



## **Lasa and Legal Action Group (LAG) media statement on their new strategic partnership**

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Legal Action Group (LAG) and Lasa announce their moving in together as the beginning of a strategic partnership which will work jointly on products and services that support the work of legal advice providers.

The new partnership will build on the work of both organisations. LAG's strength in legal publishing and Lasa's in technical innovation for advice support will enable them to share experience and learning enhancing the positive impact of their work on the legal and advice sector.

Lasa and LAG will increase efficiency and effectiveness by improving their back office support and by exploring new technological solutions in their common interest.

Terry Stokes CEO of Lasa commented:

"These are very challenging times for the organisations providing legal and social welfare advice. The changes to Legal Aid, Welfare Reform and reductions in funding place considerable pressure on front line advice providers. We believe that by working together Lasa and LAG can continue to be best placed to support advisers in the vital work they do."

Steve Hynes Director of LAG commented:

"A stronger commercial base will ensure that LAG has the resources to continue our policy and campaigning work around legal aid and access to justice"

### Notes for Editors

Legal Action Group (LAG) is a national charity committed to improving access to justice, particularly for the vulnerable and socially excluded. LAG works with lawyers and advisers to improve standards and knowledge of social welfare, family and criminal law among practitioners, by publishing legal handbooks and its monthly magazine, Legal Action, and providing training for lawyers and advisers. We also comment and campaign extensively on the

delivery of publicly funded legal services, the administration of justice and social welfare, family and criminal law issues. LAG does not represent any particular interest group: our primary concern is with quality and access to justice for the users and potential users of legal services. [www.lag.org.uk](http://www.lag.org.uk)

Lasa is a national charity and strategic provider of knowledge, support and resources to third sector and government bodies. Lasa helps thousands of organisations across the UK each year including Age UK, Shelter and Citizens Advice Bureau. It helps organisations to get better welfare rights advice to their clients; deliver more effective and efficient services; influences policy for advice and legal services; and raises awareness of the third sector's technology needs with funders and government.

Lasa provides strategic and innovative services to support the provision of expert independent advice to all. Lasa aims to see good advice available to all who need it and works to secure this by providing high quality support services to legal advice and information providers; promoting access to advice; promoting and developing new approaches to the use of technology in third sector organisations; and being a source of good practice and innovation. [www.lasa.org.uk](http://www.lasa.org.uk)

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