



High Sheriff of The County & City of Bristol's Annual Event

A LIFETIME FOR JUSTICE

Wills Memorial Building

30th November 2022 5:30pm for 6:30pm

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Welcome from the High Sheriff

Every meaningful step towards a fairer legal system, towards improved Human Rights, has been preempted by ordinary citizens with fire in their bellies. People who have been unwavering, persistent and relentless in their quest for a fairer society. Often fuelled by their own experiences of brutal injustice, these are the people who have pledged their life to justice. They have given up a lifetime to justice.

This is what has galvanised tonight's event for me. I want to shout from the rooftops to all agencies with the power to make a difference that if you really mean business when it comes to equality – then you must commit permanently to the cause, you must be intentional, you must not give up. The wheels of justice turn very slowly and as with the earth revolving beneath our feet – it is so huge and so beyond our horizon – we can't even see the change we are making.

My job is my life and my life is my vocation. My decision to join SARI and the 31 years of fighting racism and hate crime ever since came from the heart and was fuelled by far too much insight into unfairness. Every day since then as I worked my way from SARI's first caseworker to my current day role has been about doing the best I can to speak truth to power on behalf of all those who have turned to us with their stories of injustice. I also know that the change I dream of won't happen in my lifetime. Every day another news story comes out that could make me despair. But I am an eternal optimist when it comes to my belief in humankind. I know that I cannot solve everything that comes my way and I know I am only one person but at least I will have done my best when I hand the baton on. I hope this event, which brings together a few inspirational, changemakers who have pledged their lives to justice – will give you the boost, as an individual, to do a little bit more to make a difference for those around you who don't have what they need for a fair chance in life.



The Role of the High Sheriff

The Office of High Sheriff is an independent non-political Royal appointment for a single year. The origins of the Office date back to Saxon times, when the 'Shire Reeve' was responsible to the king for the maintenance of law and order within the shire, or county, and for the collection and return of taxes due to the Crown. Today, there are 55 High Sheriffs serving the counties of England and Wales each year.

Whilst the duties of the role have evolved over time, supporting the Crown and the judiciary remain central elements of the role today. In addition, High Sheriffs actively lend support and encouragement to crime prevention agencies, the emergency services and to the voluntary sector. In recent years High Sheriffs in many parts of England and Wales have been particularly active in encouraging crime reduction initiatives, especially amongst young people. Many High Sheriffs also assist Community Foundations and local charities working with vulnerable and other people both in endorsing and helping to raise the profile of their valuable work. The High Sheriffs' Association adopted National Crimebeat in recent years in response to specific areas of need.

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High Sheriff of Bristol's Annual Event

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17 30

Reception Room: Drinks and Market Place

18 30

Welcome: Professor Evelyn Welch

Baroness Hale

In conversation with **Sherrie Eugene Hart**

Clive Stafford Smith

19 25

Interval - drinks & canapés in the Reception Room with the Market Place

20 00

Dr. I. Stephanie Boyce

In conversation with **Anjali Gohil**

Dr. Leroy Logan MBE

In conversation with **Sherrie Eugene-Hart**

Dr. Alex Raikes MBE DL - The High Sheriff of the City and County of Bristol

Introduced by **Marvin Rees**, Mayor of Bristol

21 15

Reception Room: Market Place & networking

21 45

Event close

During the interval and immediately after the event, Leroy Logan will be signing copies of his books at the Waterstones stall outside the main hall, where other titles from Bristol Policy Press will be available.

The Market Place

As part of this event there is a market place accommodating a showcase of agencies to share information about the valuable and outstanding work they are achieving in relation to the fields of criminal and social justice.

The Market Place will be open for networking and audience members between 17.30 – 18.30 for the Reception prior to the performances; from 19.25 – 20.00 during the interval and from 21.15 – 21.45 at the end of the performances.

