

Climate of Injustice - Full list of speakers.

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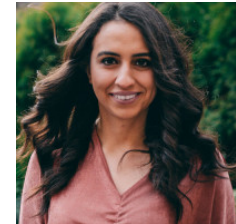
Raj Chada -

Raj is a leading Expert in Protest Law , having conducted many of the most high profile cases over the last few years, include Ziegler, Heathrow 9, Stansted15 , Colston 4 , HSBC 9 , Shell 7 and Heathrow Pause. Raj is leading efforts to use right to free speech , justification defences and ensuring that juries are the ultimate decision makers of guilt and innocence in criminal cases. Advising Trudi Warner in relation to her contempt case.



Huda Ammori

Huda Ammori is the co-founder of the direct action group Palestine Action. Huda has a wealth of campaigning, research and writing experience targeting British complicity with Israeli crimes in Palestine.



Stephen Gingell

Stephen Gingell is a successful (accidental) capitalist, adoptive father of 3 boys, his “biggest challenge and greatest joy” Stephen spent a few years with XR where he avoided arrest, followed by a couple of years with Just Stop Oil with multiple arrests and short stretches in prison. He was the first person in the UK to be found guilty under section 7 of the new Public Order Act, and received a grossly disproportionate custodial sentence of 6 months.



“This caused quite a shit storm in the media and came to the attention of the Good Law Project and the UN special rapporteur for human rights . And ultimately an invite to this conference. I did a very long 8 days in prison before I was released just before Christmas on bail pending the results of my appeal, for which I await the outcome.”

Paul Powlesland

Paul is a barrister at Garden Court Chambers and a climate and nature rights activist. He is a member of Lawyers Are Responsible and has been a consistent voice for the bar to cease its facilitation of the fossil fuel industry. He is Co-director of Lawyers for Nature, which campaigns for the Rights of Nature and seeks to transform the relationship between the law and nature.



Indigo Rumbelow

Indigo Rumbelow is in civil resistance against the murderous government and the fossil fuel industry. She is co-founder of Insulate Britain and Just Stop Oil.



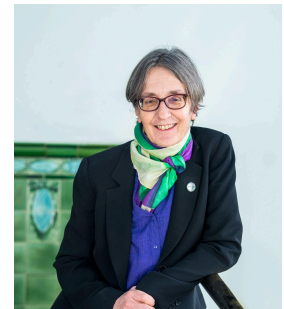
Holly Cullen-Davies

Holly is a mother, a musician, a campaigner, a facilitator, a Quaker and the partner of activist Marcus Decker who was recently released from a 2 year 7 month prison sentence after climbing the Dartford Crossing in October 2022. They currently have a deportation order hanging over them. Holly has spent the last year raising awareness of Marcus's case through giving speeches, throwing concerts, performing songs, taking interviews and telling their story on stage and she has garnered the support of Juliet Stevenson, Alan Rusbridger, Chris Packham, Olivia Coleman, Bob Geldoff, Emma Thompson and Jacob Collier amongst others. She founded the series Concerts Don't Cost The Earth (www.concertsdontcosttheearth.org) in 2021 and has since then performed over 25 shows across the UK.



Moderator - Helen Pankhurst

Prof Helen Pankhurst CBE is an international women's rights advisor to CARE International – working primarily in Ethiopia, where Helen was born, and in the UK. She is also a Professor at MMU and the First Chancellor of the University of Suffolk. Helen holds honorary doctorates from Edge Hill University and from the University of Manchester.



The granddaughter of Sylvia, great-granddaughter of Emmeline Pankhurst, Helen carries on the legacy. She was a Suffragette in the Opening Ceremony of the 2012 London Olympics and was involved in the 2015 film Suffragette. Helen convenes the Centenary Action (a coalition campaigning for a gender equal parliament by 2028 – the Centenary of Equal Franchise), and GM4Women2028 (a charity looking at data and the lives of women and girls in Greater Manchester).

Publications include: Deeds Not Words, the Story of Women's Rights, Then and Now (2018).

