

## **CAMPAIGN ACTIONS**

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The following list is intended to give you some ideas of things that you can do to help the campaign. All of the items in the Campaign Pack can be downloaded from the Access to Justice website [www.accesstojusticealliance.org.uk](http://www.accesstojusticealliance.org.uk)

- 1.** Ask clients to send their MP one of the enclosed postcards asking him/her to support the **Early Day Motion 453** on Civil Legal Aid. Encourage them to tell their MP how they have been affected.
- 2.** Write to your local MP, explaining the difficulties your clients face in getting the help that they need. An example letter is included, but the more you can adapt it to the specific problems facing your clients and in your area, the better. If local suppliers have made a decision to freeze or cut the amount of publicly funded work they do or to withdraw altogether, this should be set out in the letter. You can contact the MP either at his constituency office or at: **(MP's name), House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA**  
If you do not know who your MP is, you can find out by ringing the Commons Information Office on 020 7219 4272 or by using the constituency locator on the Parliament website at: [www.locata.co.uk/commons/](http://www.locata.co.uk/commons/)
- 3.** Copy the letter to: **The Department of Constitutional Affairs, Selborne House, 54 Victoria Street, London SW1E 8QW**

**HM Treasury, Parliament Street, London SW1**

and if you are in London: **Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London, Greater London Authority, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA.**

**Telephone: 020 7983 4100 Fax: 020 7983 4057 Email: [mayor@london.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@london.gov.uk)**

And to your London Assembly member at the same address.

It should also go to your local councillor, as Councils are an important part of the Community Legal Service.

Finally copies should also be sent to your Legal Services Commission Regional Office For contact information check the LSC website [www.legalservices.gov.uk/civil/regions/regions.asp](http://www.legalservices.gov.uk/civil/regions/regions.asp)

- 4.** Gather evidence of how clients have experienced hardship or detriment because they have been refused legal aid or where they have not been able to find legal advice and assistance and send it to the Access to Justice Alliance. (Citizens Advice Bureaux should continue to send their bureau evidence forms to the Citizens Advice Social Policy Department in the usual way)

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5. Invite your MP to spend time in your organisation so he can see first hand what you do and the problems your clients face.
6. Have **access to justice** as the theme of your organisation's AGM or organise a public meeting.
7. Put the Access to Justice poster in your reception area.
8. Get together with other local advice agencies and solicitors to maximise the impact of the Access to Justice Campaign locally.
9. Write letters to your local paper about access to justice issues in your area and mention the campaign.
10. Whatever you do, **please try to publicise it** with your local papers and local radio and TV, using the template press release enclosed. Encourage your local papers to run their own features/campaign on access to legal aid.

**And please tell us** both what you do and what local publicity you achieve so we can get a clear picture of what is happening across the country. If you are using any of the model materials, it would be a good idea to liaise with other agencies in your area so that local newspapers and MPs do not receive exactly identical letters or press releases. Please send your information and feedback sheets to:

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