Stalls are themed in the following areas:

1. **CALLING GENERATION JUSTICE** – Student/ Careers Area
2. **LEROY LOGAN MBE** Book Signing Stall
3. **BYCA, THE SHRIEVALTY AND THE LIEUTENANCY** – the High Sheriff Charity and Royal criminal justice representatives
4. **OVERARCHING AGENCIES** – Home Office, Keeping Bristol Safer Partnership; Civil Justice Centre, Crown and Magistrates Court, Police, PCC, CPS
5. **CRIME** – Solicitor, Police, Barrister, Judge, Probation, YOT, Hate Crime (SARI), Rape, Sexual Violence and Abuse (SARSAS); DA (Next/ Missing Link); Human Trafficking/ Modern Day Slavery (Unseen); Child Sexual Exploitation (Banardo's); Prevent (BTB); Safer Options (Charlene Richardson); Forensic Mental Health (AWP); Street Sex Work (One25); Knife and Gun Crime.
6. **FAMILY** – Solicitor, Barrister, Judge, Social Worker, VCS that support families In need e.g. Barnardo's, Police
7. **EMPLOYMENT & DISCRIMINATION IN GOODS AND SERVICES** – Solicitor, Barrister, Judge, Law Centre, Citizen's Advice, Union, ACAS
8. **CORPORATE/ CHANCERY/ FINANCIAL/ INJURY** – Police; Solicitor, Barrister, Judge, Inland Revenue, Civil Justice Centre
9. **IMMIGRATION & ASYLUM** – Home Office, Clearsprings Ready Homes, SBHL, Solicitor, Barrister, Judge, Law Centre, Red Cross, BRASP & VCS that Support Sector; Ports Police.
10. **TRANSPORT & LICENSING** – Ports; Airport; Taxi Compliance Officer; British Transport Police; Solicitor, Barrister, Judge; Licensing; WECA; transport agencies e.g. First Bus; GWR; Network Rail; Taxi Reps

The Market Place is situated in the Reception Room of the Wills Memorial building.

A message from our headline sponsor

As the first High Sheriff of Bristol I had, some 25 years ago, the great pleasure of setting up the Bristol High Sheriff's Fund which has been supported year after year by subsequent High Sheriffs and spectacularly this year by Alex Raikes who does so much to make Bristol a safer city.

We all share the ambition to make our special historic city of Bristol a good place for all, but how many of us are exposed to the extreme pressures that many young people, in particular, are currently experiencing? After my stint as Bristol Mayor I set up 'People & Cities' as a platform to study and debate some of the vital physical, social, environmental and economic issues that affect our lives and to support others who share this aim. It is therefore a real privilege to be able to support this special event.



George Ferguson CBE

People & Cities

Brenda Hale

Brenda Marjorie Hale, Baroness Hale of Richmond, DBE, PC, FBA is a British judge who served as President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom from 2017 until her retirement in 2020, and serves as a member of the House of Lords as a Lord Temporal.

In 2004, she joined the House of Lords as a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, the only woman to have been appointed to that position. She served as a Law Lord until 2009 when she, along with the other Law Lords, transferred to the new Supreme Court as a result of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005. She served as Deputy President of the Supreme Court from 2013 to 2017.

On 5 September 2017, Hale was appointed under the premiership of Theresa May to serve as President of the Supreme Court, and was sworn in on 2 October 2017. She was the third person and first woman to serve in the role. Hale is one of four women to have been appointed to the Supreme Court (alongside Lady Black, Lady Arden and Lady Rose).

Since 30 July 2018, Hale has been a non-permanent judge of the Court of Final Appeal of Hong Kong. In June 2021, she announced her decision not to seek reappointment on the Hong Kong court after the end of her term in July while mentioning the impact of the controversial Hong Kong national security law. She will be the first senior British judge to withdraw from Hong Kong's top court after the enactment of the security law in June 2020.

In 2019, Hale was appointed an Honorary Professor of Law at University College London. Hale has also been Honorary President of the Cambridge University Law Society since 2015, and was Chancellor of The University of Bristol from 2004-2016.



Clive Stafford Smith

Clive is a human rights lawyer known for his work on behalf of prisoners on death row in the United States and those detained in Guantánamo Bay.

He previously worked at the Southern Centre for Human Rights, then founded the Louisiana Crisis Assistance Centre in a building in downtown New Orleans that facilitated and incubated the careers of scores of justice warriors, in the US and around the world.

