



doughty street chambers



The Housing Law Practitioners Association and Shelter Children's Legal Service

present a seminar on

The impact of child welfare duties in housing law

13th May 2015 6.30 – 8.00 pm

*Speakers: **Martin Westgate QC** and **Lindsay Johnson**, Doughty Street Chambers*

***Shu Shin Luh**, Garden Court Chambers*

In two recent cases, *SG v DWP* and *Nzolameso v Westminster CC*, the Supreme Court has highlighted the importance of examining the interests of children in the housing or housing related context. In *SG v DWP* the Court held that the benefit cap violated the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and in *Nzolameso v Westminster CC* it held that the authority failed to show that it had properly considered its obligation under s. 11 of the Children Act 2004 to safeguard and, more importantly, promote the welfare of children when considering an out of borough placement.

The impact of section 11 and the UNCRC continues to grow and is becoming ever more important. The seminar considers the current state of the law, the relationship between the international and domestic duties, how they can be deployed in English Courts, and how they can assist those in need of housing.

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Cost: Free



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