also acts for the families of individuals who have died in police and prison service custody. He is currently instructed by more than 40 bereaved families, survivors and residents in the Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry and associated legal proceedings related to the fire on 14 June 2017.



Bami Jolaoso

Innovative Practice Officer at the Centre of Justice Innovation

Bami works collaboratively with practitioners and police to support and enhance innovations currently taking place within the Criminal Justice System, particularly within youth and adult diversion. Bami has frontline experience working as a warranted police officer for the Metropolitan Police and as a caseworker for a gangs and violence prevention charity.

Event 3
09 June | 5–7pm

Child Criminal Exploitation, Race and Bail & Remand, Race and Sentencing



- 5:00** Representing Black, Brown and Racialised children who have been exploited – **Aika Stephenson**, Legal Director Just for Kids Law
- 5:30** Child Criminal Exploitation an expert witness – **Dr Grace Robinson**, Black Box Research and Consultancy
- 6:00** Race and Bail & Remand – **Danielle Manson**, Barrister Garden Court Chambers
- 6:30** Race & Sentencing – **Garry Green**, Barrister Doughty Street Chambers



Shauneen Lambe (Chair)

Barrister and Attorney, Social Entrepreneur and CEO

Shauneen is a barrister and attorney, social entrepreneur, and CEO whose strategic litigation work has changed the law 4 times in the past 4 years. A true legal innovator dedicated to the law being a tool for social change, Shauneen has established numerous ground-breaking projects and organisations.



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Dr Grace Robinson

Founder and CEO of Black Box Research & Consultancy

Grace is the Founder and CEO of Black Box Research and Consultancy. She has worked on over 100 Modern Slavery cases nationally, comprising drugs and weapon offences, fraud, burglary and robbery. Having completed her Ph.D on Urban Street Gangs, Child Criminal Exploitation and County Lines in Merseyside, Grace is able to offer contemporary insights into an area with little existing literature.



Danielle Manson

Barrister, Garden Court Chambers

Danielle Manson represents defendants in all areas of criminal law and associated work. She has particular expertise in representing children and young people.



Garry Green

Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers

Garry is a member of Doughty Street Chambers. He has a strong sense of social justice and his connection to local marginalised communities remains constant. He works for an array of voluntary grassroots organisations and is especially passionate about the welfare of children and young people. Garry's principal practice is in crime, his experience is second to none and has been honed over many years practice in many important and high profile cases

Event 4
21 June 5 – 7 pm

Joint Enterprise, Evidence of Gang Affiliation, Rap & Drill, the Gangs Matrix, US v UK



- 5:00** Defending cases involving evidence of gang affiliation, rap & drill – **Keir Monteith QC**, Barrister Garden Court Chambers
- 5:40** Criminal Justice and UK Black Youth Expressive Culture – **Professor Eithne Quinn**, University of Manchester
- 6:00** Race and the Gangs matrix – **Lana Adamou**, Liberty
- 6:20** Being on the Gangs matrix – **Kusai Rahal**, The 4Front Project
- 6:30** Race and the Criminal Justice System distinctions between the USA and the UK – **Zehrah Hasan**, Barrister Garden Court Chambers



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Keir Monteith QC

Queen's counsel, Garden Court Chambers

Keir Monteith QC is a member of Garden Court Chambers and is a highly sought-after leading silk who represents clients facing heavyweight criminal allegations. He has defended in numerous murders, industrial-scale Class A drug importations, high profile National Crime Agency cases, £100M frauds, multi-million-pound confiscations and heavily armed Organised Crime Group conspiracies.



Eithne Quinn

Author - Nuthin' but a "G" Thang: The Culture and Commerce of Gangsta Rap (Columbia University Press, 2005)

Eithne Quinn is a Professor of Cultural Studies at the University of Manchester. She is the author of Nuthin' but a "G" Thang: The Culture and Commerce of Gangsta Rap (Columbia, 2005) and led the Arts & Humanities Research Council project Prosecuting Rap: Criminal Justice and UK Black Youth Expressive Culture (2020-21).



Lana Adamou

Solicitor, Liberty

Lana specialises in challenging discriminatory police powers, and unfairness in the criminal justice system. She has helped a wide-range of clients to uphold their human rights and civil liberties, including bereaved families, protestors, over-policed young people, and victims of serious crime.



Kusai Rahal

Head of Youth Support, The 4Front Project

Kusai Rahal is the Head of Youth Support at The 4Front Project, a member-led youth organisation empowering young people and communities to fight for justice, peace and freedom. Kusai has significant experience working directly with children and young people affected by violence and the criminal justice system. His work also focuses on supporting young men mentalise and develop their emotional capacity to process adversity and trauma.



Zehrah Hasan

Barrister – Garden Court Chambers

Zehrah has been a tenant at Garden Court Chambers since October 2020. She practises in public, human rights, immigration and asylum law – with a particular specialism in representing survivors of gender-based violence, trafficking and exploitation.