The Civil Liberties Trust

Trustees

Alastair Livesey – Chair



Alastair is a senior Solicitor-Advocate at A&O Shearman, where he represents clients in high-value international arbitrations, litigations and white collar/regulatory matters. Al also regularly advises on public international law and business and human rights issues and has assisted clients to develop and benchmark their ethics and compliance programmes. Al also maintains a busy and high profile pro bono practice, with a particular focus on LGBT+ rights strategic litigation in the international and European courts. He has been recognised by (amongst others) INVolve, YouTube and the British LGBT Awards as a leading LGBT+ figure. Before entering private practice, Al worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and for several law reform and human rights organisations, including a secondment to the litigation team at Liberty. Al has previously served on the Board of Bail for Immigration Detainees and is currently the Senior Independent Director on the Board of JUSTICE.

Thomas Holland- Vice Chair

Thomas Holland has spent his career working in fundraising for Amnesty International and other international NGOs, specialising in Individual Giving while also managing Legacy and Major Donor programmes. He has established fundraising operations in Europe, New Zealand and Thailand, and currently works as Lead Recurring Giving Specialist at the Wikimedia Foundation, supporting growth and development at Wikipedia. Thomas joined the Civil Liberties Trust in 2024. Outside work, he enjoys reading, cycling and the theories of Carl Jung.

Tish Andrewartha – Treasurer

Tish has been a trustee of The Civil Liberties Trust (CLT) for nearly twenty years. She is currently the CLT treasurer. She formally served on the Liberty Executive Committee between 2004 and 2014, including a period as the Liberty Treasurer.

Baroness Campbell of Surbiton/Jane Campbell DBE



Jane has a long history of campaigning for the Rights of Disabled People and parliamentary engagement in Equality and Human Rights. She is known for leading campaigns for disability anti-discrimination legislation and Independent Living.

Parliamentary activity
Since joining the House of Lords in 2007 as an Independent Crossbencher, Jane has played key roles on Select Committees, such as the Joint Committee on Human Rights (2010-2012) and the Equality Act 2010 review (2015-2016). She was a Member of the House of Lords Appointments Commission (2008-2013) and Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Disability Group (2010 – 2013).

Outside Parliament
Jane was CEO of the National Centre for Independent Living (1996 2001); a Commissioner at the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) (2006-2009) and Executive Chair of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (2001-2004).

She is currently a patron of several charities dedicated to advancing the rights and inclusion of disabled people and other protected groups.

Her publications include Disability Politics (1996) and Disabled People and the Right to Life (2008). Jane has appeared regularly on TV and radio programmes and was a castaway on Desert Island Discs. She has guest edited the BBC Radio 4 Today programme and contributed to other disability related documentaries and features.

She received the Liberty Human Rights Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2013 and the Bevan Lifetime Achievement Award (Health & Wellbeing) in 2015. She has been recognised for her work twice in the Queen's Birthday honours (an MBE in 2000 and DBE in 2006). She was awarded an Honorary Fellowship, University College London in 2018, and is the recipient of 5 honorary doctoral degrees.

Much of Janes time these days, are spent on the implementation of NHS plan and Health Bill in relation to Independent living legal rights, especially the implementation of Continuing Health Care and PHB's, through NHS ICB's. Discussing the possibility of a Commission on the challenges faced with recommendations.

Nazmin Choudhury



Nazmin Choudhury born in London of Bangladeshi heritage is one of the first females to qualify as a solicitor from that heritage.

After working at renowned firms, she set up her practice NC Law in 2010 in Wandsworth a few doors away from her father's restaurant, called Nazmin's named after her

The practice deals with conveyancing, commercial and residential, all aspects of civil litigation and wills and probate. The firm also does a considerable amount of pro-bono work.

She also runs a charity called "SWANSONG" dedicated to helping those in Bangladesh and stands for Supporting Women and Newborns Supporting Other Necessary Groups. The work includes empowering young girls, clean water, education, housing and medical needs.

Nazmin has recently been appointed on the Law Society's Small Firms Network Committee and is a Law Society Council Member for Ethnic Minorites as well as the Honorary Secretary for the South London Law Society and current Chair of the Property Subcommittee at the CLT.

Aidan Geary – EC Member & Liberty Treasurer



In April 2023 Aidan joined Liberty's Executive Committee, taking on the role of Treasurer. Since then, he has been working closely with the EC, Finance Sub Committee, and the leadership team to ensure that there are clear and effective policies in place to manage Liberty's budgets and spending

Aidan works as an independent consultant, and is on the board of Dumbworld Ltd, an artist-led, creative production company based in Belfast, which creates work that is to be found at the intersection of music, image and words.

