
From: Iain Nisbet
Sent: 11 September 2014 10:08
To: Scottish Tribunals & Admin Justice Advisory Committee
Subject: Education Appeals Committee

Dear Sirs,

I am the head of education law at Govan Law Centre. We are the current recipients of Scottish Government funding as part of the Third Sector Early Intervention Fund. As part of the strategic objectives of that funding we are seeking to provide a training programme for clerks, members and users of the education appeal committees in Scotland.

I am writing to see whether the Scottish Tribunals & Administrative Justice Advisory Committee would be interested in participating in this training, either by helping with ensuring that it is known about; by having a more substantive input as part of a programme; or even by jointly arranging and running the training with us.

I would be very happy to hear from you about this.

Kind regards,

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From: Marieke Dwarshuis
Sent: 19 September 2014 14:10
To: Iain Nisbet
Subject: Re: Education Appeals Committee

Dear Iain,

Thank you for getting in touch with STAJAC, and for informing us of the work Govan Law Centre will be doing to provide training for clerks, members and users of education appeals panels.

You ask whether the Committee would be interested in participating in this training in some way. Unfortunately, I do not think we will be able to do so. As a Committee (without dedicated staff) we are not resourced to take on such a role or task, and the time that members have committed to its work is more than fully taken up with the range of work we have set out in our work plan.

However, I will bring your email to the attention of individual members of STAJAC, who may have an interest in contributing in their own right, or from their current role.

In terms of helping to ensure that the training is known about, I suggest you could discuss with the editor of the the Scottish Government's 'Just News ' Newsletter whether it would be possible to place a short article about the training in that newsletter. It has a wide and relevant distribution list. (The editor is John Wallace, and I have copied him in to this response).

Kind Regards

Marieke Dwarshuis
Chair, STAJAC

Many thanks, Marieke.

We are hoping to put a draft programme together at the beginning of October and I will be in touch again at that stage, just to keep you posted. I would be very happy to hear from any individual members of the committee who may be interested.

Kind regards,

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