



# Castan Centre for Human Rights Law

## Newsletter

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### Director's welcome

*Dear Members & Friends,*

Welcome to the Castan Centre's first Newsletter.

Since being launched some 18 months ago by Justice Michael Kirby (see story inside on p.3), the Centre's directors, staff and members have sought to establish an institution that is serious about human rights in general, and about human rights scholarship in particular. We expect to be judged by what we do and how we do it, and so it is for the Centre. To be sure it is for others to determine the Centre's achievements, but for my part I am both happy and proud to say that I

It is from their efforts that have come the creation of all the new human rights courses now offered in the Law School; the range, depth and weight of publications by Centre staff; the hosting of conferences, workshops, lectures and other public events inside and outside the University; the involvement in civil society, the media and public debate on human rights issues, the winning of grants and project tenders on cutting-edge issues, and our international work on global and regional human rights problems.

Details of all these activities are in this newsletter, as I hope you will be enticed to find out. It is an exciting time to be involved in the Centre and I look forward to new ventures and challenges ahead.



As we count on it, I hope you will continue to support the Centre, and will continue to keep an eye on what we are up to, which you will now be able to do by way of the Newsletter, which will henceforth be published every six months.

David Kinley

think what the Centre has achieved thus far has been impressive, as, I believe, the contents of this newsletter bear testimony. This has been possible only through the intelligence, commitment and dedication to hard work, and raw good humour of all those involved and who are named herein.

*From top left, Melissa Castan, Sarah Joseph, Julie Debeljak, Beth Gaze and David Kinley.*



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