

IfJ Conference 'Intermediaries and the Law' and AGM 7th June 2022

Timetable for the Day

9.15 am Registration

9.30-10.30 AGM and election of officers

10.30-10.45 break

10.45-11.45 workshop 1 Professor Lucy Henry

11.45-12 break

12-1pm workshop 2 Denise McGillis

1- 2 lunch

2-3 workshop 3 Jai Patel

3-3.15 break

3.15-4.15 workshop 4 Lynda Gibb

4.15-4.30 close Q and A

Workshops include:

- 1. 'Registered Intermediaries and typically-developing primary school-age children: A research project looking at interviews, identification line-ups and cross-examinations'
(Professor Lucy Henry, City University of London)**

This workshop will consider a large research project involving a 'mock witness study' with 200 typically-developing primary school-age children. The children witnessed a short event (usually 'live' during their school assembly time) about school in the Victorian times. During this event, a minor crime occurred. Approximately a week later, children took part in ABE investigative interviews and identification line-ups. Approximately a year later, children took part in cross-examinations. Throughout the project, a number of these children were assisted by a Registered Intermediary. The workshop will consider how this study was run and report the findings, which were very positive about the role of Registered Intermediaries in improving the quality and quantity of children's evidence.

- 2. Quiet please, Court in session.
(Denise McGillis, Area Manager for the Witness Service)**

Who are the Witness Service? The support we provide and How we can work in partnership.

**3. Advancing Equal Access to Justice: How Intermediaries and Advocates can work together successfully
(Jai Patel, Barrister)**

This workshop will provide an advocate's perspective about working with intermediaries for vulnerable people and the critical role they have in the trial process. Practical tips and advice will be provided about what advocates find helpful and what intermediaries should expect from the advocate.

**4. National 'Advocacy and the Vulnerable' Training for Advocates.
(Lynda Gibbs QC (Hon), Dean at the Inns of Court College of Advocacy (ICCA))**

- The ICCA's role in training advocates adapt their questioning of vulnerable people and children.
- The updated 20 Principles of Questioning – 3rd version February 2022.
- Working collaboratively and effectively at the GRH to smooth the path for trial.