Panel 2 -

Dr Sarah Benn

Dr Sarah Benn was an NHS doctor for 32 years, spent mostly as an inner city GP in Birmingham, and recently retired from clinical practice. A law-abiding citizen until 2019 when compelled by escalating fear about climate breakdown and the future faced by humanity, to take nonviolent direct action aiming to force our government to take appropriate urgent action. As a direct consequence of breaking an injunction by protesting peacefully outside an oil terminal in 2022, she spent one month in prison and now facing a medical practitioners fitness to practise tribunal which may result in suspension or erasure from the medical register.



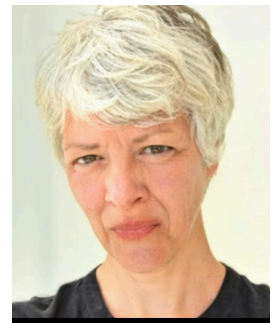
Kate Logan

Kate spent the early years of her legal career at a magic circle firm, where she qualified in EU, competition and regulatory law, before moving to the civil service legal team. After a short career break volunteering at human rights and humanitarian charities, Kate joined the in-house legal team at an international NGO, where she worked for a number of years, and now advises mainly non-profit campaigning groups, on a freelance basis. Two years ago she realised how dire the climate crisis was and how badly our governments were failing to make necessary changes. She took part in nonviolent disruptive protests with Just Stop Oil in 2022 and 2023 (road blocks and slow marching) and has faced criminal prosecution as a result.



Dr Juliette Brown

Juliette is a consultant psychiatrist in London who has taken direct action with XR and Just Stop Oil, as well as organising with Medact and HealthWorkers for a Free Palestine.



Dr Ayo Khalil

Dr Ayo Khalil is an NHS Doctor and community worker. Ayo is a supporter and Spokesperson for Healthcare Workers for a Free Palestine.



Moderator - Tom Cross

Tom is a leading senior junior barrister practising in a wide range of human rights, public and discrimination law, including as it relates to free expression and the right to protest. His professional webpage is available [here](#).



He is host of Cross Examination, a podcast “for law people, lay people, and everyone in between” in which he examines - with lawyers and non-lawyers - what the law has to say on the cultural, moral and ethical issues of the day, and whether it should be changed. You can find out more at www.crossexamination.co.uk

Panel 3

Trudi Warner

Since retiring early from social work, Trudi Warner has been driven by the same values to campaign for justice in a world where inequalities are gross, and existing systems perpetuate rather than challenge these. The unfolding climate catastrophe results from breaching planetary boundaries, as well as ethical boundaries, within a culture of uncare, exploitation, and extractivism. This impacts most severely those least responsible and other species.



Trudi's commitment to enabling people to find agency and leverage in these times has led her to support dynamic climate activists. Witnessing their unjust treatment in courts prompted her to draw attention to the principle of jury equity by silently holding up a placard outside a courtroom, informing jurors of their rights. This action led to her arrest and prosecution for contempt of court.

The support she received, including many people replicating her action, led to the formation of Defend our Juries, a movement gaining traction and bringing together a range of people with a shared concern about the current threats to the jury system. This occurs within the context of other threats to fundamental and hard-won rights and freedoms in our increasingly fragile democracy.

Prof Richard Vogler

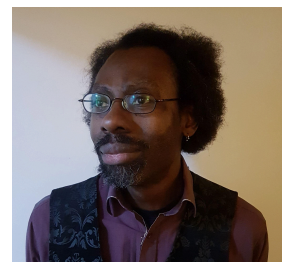
Richard Vogler is a Professor of Comparative Criminal Law and Criminal Justice at the University of Sussex. In the first part of his career he worked as a Solicitor advocate in criminal practice in Oxford and Nottingham. Currently he also works as a consultant to overseas governments on criminal justice reform.



Dr Clive Dolphin

Clive had a successful career working in engineering for over 30 years. He worked for companies like British Telecom and Motorola. Clive worked on complex problems, using software, electronics and mechanical solutions, working with customers, and involved in project management.

Clive now devotes a significant amount of his time working on civil rights issues raised by the UK court system. He is the spokesperson for Defend Our Juries and has delivered speeches and talks on their behalf. As someone without a legal career Clive is able to speak freely and bring the perspective of non-legal people looking, or forced, to use the judicial system. Clive's religious background provides him with a strong desire for justice.



