



### 🔍 Crown Commercial Service framework

NRPSI was invited by the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) to attend a meeting on 25 May for the suppliers that have won the awards on the five lots of the **RM1092 Language Services Framework Agreement**. The inclusion of the NRPSI Code of Conduct in the agreements was emphasised, and the CCS may ask NRPSI to review supplier data to ensure that quality standards are being maintained. NRPSI has offered to talk to potential clients alongside the suppliers (without favouring any particular supplier) to help inform clients about the required standards in interpreting.



### 🔍 Critical LinkS – a new generation

This is a final reminder about the **tri-annual conference** taking place in Edinburgh from 29 June-1 July. The conference includes sessions focused on the police, mental health, education, working conditions, etc. Lord President & Lord Justice General, Lord Carloway (Head of the Scottish Judiciary), will give the keynote presentation on 'A language which he understands: the role of the interpreter in court proceedings'. **Visit the conference website to book.**

### 🔍 ITI Conference, Cardiff, 18-20 May 2017

The next biannual **ITI Conference**, themed 'Working our core: for a strong(er) translation and interpreting profession', will take place in Cardiff in May 2017. The call for papers is now open, with the submission deadline of 18 July 2016.

## NRPSI news

### 🔍 NRPSI at Language Show Live, Olympia London, 14-16 October 2016

Save the date: NRPSI will again have a stand in the exhibition hall at this year's **Language Show Live**, the UK's largest show for anyone with an interest in languages. Following the success of presentations given by NRPSI representatives last year, we have submitted session suggestions for inclusion in this year's seminar programme. We will release further details of the programme once it is confirmed.



### 🔍 Claiming NRPSI registration fee against tax

The annual **NRPSI registration fee** would ordinarily be a deductible expense for tax purposes, and when claimed would reduce your overall tax liability. For those operating as sole traders, the subscriptions paid to NRPSI must be wholly and exclusively for the purposes of your trade. For those employed, providing the subscription was paid wholly, exclusively and necessarily for the purposes of your employment, then the deduction is still allowable. Currently, NRPSI does not appear on HM Revenue & Customs' (HMRC) published list of subscriptions. We have, however, made a **letter** available for you to provide to HMRC. If you require a receipt showing the registration fee you have paid to support your claim, please email [admin@nrpsi.org.uk](mailto:admin@nrpsi.org.uk).



Please be aware that if you have been reimbursed for car travel by a client at less than the HMRC approved rate of 45p per mile, the difference between the rate paid and the approved rate can be reclaimed from HMRC as a business expense. This should be claimed as part of your annual self-assessment tax return.

### 🔍 Advertising to users of the National Register

In addition to the banner on the Law Society Gazette website, this month we are running new banners on the **Police National Legal Database website**, which is used by the police, CPS, Trading Standards Officers, etc., and in the newsletter emailed to subscribers of the **LocalGov website**, which covers all aspects of local government work.

### 🔍 Appointment of new disciplinary panel members

We have successfully recruited an additional four lay members to serve on our disciplinary panels. These new appointments are in response to one serving member retiring and a gradual increase in the number of cases being presented to the NRPSI Professional Standards Department.

I hope you find this issue an informative and enjoyable read. If you have a suggestion for inclusion in the newsletter, email [admin@nrpsi.org.uk](mailto:admin@nrpsi.org.uk).

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