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Guide to attending the conference

Please arrive on time

Registration will open at 9:00am, offering time for attendees to register and network before the conference starts at 9:30am.

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Exchange House
Primrose Street
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Stay to socialise

We are delighted to be able to host our first LawWorks Pro Bono Conference. We welcome you to stay after the closing remarks for a drinks reception and networking.

Check our list of 'organisations attending' at the end of the brochure to find out who will be in attendance.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to our first LawWorks pro bono conference, bringing together pro bono clinic and law firm coordinators, volunteers and stakeholders from the wider advice sector. Today is an opportunity to explore, discuss and celebrate the positive impact pro bono has on communities.

With the Covid-19 pandemic in the recent past and the impact of the cost of living crisis being felt in households across the country, pro bono services continue to show their resilience and agility in the face of rising demand and increasingly complex legal issues.

Following a warm welcome by Nick Emmerson, Vice-President of The Law Society, Joanna Otterburn, joint Chief Executive of the Law Commission, will deliver the keynote address. We are also pleased to be joined by a wide range of speakers from across the access to justice sector, sharing their knowledge and expertise, addressing current themes including the cost of living crisis, digital poverty and the power of technology, anti-racism, routes into the solicitor's profession, and working with parliamentarians. Throughout this conference, we encourage open dialogue, knowledge sharing, and collaboration.

Thank you for joining us today. We hope you have an interesting and inspiring conference.



Rebecca Wilkinson
Chief Executive

Conference programme

9:00 Registration and networking

9:30 Conference opening

9:45 Welcome:

Nick Emmerson, Vice President, The Law Society of England & Wales

10:00 Keynote:

Joanna Otterburn, Joint CEO, The Law Commission

10:30 Panel 1: Legal needs during the cost of living crisis

The panel will discuss the effects of the cost of living crisis on legal need and how pro bono can provide support and guidance to those grappling with the impact of rising costs.

- **Ben Saltmarsh**, National Energy Action Wales
- **James Sandbach**, London Citizens Advice
- **Yasmin Waljee OBE**, Hogan Lovells
- **Rebecca Wilkinson**, LawWorks

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 Breakout sessions

Option A: Setting up and growing your pro bono practice

This session will outline how pro bono coordinators at law firms and in-house teams establish and expand pro bono programmes.

- **Andrew Barton**, Norton Rose Fulbright
- **Jo Haas**, Visa
- **Emma Rehal-Wilde**, Baker McKenzie

Option B: Qualifying Work Experience in a pro bono setting

This session explores the role of pro bono work in meeting the requirements for the Solicitors Qualifying Examination route.

- **Lucy Blackburn**, Clinical Legal Education Organisation
- **Emma Blackstone**, BPP
- **Andrea Todd**, Clinical Legal Education Organisation
- **Lucy Wildig**, BPP

Option C: Pro bono debt advice

This session will outline the current regulations around debt advice and explore how the legal profession may be able to provide support pro bono.

- **Eddie Coppinger**, University House
- **Richard Pitkethly**, LawWorks
- **James Sandbach**, Citizens Advice London

12:45 Lunch break

13:30 Breakout sessions:

Option A: Pro bono and parliamentarians (Mind the Gap)

This session will launch the 2023 Mind The Gap report, which investigates the growing levels of unmet legal need being seen in MPs' constituency surgeries.

- **Rohini Jana**, Legal Aid Practitioners Group
- **Samuel Lamsdale**, Hogan Lovells
- **Hayley Nock**, LawWorks
- **Rebecca Wilkinson**, LawWorks

Option B: Pro bono in the anti-racism space

This session will explore how legal professionals can contribute to dismantling systemic racism and promote social justice through pro bono initiatives.

- **Fatima Bhula**, LawWorks
- **Sarah Farrelly**, Charles Russell Speechlys
- **Faiza Mukith**, Islamophobia Response Unit
- **Dr Wanda Wyporska**, Black Equity Organisation
- **Matteo Yoon**, Herbert Smith Freehills

Option C: Housing advice during the cost of living crisis

This session will address the legal issues surrounding housing and homelessness, providing practical insights into the pro bono support available to those in need.

