

## Charity Law & Policy Unit Charity Briefs

### Sticking to your knitting..? The ongoing debate around the role of charities in politics

*In 2020, Barnardo's published "White privilege - a guide for parents" to assist parents wishing to talk to their children about racial inequality in the UK. This led to a complaint being made by a number of MPs, describing the publication as "ideological dogma" and "divisive militancy" and "a misguided and misjudged move away from what the charity is about and what it ought to be doing". Calls have been made for Barnardo's to be investigated by the Charity Commission.*

We will discuss the long-standing but often contentious rules that apply to charities seeking to engage in political debate and whether charities should be tackling the political issues of the day.

**Graeme Hughes, Partner, Brabners**

This will involve a short presentation of the issues followed by moderated Q & A discussion.



**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
5-6pm

Please note this event will take place online via zoom.

[Please register your attendance.](#)

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