

Hi –

rightsnet is changing!

We wanted to let you know about some exciting changes that we're making to rightsnet later this month.

We're committed to ensuring that we continue to provide you with the most up to date welfare rights news and case law developments

... however on visiting the site after its relaunch – scheduled for w/c 14 june 2010 - you'll also find –

- **Updates in other areas of law -**

In response to your feedback in our recent user survey, in which you said you'd like to see us providing information in other areas of social welfare law, we're launching a brand new service designed to keep you up to date across four other key areas.

The new feature, that will be available directly from rightsnet's home page, will provide daily updates in debt, housing, employment and community care, with the ability to tailor updates according to your own interests.

- **Brand new discussion forums -**

In addition, to complement the new updates, we'll also be launching a brand new discussion forum that will not only continue to provide peer support in welfare rights, but also across debt, housing, employment and community care law

NB – discussion threads from the current rightsnet forum will however continue to be available as an archive, to refer to and link to as necessary.

- **Individual logins -**

We're also introducing changes that we hope will make rightsnet easier to use, including the opportunity for everyone to have an individual login to the site.

This will mean that, once registered with the new site, you'll be able to access the discussion forums and the welfare rights news and briefcase areas with your single, individual login. (Providing of course that your organisation has a subscription.)

NB – if your organisation does have a subscription to news and briefcase, you will need to provide your organisational login on registering with the new site in order that we can give you access to the subscription areas with your new login. You may therefore want to make a note of it in advance. (When you're logged in to the subscription service you can find it displayed in the right hand column of the current rightsnet home page.)

▪ **Other changes –**

In addition we're rolling out a series of other changes across the site in response to your feedback including -

- a new, improved search engine;
- the ability to upload attachments to your forum postings;
- a new user-friendly format for briefcase summaries; and
- extra features for those of you who use social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook.

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Do check out the new site on its launch ... and let us know what you think.

We hope the changes will make rightsnet even more useful to you in your work. But, if you come across things that don't work the way they should, or you have an idea for how they could work better, do get in touch.

Best wishes –

Shawn, Ros and Sophie.

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