The LCAC focussed on representing the poorest of people when they had nowhere else to look for support. In the late 1990s, he co-founded Reprieve, an organisation that fights for the victims of extreme human rights abuses with legal action and public education. This includes those detained indefinitely without charge in 'dark prisons' (e.g. Guantánamo Bay), extrajudicial killing, extraordinary rendition, as well as those facing capital punishment wherever they are occurring globally.



Clive has been a Soros Fellow, an Echoing Green Fellow and a Rowntree Visionary. He is licensed to practice law in the State of Louisiana, USA, and was awarded an OBE in 2000 for services to human rights. He has represented 87 detainees held in Guantanamo Bay, far more than any other lawyer, 86 of whom have now been released or cleared. Clive has never charged a client for his services.

He was founder of Reprieve in 1999, and now Founder/Director of 3dc, non-profit geared at helping young people get into human rights careers.



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I. Stephanie Boyce

I. Stephanie Boyce is the immediate Past President of the Law Society of England and Wales. In March 2021 she became the 177th, the sixth female and the first black, first person of colour to become president.

Stephanie has chaired, or been a member of, several high profile organisations, made appearances before Parliamentary committees (Justice Select) and engaged with Ministers in all parts of the United Kingdom and abroad. She holds a Master of Laws in public law and global governance from King's College London. A Fellow of the Chartered Governance Institute and a Fellow of the Society of Leadership Fellows, an Honorary professor of King's College, Dickson Poon School of Law and hold two Honorary Doctorates from Keele University and the University of East London.

In addition, Stephanie is a member of the government commissioned socio-economic taskforce and a Commissioner with the National Preparedness Commission and the Shinkwin Commission. She also sits on the Thomson Reuters Women in Law Advisory Board.

As President Stephanie led the Society through challenging times from the tail end of Brexit, a pandemic, the war in Ukraine, Afghanistan, the death of Her Majesty the Queen and the biggest shake up to the way solicitors train and qualify in 30 years to name a few, her strong leadership has been crucial to the Society's stability and successes, securing a number of concessions from government and other stakeholders on judicial review, the Bill of Rights Bill and the solicitors indemnity fund.

With over 20 years' experience of practice as a solicitor working with a number of organisations in helping to set tangible goals, formulate strategic plans, and develop strategic objectives at home and abroad, Stephanie's past roles and experience brings a distinct perspective and insight to the development and delivery of her work.



Leroy Logan MBE

Leroy is one of the UK's most highly decorated and well-known police officers. A highly respected and well-regarded commentator on policing and wider social justice issues, he believes that there is still much work to do in creating a more equitable and fair criminal justice system. Leroy's early career was recently depicted in Red, White and Blue, the BAFTA and Golden Globe-winning episode of director Sir Steve McQueen's acclaimed Small Axe series.

Since his retirement, Mr Logan has published his autobiography, Closing Ranks: My Life as a Cop and continues to use his decades of experience to give insightful, critical analysis on current events surrounding the UK justice system. He's been called upon by the likes of Channel 4, News Night, The Guardian, Sky, BBC Radio 4, HARDTalk and more.

As the founding member and past Chair of both the Met and National Black Police Association (BPA), he also co-founded Voyage Youth, a citizen's focus of the BPA. As a social justice charity it aims to empower marginalised young black people and provide them with the self-awareness and motivation to transform themselves and their communities. In January 2022 Mr Logan was appointed Chair of Transition to Adulthood (T2A), the justice arm of the Barrow Cadbury Trust'.



Professor Evelyn Welch MBE

Evelyn became Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Bristol in September 2022.

Evelyn Welch graduated from Harvard University, receiving her PhD from the Warburg Institute, University of London. She was previously Senior Vice-President for Service, People & Planning at King's College London, and had been Vice-President (Arts and Sciences) and Provost (Arts and Sciences). She has taught at University of Essex, the Warburg Institute, and held leadership roles at University of Sussex (PVC Teaching and Learning) and Queen Mary, University of London (Dean, Arts and PVC Research and International). As Professor of Renaissance Studies, she has led major research programmes including 'The Material Renaissance,' and 'Beyond Text: Performances, Sounds, Images'. She recently completed a Wellcome Trust Senior Investigator Award for a project on 'Renaissance Skin' and has authored numerous books, including *Fashioning the Early Modern: Creativity and Innovation in Europe, 1500-1800* (OUP 2017), and *Shopping in the Renaissance* (Yale 2005), winning the Wolfson Prize for History.



