

Low Commission

Biography – Lord Low of Dalston, CBE

1. Colin Low has been a lifelong campaigner for the rights of blind and disabled people, especially in the field of education. He taught Law and Criminology for 16 years from 1968-84 at Leeds University, before moving to London as Director of the GLC's Disability Resource Team, an organization providing advice and services on disability. He then became Senior Research Fellow at London's City University where he carried out research on theories of disability, retiring in 2000.
2. Awarded a CBE for services to RNIB and disabled people's rights in 2000, he was appointed to the House of Lords in 2006. Former Chairman, and now Vice President of RNIB, he is also President of ICEVI (International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment). He is currently chairing the Low Commission on the Future on Advice and Legal Support.

Biography – Richard Gutch, Secretary to the Commission

3. Richard Gutch is working part-time as the Secretary to the Commission. Richard began his career as a town planner, but moved into the voluntary sector in the 1980s when he worked for NCVO, Arthritis Care, the National Lottery Community Fund and Futurebuilders.
4. Richard was Secretary to the NCVO Funding Commission in 2010 and managed the merger of Disability Alliance, the National Centre of Independent Living and Radar to form Disability Rights UK in January 2012.