



# Housing Law in Wales: Forging Ahead?

## 24th May 2016

A one day conference run by the *University of Bristol Law School*, *Anthony Gold*, and *Doughty Street Chambers* examining the significant elements of the two major housing Acts in Wales, the Housing (Wales) Act and the Renting Homes (Wales) Act.

The Welsh Government has carried through a substantial legislative programme reforming all aspects of housing and tenancy rights and responsibilities. These significant changes will ultimately lead to an effective separation of Wales from England in housing and tenancy law. This conference brings together leading housing and landlord & tenant lawyers and academics, with some of the policy-makers and architects of the new legislation to offer a review of the changes and the future of Welsh housing law.

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**Venue** : Cardiff Law School, Museum Avenue, Cardiff, CF10 3AX  
**Date** : 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
**Cost** : £60 (Students, £10)  
**CPD points** : Bar Council 6; Law Society 6.

# Programme of topics and speakers

- 9:00** Registration
- 9:30 - 10:00** *Plenary Speaker Ceri Breeze, Deputy Director, Housing Policy, Welsh Government*
- Part 1: Housing (Wales) Act 2014**  
Chair - Richard Percival, Senior Research Fellow, Law Reform and Policy Analysis, Cardiff Law School
- 10:00 – 11:15** **Session 1: Homelessness law in Wales**
- Participants:**  
Helen Taylor, Lecturer in Housing Studies, Cardiff Metropolitan University – Homelessness prevention  
David Carter, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers – Homelessness decisions  
Dominic Preston, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers – Homelessness duties
- 11:00 – 11:15** Refreshments
- 11:30 – 12:45** **Session 2: Regulating the Private Rented Sector in Wales**
- Participants:**  
Anne Rowland, Group Leader, Rent Smart Wales, Cardiff City Council - Licensing and Registration  
David Smith, Partner, Anthony Gold Solicitors, - Penalty Structures  
Helen Carr, Professor of Law, University of Kent – The Code of Practice
- 12:45 - 13:30** Lunch
- Part 2: Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2015**  
Chair – Simon White, Welsh Government
- 13:30 – 14:35** **Session 3: Contract-holders: Nature, rights, obligations**
- Participants:**  
AN Other – Leases and licences  
Jamie Saunders, Senior Associate, Darwin Gray Solicitors – Anti-Social Behaviour  
Oliver Townsend, Policy Manager, Cymorth Cymru – Supported Housing
- 14:45 – 15:00** Refreshments
- 15:00 – 16:15** **Session 4: Possession Proceedings**
- Participants:**  
Sarah Steinhardt, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers – Private sector tenancies  
Jim Shepherd, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers – Anti-Social Behaviour  
David Cowan, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers/Professor of Law and Policy, University of Bristol – Secure tenancies