- **Matt Dronfield**, Toynbee Hall
- **Georgia Nickson**, Herbert Smith Freehills
- **Harmit Springett**, Centrepont
- **Siobhan Taylor-Ward**, Vauxhall Community Law and Information Centre

14:30 Break

14:40 Panel 2: The power of technology

In this session we seek out the innovative approaches, tools, and platforms that can enhance pro bono practice and impact.

- **Thomas Lowe**, Digital Poverty Alliance
- **Francine Ryan**, The Open University
- **Deborah Smith**, Goldman Sachs
- **Henry Sturm**, LawWorks

15:40 Conference close

15:45 Networking - In-person

Connecting with delegates

The conference on social media

If you are attending the conference, we'd love to hear your feedback and thoughts about the discussions, please do tweet about it in advance and on the day, using [#WeDoProBono](#) [#LawWorksConference](#).

Don't forget to tag [@Law_Works](#).

If you need assistance during the conference

If you encounter any access issues or technical hurdles before or during the conference, please contact a LawWorks member of staff:

- Email: peter.jackson@lawworks.org.uk
- Phone: 07961 522 042

Guidance and housekeeping

We look forward to welcoming you in person at the offices of Herbert Smith Freehills in London. The nearest train and tube station is London Liverpool Street.

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The conference will start at 9:30am sharp, please ensure you arrive with sufficient time to navigate through the building reception and travel up to the conference venue and arrive for registration.

Keynote and speaker biographies



Joanna Otterburn, Joint CEO, The Law Commission

Joanna Otterburn is the joint Chief Executive of the Law Commission with her job share partner, Stephanie Hack. They have been job sharing for six years in senior civil service roles in the Ministry of Justice and Judicial Office. Joanna qualified as a solicitor before embarking on a career in the civil service. Prior to joining the Law Commission at the start of this year, Joanna and Stephanie were joint Deputy Directors for Legal Support and Fees policy; prior to that they were Head of the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office and Deputy Directors for Judicial Communications and Library and Information Services.

Since qualifying as a solicitor, Joanna has been a Judicial Assistant in the Court of Appeal, Private Secretary to the Chancellor of the High Court and Senior Presiding Judge, and an adviser to the senior judiciary and government ministers on sensitive, challenging and innovative policies. Joanna was a magistrate in South East London prior to heading the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office. She is originally from West Yorkshire and now lives in Greenwich, London.



Nick Emmerson, Vice President, The Law Society of England and Wales

Nick Emmerson will become the 179th president in October as the Law Society enters its 200th anniversary year.

Nick is a partner at Lewis Mathys Emmerson LLP and a specialist in London capital markets transactions by international companies and public and private cross-border mergers and acquisitions.

He is fluent in Japanese and has spent his career working in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Leeds and London.

As well as England and Wales, Nick has been admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong and the Republic of Ireland and as an attorney at law in the State of California.

Yorkshire born and bred, Nick has represented the legal powerhouse of Leeds on the Law Society Council since 2015 and was president of Leeds Law Society during its 150th anniversary year and the bulk of the pandemic.

During Nick's presidency, Leeds Law Society demonstrated its resilience by hosting its inaugural and ground-breaking online Diversity and Inclusion Conference with support from the Law Society.

Nick is a City of London Solicitors' Company liveryman and previously served on the City of London Law Society Committee.



Andrew Barton, Norton Rose Fulbright

Andrew is Counsel, Head of Pro Bono at Norton Rose Fulbright LLP. He joined the firm in May 2022 as the first full time pro bono lead in EMEA with responsibility for the practice across 21 offices in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Prior to his current role, Andrew was a Senior Associate in the pro bono team at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, based in London from 2017-20 and 2021-22 and in Hong Kong in 2021 as Asia pro bono lead. He trained and qualified at the same firm and spent 2 years as a Commercial Real Estate Associate.



