

Thursday 2 July 2026
at 1 Wimpole Street, London

The Morning

9.30	Welcome Breakfast	
10.00	Conference Welcome With Tom West , CEO, PLS	
10.15	Introduction to PLS With speaker Amy Byrne , Publisher Relations Executive, PLS	Collective Licensing in Action With speaker James Bennett , Head of Rightsholder Relations, Copyright Licensing Agency
10.55	From Requests to Rights: What Permission Data Tells Us in 2025–26 With Helen Jennings , Product Manager, PLS and Natalia Kornioukhova , Product Manager, PLS	ALCS: Past, Present and Future
11.35	Overview of AI Licensing Market With Ritch Sibthorpe , CEO, Muwzo AI	

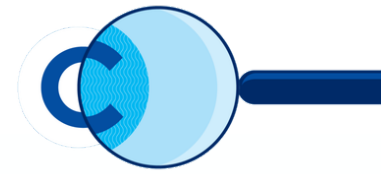
The Introduction to Rights Seminar 2026

This year the Introduction to Rights Seminar will run as an exclusive morning event supported by PLS.

Open to **students** and **early-careers professionals** in rights and publishing who are looking to expand their knowledge of rights selling, copyright fundamentals, and what rights you can sell.

Introduction to Rights 2026 tickets are sold separately, click here to book through our Eventbrite page:





The Afternoon

12.10	Lunch	
13.05	CEO's Panel: Licensing Generative AI With speakers Barbara Hayes , Chief Executive, ALCS ; Simon Hutson , Chief Executive, CLA ; Tom West , Chief Executive, PLS ; and chaired by Ritch Sibthorpe , CEO, Muzo AI	
13.50	AI in Action: A publishing Case Study Presented by the Independent Publishers Guild (IPG) , With Rob Burleigh , Burleigh Dodds Science Publishing ; and chaired by Bridget Shine , Chief Executive, IPG	Humans and Machines; the Everywhere Equation Highlights from the PPA report in partnership with Enders Analysis. Presented by the Professional Publishers Association , With speaker: Mel McVeigh , Strategic Consultant (Digital Product), PPA
14.40	The Legal Q&A: Expert insights on copyright and competition developments. Presented by the Publishers Association With Katherine Kirrage Osborne , Clarke, LLP ; and Zoey Forbes from Harbottle & Lewis .	What's Next in AI Policy, Litigation, Legislation? Presented by the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers , With speakers Prof. Emily Hudson , Professor of Law, University of Oxford ; Dr. Guido Westkamp , Professor of Intellectual Property and Comparative Law, QMUL ; Joel Smith , Simmons & Simmons ; and chaired by Leslie Lansman , Head of Permissions and Licensing, Springer Nature
15.20	Afternoon Break	
15.40	Making Rights Visible: Changing Internal Perceptions of Licensing Chaired by Jessica Rutt , International Rights and Licensing Manager, RCNi ; and Claire Harper , Associate Director, Global Rights and Licensing at SAGE Publishing ; With panellists Clare Hodder , Founder, RightsZone ; Amy Joyner , Rights and Licensing Director, Kogan Page ; Gemma Davis , International Licensing Manager, Future	
16.15	Keynote Address Baroness Thangam Debbonaire , Introduced by Monisha Shah , Chair, PLS	
17.00	Post-Conference Drinks Reception	

This year's exhibitors

