

SPEAKERS

Mike Kaye is the Advocacy Manager for Still Human Still Here, a coalition of around 80 organisations that are working together to end the destitution of asylum seekers in the UK. Mike has 25 years' experience of campaigning on human rights issues. His previous jobs include working as Communications Manager for Anti-Slavery International, Parliamentary Officer for Refugee Council, Policy Officer for the Central America Human Rights Committee and three years working in Central America during the civil conflicts.

Estelle Worthington is the North West coordinator for the Regional Asylum Activism Project, where she works with people seeking asylum, activists, refugee support organisations, and decision-makers to push for positive change to the asylum system. Before joining the project she worked in various roles in the local voluntary and community sector, including in community engagement, policy and community development.

Lorna Gledhill is the Yorkshire and Humberside Activism Coordinator for the Regional Asylum Activism Project. She works with colleagues in the West Midlands and North West to campaign for the rights of people seeking refugee protection in the UK.

Emma Birks is the West Midlands coordinator for the Regional Asylum Activism Project. Before joining the team she had worked in the refugee field for 12 years. Her roles have included, volunteer and service coordinators, adviser, support worker and ESOL tutor. She has worked for charities such as the British Red Cross and Refugee Council, as well as smaller local charities. She is now based at St. Chad's Sanctuary in Birmingham.

Marie-Anne Fishwick has worked at ASAP since 2008. As a Legal Adviser she regularly assists clients at the First-Tier Tribunal (Asylum Support) and also provides advice and training on asylum support law. As the organisation's researcher she has authored or contributed to ASAP's reports over the last few years. Most recently she wrote "The Waiting Game" which looks at the long delays in obtaining support faced by ASAP's clients after a successful appeal. Before joining ASAP Marie-Anne worked for 5 years at the British Red Cross refugee support services in London.

Deborah Gellner worked for many years as a housing and social welfare solicitor before starting at ASAP in 2013, first at TV Edwards and then at Pierce Glynn. She was on the executive of the Housing Lawyers Practitioners Association, and had many reported homelessness cases in the higher courts, particularly against LB Tower Hamlets. She was also a freelance trainer for Shelter and Legal Action. After leaving private practice in 2009, she did an MA in Migration Studies at the University of Sussex, and then taught on the undergraduate law degree there. She co-writes the Support for Migrants update series in Legal Action magazine.

Lara ten Caten is a solicitor at Hansen Palomares who specialises in housing and community care public law cases. Judicial reviews are the backbone of her practice. She has many reported cases in both community care and housing, including *Gordon Binomugisha v Southwark London Borough Council [2006] EWHC 2254 (Admin)* and *The Queen on the application of Paula Hunt v LB Hackney [2014] EWHC 3510 (Admin)*. Lara is currently studying for an LLM in Refugee Studies at Southbank University. Prior to joining Hansen Palomares, Lara worked in mental health law and used to be a member of the Law Society's Mental Health Panel. Lara is also a Duty Scheme volunteer at ASAP. She has provided training and talks to several NGOs and community organisations.

Anna Dixie is ASAP's Duty Scheme Coordinator. She joined the organisation She has worked in the refugee sector for nearly a decade in advice and policy roles. At ASAP she represents asylum seekers and refused asylum seekers in their appeals at the First-Tier Tribunal (Asylum Support); she delivers training and gives second-tier advice on asylum support law; and she coordinates ASAP's pro-bono representation scheme and the Asylum Support Advice Network (ASAN).

Alice Webb joined ASAP in Sep 2013 as the Women's Legal Advisor. Her role focuses on supporting women in the asylum support system and spans individual representation at the tribunal, training and policy work. She began working with asylum seekers in 1998 and has worked for the Refugee Council and Asylum Aid. Outside of the asylum field, she has worked for a local Women's Aid project and has managed an advocacy project, focused on supporting people with learning disabilities.

Abi Brunswick is the Director and one of the founders of Project 17, an organisation aiming to reduce destitution among families with no recourse to public funds. In particular, Project 17 focuses on improving the implementation of support under s.17 of the Children Act 1989, which gives local authorities powers to support families with children in need. Abi has worked in the migrants' rights sector since 2008. Prior to starting Project 17, she managed a generalist migrants' advice service in Lewisham, London.