Rabbi Jeffrey Newman

Jeffrey Newman is a third generation 'British' Jew. Wanting to understand our world, he mistakenly read Psychology and Philosophy at Oxford, but fortunately was rescued by Rabbi Lionel Blue and the progressive Jewish community. Continually inspired by the words of the prophets, he was a community rabbi for thirty years but then, particularly through his involvement with the Earth Charter, became engaged with the issues of the wider society and our world, in particular climate change, justice and inequality, environment and other aspects of our global condition.



Isabella Kaminski - Moderator

Isabella Kaminski is a freelance journalist specialising in the environment and climate change. She was formally deputy editor of The ENDS Report and now reports on policy, law and activism for publications around the world. She has a particular interest in climate litigation and justice, and writes a newsletter on this subject called The Wave (<https://the-wave.net/>)



Panel 4 -

Melinda Janki

Melinda Janki is the 2023 winner of the prestigious Commonwealth Lawyers Conference Rule of Law Award for her work to uphold the rule of law in Guyana and internationally. She currently leads litigation against dangerous deep water oil drilling offshore Guyana. In 2023 she achieved a globally unprecedented win when a court ordered an unlimited parent company guarantee to be provided by ExxonMobil Corporation. She has also cut Exxon's permits down from 20+ years to 5 years and obtained decisions establishing liberal standing for public interest litigants. Melinda co-founded Lawyers are Responsible (LAR), a group of prominent lawyers taking action on the climate crisis. She successfully lobbied for the right to a healthy environment in Guyana's constitution now being used in the biggest climate change case in the world. Melinda formerly worked for oil super major BP and other oil companies.



Clare Farrell

Clare Farrell is a co-founder of Extinction Rebellion, and her work to date has included coordinating the creative team that delivered the name, identity and messaging that the movement set out with in 2018. Clare now works with the movement's U.K. media team and acts as a spokesperson, and more recently is a co-founder of the Humanity Project.



Esther Stanford-Xosei

Esther Stanford-Xosei is a Jurisconsult, decolonial Reparationist, and Community Advocate specialising in the critical legal praxis of 'law as resistance' as an approach to social movement-lawyering, Mother Earth Jurisprudence and eco-socio-legal transformation from below. In this regard, Esther serves as the Coordinator-General of



the Stop The Maangamizi: We Charge Genocide/ Ecocide Campaign (SMWeCGEC) and is the Executive Director of it's educational arm, the Maangamizi Educational Trust.

Esther's scholar-activist work in championing 'Planet Repairs'; as the nexus between cognitive justice, reparatory justice and environmental justice, has contributed to the establishment of the International Network of Scholars & Activists for Afrikan Reparations (INOSAAR), of which she is a Co-Facilitator as well as the XR-Being The Change Affinity Network (XR-BCAN), a growing network of communities of resistance in unifying peoples' power to effect and secure Planet Repairs.

Caroline Hickman

Caroline Hickman is a psychotherapist and lecturer at the University of Bath researching children and young people's emotional responses to climate change around the world for 12 years, examining eco-anxiety & distress, eco-empathy, trauma, moral injury and intergenerational stresses. She is co-lead author on a 2021 quantitative global study into children & young people's emotions & thoughts about climate change published in The Lancet Planetary Health linking children's distress with government inaction on climate change. She has been developing a range of therapeutic & educational tools for ecological distress, a psychological assessment model for eco-anxiety, and delivered workshops in climate psychology, emotional resilience, and mental health internationally.



Asad Rehman

Asad Rehman is the Executive Director of the radical anti-poverty and social justice charity War on Want. Asad is a leading climate justice activist whose work has helped to reframe the climate crisis as a crisis of neoliberal capitalism, inequality and racism, over the last 35 years he has worked with a number of social movements.



David Whyte - moderator

Professor David Whyte is Professor of Climate Justice at Queen Mary University of London, where he is the Director of the CCCCJ and leads on a number of Centre's research projects that deal with the complicit and active role of governments and corporations in climate change. He has published fourteen books on the political economy of regulation and on corporate power, including a number of key works dealing with environmental harm. His latest book is Ecocide: kill the corporation before it kills us (Manchester University Press, 2021)

