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## Common Purpose - Inching the Law Towards Justice

Jurist and reformer Andrea Durbach will present the 2012 Sandy Duncanson Social Justice Lecture, titled: *A Common Purpose - Inching the Law Towards Justice*, this week at UTAS.

Durbach is the Deputy Sex Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission and Director of the Australian Human Rights Centre and Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales.

Born and educated in South Africa, Durbach practised as a political trial lawyer and human rights advocate, representing victims and opponents of apartheid laws.

In 1988 she was appointed solicitor to 25 black defendants in a notorious death penalty case in South Africa. She later published an account of her experiences in her book *Upington*, which was short-listed for the Alan Paton Non-Fiction Award.

The lecture will discuss those experiences and the documentary, *A Common Purpose* (2011), which is based on the book. The film was screened at the Sydney Film Festival, winning the Audience Award for Best Documentary.

The lecture will be followed by a screening of the documentary.

The Sandy Duncanson Social Justice Lecture is an annual event presented by the UTAS Faculty of Law and the Inglis Clark Centre for Civil Society.

**Who:** Jurist and reformer Andrea Durbach.

**What:** 2012 Sandy Duncanson Social Justice Lecture, *A Common Purpose - Inching the Law Towards Justice*.

**When:** 6-8.30pm, Wednesday 5 September 2012.

**Where:** Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, Churchill Avenue, Sandy Bay campus.

**RSVP:** E: [UTAS.Events@utas.edu.au](mailto:UTAS.Events@utas.edu.au) ; P: 6226 2521.

**All are welcome to attend this free public lecture.**

### **About the Sandy Duncanson Social Justice Fund:**

Tasmanian lawyer Alexander (Sandy) Duncanson died in June 2010 at the age of 37, after surviving cancer for 16 years. Sandy's family and friends have worked with the UTAS Faculty of Law and the Inglis Clark Centre to establish a fund in his name through the University of Tasmania Foundation. Contributions are welcome. Donate via the UTAS Foundation website (under 'Gift purpose' select Sandy Duncanson Social Justice Bursary option) or by phoning 03 6226 1920.

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