Mayor Marvin Rees

Mayor Marvin Rees was elected in May 2016, when Bristol became the first major European city to elect a mayor of Black African heritage. He is a Yale World Fellow and graduate of Operation Black Vote who has worked and studied in the UK and the US. Marvin is a former BBC journalist, Public Health manager, co-founder of the City Leadership Programme, and has developed the Bristol One City Approach. During his first term of office, Marvin delivered around 9,000 new homes, announced the development of a mass transit system, provided quality work experience for over 3,500 children, successfully bid to bring Channel 4 to Bristol, and led the city's response to both the climate and ecological emergencies. Marvin was re-elected as Mayor in May 2021.



Your Compere - Sherrie Eugene-Hart

Sherrie is an award winning broadcaster whose career spans 40 years. Starting out aged 18 as a Sign Language Interpreter, Sherrie went on to become the News Anchor Woman at HTV West. Sherrie is now an outstanding author, producer and programme maker for local and mainstream broadcast TV, and is presently writing the manuscript for a future film and theatre production 'Trooping the Culture' capturing the story of Richard Stokes, the first Black Grenadier Guard.

Sherrie grew up in St Werburgh's as the youngest of 7 girls attended St Thomas More School (Now Fairfield) and Soundwell College before studying Sign Language Interpreting at Bristol University (as a mature student). She was the First Black Woman in the UK to qualify as a British Sign Language Interpreter. Sherrie and her husband Patrick have 5 children between them aged from 9 to 25.



Anjali Gohil

Anjali Gohil is Chair of BarNone and a criminal barrister at Guildhall Chambers, Bristol.

Set up in 2020, Bar None is made up of a Steering Group of barristers of varying seniority and backgrounds who all practice across the circuit. The Group provides a mentoring scheme and runs events including webinars, seminars, training and outreach that all aim to address the lack of diversity across the Circuit.

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A message from Bristol City Youth Council

Lucy Morling, Youth Councillor & Chairperson: January 2022 saw 11,290 young people across schools, colleges and youth centres in Bristol elect their Youth Council representatives for a two-year term of office. The Youth Council consists of 24 elected representatives and 5 co-optees from equalities groups and 6 area representatives totalling 35 young people, who aim to fairly represent the views and voices of the young people in Bristol. Members of the youth council worked to produce three main campaigns — carefully selected to promote and push for the issues that face those they represent in the city — which will be their focus during the next two years:

Inclusive Bristol - yOur Health Matters - Youth Safety Support

Felix Massey, Youth Councillor & Deputy Member of Youth Parliament : As a member of the Youth Council and the Youth Safety Support campaign, I feel it is vital that we are aware of the resources and organisations involved in providing and upholding justice in the city, so that we can make young people aware of them, and put our concerns to them. It's a great opportunity to be here with so many influential people and to be able to discuss solutions with them.



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BYCA is managed by Quartet Community Foundation (registered charity number: 1080418) and supports young people aged 8-12yrs by funding a wide range of activities that offer positive experiences and reduce the risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour. BYCA also provides funding to small projects identified by Police Community Support Officers that would benefit children and young people in their area.

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A Lifetime for Justice: Timeline and Learning Resources

Bristol is a city with a radical past and a long heritage of demonstration, protest and fights for justice.

The Lifetime for Justice timeline seeks to rediscover and explore this heritage highlighting some of the key changes.

It encourages all those who read it to discover their community heritage as changemakers of the city; inspire them to play active roles in justice activism; and to consider the legal and justice sectors for their future work.

The pamphlet is accompanied by a range of digital learning resources suitable for KS3 / KS4 / KS5.

Visit www.bristolideas.co.uk/projects/lifetime-for-justice/ for more details.



Bristol Omnibus Company ends its colour bar following major civil rights campaign with the bus boycott in the city.



It has been produced by SARI (Stand Against Racism & Inequality) and Bristol Ideas and is made possible with the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

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