Aidan has spent his career working in the media, including at The Guardian and Condé Nast, where he spent many years running major projects, developing strategy, and in senior leadership roles. He is acutely conscious that even established rights cannot be taken for granted and is absolutely committed to Liberty's mission to ensure that rights are protected and enhanced.

Emma Higham



Emma is passionate about social impact and adept at motivating large teams to deliver meaningful change.

A Product Management Leader with more than 15 years experience in tech, she is currently spearheading Google Search's Information Quality and Safety portfolio. In her current role, she has been responsible for major shifts in Google's approach to child safety for Search: from launching the first new setting for SafeSearch in over a decade, to launching the NGO Approved Reporter program to address illegal and harmful online content.

Her academic training is in Politics, Philosophy and Economics and before moving to Product Management, she worked in Public Policy and Government Affairs for Google leading campaigns on Algorithmic Transparency and AI Fairness. Her perspective on the intersection of tech, policy and society is informed by having lived and worked in a wide range of countries including Germany, the USA, Hong Kong and Hungary. She now lives in East London with her partner Charmaine.

Emma has supported Civil Liberties Trust and Liberty since she was 15 years old, and was thrilled to join the CLT board in 2023. She looks forward to supporting the important work Liberty has been doing for nearly a century to protect civil liberties and human rights in the UK.

Ian McDougall



Ian McDougall is President of the LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation, a charitable organisation established to advance the Rule of Law globally.

Chair of the United Nations Global Compact Legal Advisory Board. As an Adjunct Professor at IE University in Madrid, he teaches the Rule of Law, Freedom of Speech in the Digital Age, and Artificial Intelligence and the legal profession.

In March 2026 he was appointed Non-executive Director of the Association of Accounting Technicians. Since 2023 he has been a Trustee of the Civil Liberties Trust in the UK and since 2024 Trustee of the International Bar Association Foundation.

Until September 2024, he was Executive Vice President and General Counsel for LexisNexis, having been with the company for 20 years and involved in the Artificial Intelligence sector for the last decade.

At LexisNexis, Mr McDougall held various roles including CEO – Asia Pacific, Chair of the Global Marketing Group, HR Director and Managing Director for LexisNexis New Zealand. In 2009 he sat as a "Panel Member" (ie Judge) of the Barrister's Disciplinary Tribunal.

Judit Seymour – Judit joins the CLT board in her capacity as the Liberty Executive Committee Chair



Judit has more than 30 years of finance and legal career experience as a senior risk leader and qualified barrister, alongside a significant Non-Executive Director portfolio. She brings strong, demonstrable experience and focus across governance and risk management, transformational change and people and EDI strategy, seeing strong risk management culture as crucial in enabling organisations to focus on opportunities and deliver strategic objectives.

Judit provides deep organisational leadership experience framed by an understanding of the value of being a critical friend to the executive through active support and mentoring, respectful challenge and the clear need for the non-executive to avoid becoming involved in operational issues.

Judit brings lived experience of marginalisation across a number of intersecting areas and reflected that "the chance to serve as Liberty Chair brings a unique opportunity to be involved with an organisation that resonates strongly with my own values and drive to speak truth to power, instigate positive, lasting change, and protect and strengthen everyone's rights and freedoms"

Harry Stratton



Harry Stratton is a barrister at One Essex Court, where his practice centres on secrets and lies – fraud, libel, and bribery. His most recent and exciting case is representing 600,000 Brazilians whose lives were turned upside down by the release of toxic sludge into their water supply. About half Harry's practice is pro bono, and he was the Bar Council's Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year in 2026 for his representation of political dissidents and MeToo complainants.

Outside of work, Harry's hobbies are more work. He is Chair of Republic (the campaign to abolish the monarchy) and oversaw its efforts to privately prosecute Prince Andrew. He also sits on the Bar Council of England & Wales.

Robyn Taylor



Robyn is a lawyer working on campaigns and advocacy at WWF-UK where she helps drive systems change for nature and conservation to achieve lasting impact at scale. Prior to joining WWF-UK, Robyn was a Senior Associate at Leigh Day in the International and Group Claims department and before that a Pro Bono Lawyer at Allen & Overy (now A&O Shearman).

Robyn is deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve the Board of CLT having dedicated her career to public interest law and civil liberties.

Nick Turner



Nick was admitted as a Solicitor in 1988. He has worked in both private practice and the not for profit sector for over 25 years, specialising in housing law most recently at Shelter and a Law Centre.

Nick has dealt with a wide variety of housing advice and casework including homelessness matters, defective conditions cases, possession and eviction matters.

He has a particular interest in the use of the law to promote social justice and protect the rights of the most vulnerable and marginalized in society