



Welcome Letter

Dear Delegate,

We are delighted to welcome you to this conference on harnessing and influencing the next chapter on socio-economic rights.

Socio-economic disadvantage remains a major driver of inequality, shaping access to and the provision of public services, housing, education, and social care, as well as influencing wider social, environmental and economic outcomes.

*The coming years are likely to see a significant shift in the role public law plays in tackling socio-economic inequality. A key question we hope to explore is: **how can we use legislation, policy and casework effectively to address structural inequality?***

The Labour Government has committed to bringing Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010 into force in England. Section 1 has already been implemented in Scotland and Wales and has gained traction among public authorities in England. Bringing Section 1 into force will significantly change the scope of policymaking and bring potential challenges to public authority policies and decisions.

Today, we look forward to bringing together leading voices to explore the future of socio-economic rights.

Best,

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