

Social Mobility Conference

On
**Tuesday 15 September
2026**

At
**Registration:
9.00pm**

**Conference:
9.15am-1.00pm**

Including refreshments &
networking and followed
by a light lunch

Venue
**TLT, 1 Redcliff Street,
Bristol, BS1 6TP**

Target Audience:

Law Firm Leaders, HR/Talent
Professionals, EDI Networks,
Anyone interested in Social
Mobility

**This is an in-person
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Programme

Registration & Networking

9.00am

Welcome from the Chair

9.15am

PANEL SESSION:

**Belonging in the Profession: Culture, Confidence
and Progression**

9.30am

How class, identity and culture shape the experience of being in the
profession and what true inclusion looks like in practice.

Facilitator:

Marcus Walters, Director, Projects Team, Burges
Salmon



Panel:



Karl Brown
Partner
Clarke Willmott



Stuart Henry
Legal Director,
Barcan+Kirby



Sabeena Pirooz
Vice President,
Bristol Law Society
Associate,
Thompsons



Imam Qazi
Partner
Foot Anstey

PANEL SESSION:

**The Cost of Ambition: Money, Law and Social
Mobility**

10.20am

A candid discussion about the financial realities of qualifying and the
structural barriers that still hold talent back.

Facilitator:

Carla Hoppe, Founder, Wealthbrite



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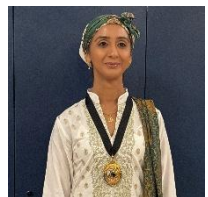
Marti Burgess
Partner
Knights



Roisin Millard
Legal Officer,
Bristol City Council
& BLS Scholar



Isabel Kwok
Investment
Manager, JM Finn



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BREAK

11.00am

PANEL SESSION:

Breaking In: Access to Law Beyond Traditional Pathways

11.30am

Exploring the routes into the profession that sit outside the traditional mould from apprenticeships to career changes to non-Russell Group journeys.

Facilitator:

Sumayyah Malna, Associate Professor and Solicitor,
University of Bristol Law Clinic



Panel:



Kerry Gilbert
Early Careers
Manager, TLT



Zoe King
Campus Director
University of Law



Daniel Onafuwa
Legal Apprentice
Michelmores



Alice Payne
EDI Lead
College of Legal
Practice

PANEL SESSION:

From Access to Action: What Real Change Requires

12.15pm

A forward looking session focused on solutions, commitments and the practical steps organisations can take to drive social mobility.

Facilitator:

Akil Hunte, Chair, NRG Lawyers



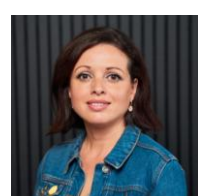
Panel:



**Afsana Gibson-
Chowdhury**
Founder, GC
Mediation &
Training



Sam Lee
Head of Talent
Acquisition &
Early Careers,
Womble Bond
Dickinson



**Dr Zara Nanu
MBE**
Professor in
Practice, Bristol
Business School



**Tyashia
Patterson**
Progression Lead
& Interim Team
Leader, Babbasa

Chair Closing Comments

1.00pm

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