



association of **visitors** to  
immigration detainees

## **Training for Volunteer Visitors: *Introduction to Judicial review for non-lawyers, and how it works***

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 6 - 8:30 pm, Doughty Street Chambers, London**

AVID is working with Public Law Project (PLP) to offer a free training to AVID member visitor groups on *Introduction to Judicial review and how it works*.

Public Law Project (PLP) is a national legal charity, which aims to access to public law remedies for those whose access to justice is restricted by poverty or some other form of disadvantage. One of the three main objectives for PLP includes improving access to justice. Uniquely of an organisation of its kind, PLP undertakes research policy initiatives, casework, and training across the range of public law remedies. The training will be led by Rakesh Singh, Solicitor at PLP, alongside with Joe Middleton who is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers.

A judicial review is a form of court proceeding in which a judge reviews the lawfulness of a decision or action made by a public body. In asylum and immigration cases, that public body will usually be the Home Office. A judicial review can challenge the way a decision has been made if you believe it was illegal, irrational, or unfair. It is not really about whether the decision was "right", but whether the law has been correctly applied and the right procedures have been followed.

Most of the visitor groups or visitors will have heard at least once about the word "judicial review" during your visit. The aim of this course is to provide an overview of judicial review for visitors and to have an awareness of when it might be worth referring the client to a solicitor who specializes in judicial review.

The training session will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm – 8pm with a drinks reception afterwards, in central London at Doughty Street Chambers (54 Doughty St WC1N 2LS), who have kindly offered to host the evening.

**Learning objectives:** The training will enable volunteers to understand what a judicial review is and how it works. It will cover grounds of judicial review and procedure, who can represent a client in a judicial review, the types of cases that you may come across as a volunteer visitor which can be challenged by judicial review and those which cannot. This

will be great chance to discuss support strategies around people in detention and to enable visitors to feel more confident in supporting detainees.

We are pleased to be able to offer this training on a first come, first served basis to volunteer visitors throughout the AVID network. Places are limited, so please register your interest by emailing Gee Manoharan, Training and Membership Coordinator: [gee.manoharan@aviddetention.org.uk](mailto:gee.manoharan@aviddetention.org.uk) by the **16<sup>th</sup> October**.