

YOUNG SOLICITORS GROUP

PRESS RELEASE

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On the 10th March 2007 the Young Solicitors Group ("YSG") held their annual Forum at The Law Society which was followed in the evening by a Charity Spring Ball at the Waldorf Hotel, London.

The Forum brought together representatives from many of the Local Law Societies, the Black Solicitors Network, Trainee Solicitors Group, Solicitors in Local Government, Association of Woman Solicitors, Group for Solicitors with Disabilities and the 28 regional Young Solicitors Groups.

The Forum started with short presentations given by representatives from each of the organisations to set out their objectives and policies. The morning session addressed the objectives that each group endeavoured to achieve. The afternoon session focused on how the organisations can work more effectively together to influence our profession and our future. It became apparent that the different organisations objectives were, in fact, very similar and that the goals can be achieved by increased co-operation..

In the evening, the Spring Ball at the prestigious Waldorf hotel, had a masquerade theme which attracted 230 solicitors from across England & Wales. This included a legal delegation from Zambia led by William Mweeba, the President of the Law Association of Zambia. Fiona Woolf, the President of The Law Society of England & Wales, gave an inspirational introduction to the proposed new group which will absorb the role of the YSG and the Trainee Solicitors Group.

The Ball commenced with a champagne reception followed by dinner and entertainment. A raffle during dinner raised the sum of £2,178.00 for the Terrence Higgins Trust, an HIV charity.

YSG Chairman, Matthew Claxson, comments: "The Forum and the Ball were a great success. Significant steps were made towards uniting the many groups of The Law Society to achieve common aims. My hope is that the substantial achievement we have made to date from all of our activities, both nationally and internationally, will continue with the new group when it assumes the role of the YSG. It is important for young solicitors to recognise that they have a valuable part to play in moulding their profession which is their future".

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