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COMMONWEALTH EXHIBITION WINS GRANT FROM MAGNA CARTA 800TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

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2015 will mark the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta which sets out the fundamental legal rights and freedoms of all citizens in Britain and is included in many Commonwealth constitutions.

Lord Denning described Magna Carta as, "*the greatest constitutional document of all times – the foundation of the freedom of the individual against the arbitrary authority of the despot*".

The Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA), in partnership with the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association (CMJA) and the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) are pleased to announce that they have received a grant from the Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Committee.

The grant will support a touring exhibition entitled "*Magna Carta to Commonwealth Charter*" celebrating the influence of Magna Carta throughout the Commonwealth, and will open on the 12th April, 2015 at the 19th Commonwealth Law Conference to be held in the SECC in Glasgow, 12-16 April, 2104. For further information about the conference visit the website: www.clc2015.co.uk

This exhibition will trace the legal milestones from the sealing of the Magna Carta to the signing of the Commonwealth Charter by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, at Marlborough House in 2013. The exhibition will note excerpts from Harare, and Singapore declarations together with the Latimer House Principles and notable cases related to these in order to develop a greater understanding of the contribution Magna Carta has made to legal development up to and including the Commonwealth Charter. Materials will be made available to visitors in each country and it is hoped that the exhibition will reach as broad an audience as possible.

On the completion of the Glasgow conference, the exhibition will travel to Canada before going on to Barbados, Malawi, Malaysia and ending its journey at the CMJA 17th triennial conference in Wellington, New Zealand 13th – 18th September 2015 www.cmja.org. Further information regarding local events in the touring countries will be made available via the partner websites and the Magna Carta 800th newsletter.



The Magna Carta Trust's 800th Anniversary Commemoration is charged by the Magna Carta Trust to co-ordinate activities, raise the profile of the anniversary and deliver a number of key national and international aspirations. For more information, visit www.magnacarta800th.com