

LEADING HUMAN RIGHTS BARRISTER TO HOST JOURNEY TO JUSTICE FUNDRAISING PARTY

Submitted by: Journey to Justice

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In the shadow of Brexit and the election, inspiring social justice through history, music and the arts

June 13th 6.30pm at The Fable, Holborn Viaduct, London

Baroness Helena Kennedy QC is one of the UK's most respected human rights barristers and a patron of Journey to Justice. She will be speaking at a summer party in aid of the education charity.

Journey to Justice (JtoJ) inspires people to take action for social justice through learning about the role of 'ordinary people' in human rights movements, the arts and social change. JtoJ's work addresses the sense of powerless, marginalisation and lack of 'voice' so many people in the UK feel. Their multi-arts, interactive travelling exhibition tells little known stories of people involved in the US civil rights movement and its universal messages and makes links to UK history. It has already been in Newcastle, Sunderland, Middlesbrough, Sheffield, Tower Hamlets and Lambeth and is now in Nottingham. Next stops: Bristol, Dorchester, Liverpool, Stockton, Leicester, Hull and Newham.

As relevant today as ever, with Brexit, the general election and President Trump in power, the exhibition also tells local untold stories of struggles for human rights wherever it goes. With music, art, poetry, films and oral history, Journey to Justice shows how change can be led by 'people like us'.

Visitors described their experience as: "Really powerful – this is a beautifully assembled exhibition"

"The exhibition rekindled my desire to continue the fight for equality and justice for all. Sometimes life makes us complacent and 'too busy' to realize there are still many battles to be fought."

The event will demonstrate the fantastic range of JtoJ's work as a very young charity (No. 1170886), while building its supporter and funding base. Their other distinguished patrons: Lord Herman Ouseley, founder of Kick It Out, the anti-discrimination football project; Leyla Hussein, campaigner against gender based violence, co-founder of Daughters of Eve; Sir Geoffrey Bindman QC, human rights lawyer and Dr Paul Stephenson, a leader of the Bristol bus boycott 1963 will attend.

Delicious refreshments will be served. Tickets can be bought from:
<https://www.tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/94145/chk/fe32>

"We learnt that we all have a voice. It's just what we do with it that can make a difference."

(JtoJ participant, Girlz United, Shadwell, Tower Hamlets)

"We feel a lot more confident and skilled. The project and you guys gave us confidence to do well, despite our incidents at school... It's given me motivation to do more about what I want for my future."

(JtoJ participant, alternative provision, Islington)

We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.' (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1963).

Notes to editors

For event details, information, quotes and images and information about Journey to Justice's national work contact: Carrie Supple, director, Tel. 07711199198 carriesupple1@gmail.com

1. Journey to Justice is an education charity No. 1170886. It is a national volunteer-led alliance of educators, artists, historians, young people, lawyers, human rights activists, media workers and faith representatives. Through education, music and the arts, JtoJ illustrates historical and contemporary human rights struggles from around the world.

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2. Baroness Helena Kennedy QC: <http://www.helenakennedy.co.uk/>

3. Lord Herman Ouseley: http://www.100greatblackbritons.com/bios/herman_ousley.html

4. Dr Paul Stephenson: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/graduation/honorary-degrees/hondeg14/stephenson.html>

5. Sir Geoffrey Bindman QC: <https://www.bindmans.com/our-people/profile/sir-geoffrey-bindman>

6. Leyla Hussein: <http://www.dofeve.org/leyla-hussein.html>

7. For more information about the Journey to Justice exhibition see: Short (3.5 minutes) film:

<https://vimeo.com/169562985> <http://journeytojustice.org.uk/projects/journey-to-justice-the-exhibition/>

8. Venue: The Fable, 52 Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1A 2FD (Chancery Lane & St. Paul's tubes)

<http://drakeandmorgan.co.uk/the-fable/>

Event timing: 6.30 pm until late.

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