Equal Rights Trust Work Itinerary:
January - June 2014

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February 26, 2014: Gave an evening lecture on strategic litigation organised by the Bangladeshi Legal Aid and Services Trust, in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

March 07, 2014: Delivered training to lawyers on the new immigration rules on statelessness in the United Kingdom, in Bristol, United Kingdom.

March 10-12, 2014: Delivered training to Ukrainian LGBT activists on advocating for LGBT rights from an equality perspective, and participated in strategic discussions on approaches to equality law reform in the country, in Kiev, Ukraine.

March 18, 2014: Conducted focus groups with Jordanian civil society organisations and lawyers involved in work on discrimination, inequality and the prevention of torture and ill-treatment, in order to assess the capacity and needs of these organisations, in Amman, Jordan.

March 25, 2014: Participated in a panel discussion on the human rights of stateless Rohingya at a conference entitled “Refugee Voices” at the Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University, in Oxford, United Kingdom.

March 26, 2014: Participated in a roundtable on discrimination against minorities in Myanmar at the Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University, in Oxford, United Kingdom.

March 27, 2014: Delivered training on the international legal framework pertaining to statelessness to Masters Students at the London Southbank University, in London, United Kingdom.

April 4-5, 2014: Convened a Judicial Colloquium on the Rights to Equality and Non-discrimination in Guyana, in partnership with the Justice Institute of Guyana and the office of the Chancellor of the Judiciary of Guyana, in Georgetown, Guyana.

April 6-7, 2014: Delivered training to Guyanese civil society organisations and lawyers on strategic litigation on equality and non-discrimination, in Georgetown, Guyana.

April 9, 2014: Participated in the European Network on Statelessness Steering Committee Meeting in Strasbourg, via Skype link.

April 22-30, 2014: Undertook a visit to Myanmar for a scoping study for a project on the human rights of stateless Rohingya, meeting with over 30 representatives of government, the international community, NGOs and Rohingya leaders, to develop and strengthen ties, assess the situation and gather information necessary for the strategic planning of future project activities, in Yangon, Myanmar.

May 13-15, 2014: Delivered training on the right to non-discrimination to paralegals from community based organisations across Kenya to enable them to provide advice to women through a community based legal assistance project, in Nairobi, Kenya.
May 29-30, 2014: Convened a two day roundtable on current trends in international equality law, key problems and priorities in Russia, successes in legal and policy reform, and possible advocacy strategies, in St. Petersburg, Russia.

June 2, 2014: Participated in a strategic roundtable with Moldovan civil society organisations on promoting equality and combating discrimination, in Chişinău, Moldova.

June 3-4, 2014: Delivered training to Moldovan civil society organisations and lawyers on international, European and national law on the rights to equality and non-discrimination, in Chişinău, Moldova.

June 5-6, 2014: Delivered training to Moldovan civil society organisations and lawyers on international, European and national law on the rights to equality and non-discrimination, in Bălţi, Moldova.

June 15-16, 2014: Participated in the annual UNHCR statelessness retreat for NGOs, in Geneva, Switzerland.

June 17-19, 2014: Attended the UNHCR NGO Consultations in Geneva, and used this opportunity to carry out awareness raising and advocacy activities on the Rohingya issue, through hosting a side meeting on the human rights of stateless Rohingya, a briefing of Permanent Missions based in Geneva, and bilateral meetings with the Myanmar desk officer of OHCHR, the Asia Bureau of UNHCR and the UNHCR Statelessness Unit, in Geneva, Switzerland.

June 18, 2014: Participated in the launch of the International Campaign to End Gender Discrimination in Nationality Laws at a side event to the Human Rights Council session, in Geneva, Switzerland.


June 20, 2014: Held its annual meeting of the Board of Directors, in London, United Kingdom, at which the Chair, Bob Hepple, stepped down after the expiry of his term, and a new Chair – Sue Ashtiany – was appointed.