

CV Peter Reading

Peter has been working internationally in the field of equality and human rights law and policy for fifteen years.

In the United Kingdom he has worked for a number of organisations, including in the Parliamentary Team at Amnesty International UK, and as Principal Litigation Officer and as Head of European and International Legal Policy at the Commission for Racial Equality.

Between 2007 and 2012 Peter worked as a Senior Lawyer and Director of Legal Policy at the Equality and Human Rights Commission in Britain where he led a number of major projects including:

- The reform and modernisation of all existing equality legislation in Britain in the Equality Act 2010;
- The debate surrounding the development of a new Bill of Rights for the United Kingdom;
- drafting submissions and giving oral evidence to United Nations treaty monitoring Committees on the United Kingdom's human rights performance.

Between 2008 and 2012, Peter was the Moderator of the Legal Working Group of the Equinet Network of Equality Bodies in Europe. Equinet's members are Equality Bodies and National Human Rights Institutions which work together towards promoting equality across Europe. Peter was responsible for a number of Equinet reports on equality issues, and developing strategic litigation opportunities for Equality Bodies in the Court of Justice of the European Union.

Between 2009 and 2012, Peter was also a regular speaker at the Academy of European Law on the EU Anti-Discrimination Directives and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Most recently, Peter worked as a consultant Human Rights Adviser to the Commonwealth Secretariat to further the protection of human rights in the 54 Member States countries in the Commonwealth. This work involved leading international capacity building and best practice events, as well as drafting submissions to the United Nations on Commonwealth experiences.

In November 2012, Peter took up a newly created senior post as Legal Counsel at the Equal Opportunities Commission in Hong Kong. In this role he is leading on developing Hong Kong's equality law and policy.