Fatima Bhula, LawWorks

Fatima joined LawWorks 3 years ago and runs the Pro Bono Connect project, enabling collaboration between pro bono solicitors and barristers on pro bono litigation cases. She is also the co-chair of LawWorks' Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Steering Group, working with the organisation and key stakeholders to ensure that EDI is at the centre of our work, and prevalent in our approach to ensuring access to justice.

A qualified solicitor, she was a civil litigator for many years, as well as a lecturer for both BPP Law School and the University of Law. She also has more general experience in the not-for-profit sector working with a number of organisations to provide training within the NHS, universities, and community groups.



Lucy Blackburn, Clinical Legal Education Organisation

Lucy Blackburn is a Senior Lecturer in Law, Solicitor and Director of the Advice and Resolution Centre at the University of Central Lancashire. She is co-chair of the Clinical Legal Education Organisation, a member of the Society of Legal Scholars Legal Education sub-committee and a member of the Attorney General's Committee on Pro Bono in England and Wales. She is an active member of the Clinical Legal Education (CLE) community and regularly speaks and writes about CLE for international audiences. She is a leading authority on Qualifying Work Experience gained in law clinics and has been consulted by the SRA and Law Society on the subject.



Emma Blackstone, BPP University

Emma Blackstone is the joint Head of Social Impact at BPP University and oversees the delivery of pro bono services and social impact projects across the BPP Group, including BPP's extensive legal advice clinic provision.

A solicitor with 13 years post-qualification practice experience, Emma trained as a collaborative lawyer and accredited family law specialist. Emma joined BPP eleven years ago to establish the Pro Bono Centre in Leeds. Emma has co-led BPP's national Pro Bono team

since 2019, during which time the team has won the LawWorks & Attorney General Student Pro Bono Award for Best Contribution by a Law School on two occasions (2020, 2022). Emma supports the work of the Leeds Law Society Access to Justice Committee and is a member of the Attorney General's Pro Bono Committee.

Emma has previously presented on clinical legal education at the IJCLE conferences in Prague, Amsterdam and Brescia and at the ENCLE conference in Turin.



Eddie Coppinger, University House

Eddie Coppinger is CEO at University House, which operates out of two offices in London's Bethnal Green. It is situated in a poor and ethnically diverse borough, Tower Hamlets, which has the highest levels of deprivation among children and pensioners in London. Eddie has steered University House to have the capacity to deal with 1,000s of complex cases each year. University House rarely refers anyone out, and prides itself in supporting some of the most vulnerable in society.



Matt Dronfield, Toynbee Hall

Matt Dronfield is the Managing Director of Debt Free Advice at Toynbee Hall and oversees Toynbee's legal clinics, including the housing law clinic. Matt has over 15 years' experience in the not-for-profit sector, driving transformative change in advice services. Navigating the challenges of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis, Matt has grown the service and leads over 180 staff across 50 locations providing advice services.



Sarah Farrelly, Charles Russell Speechlys

Sarah manages the Firm's Pro Bono practice which focuses on access to justice – providing free legal advice to vulnerable individuals and legal support to help strengthen the capacity of small charities and innovative social enterprises. Sarah is a qualified solicitor with extensive experience in the pro bono sector both in the UK and internationally, having held legal and management roles at global pro bono clearing houses, commercial private practices, frontline non-profit organisations, human rights institutions, Government Foreign Affairs Departments and UN institutions.



Jo Haas, Visa

Jo Haas is a senior lawyer in Visa's European Legal, Ethics and Compliance Department, currently on secondment to Visa's Global Data Privacy Office. Alongside this work, Jo is the lead lawyer for Visa's European Pro Bono Programme and co-chairs Visa's Global Pro Bono Committee. As well as working on multiple different Law Works matters over the years (including acting as Honorary Counsel), over the last 18 months, she has focussed on growing the European Pro Bono Programme – in particular on making the Programme as engaging and inclusive as possible. The European Programme has moved from strength to strength and in 2022, culminated in the European team winning the Law Works Award for Best Contribution by an In-house Team. She also recently co-lead the organisation of Visa's Global Pro Bono Week, which involved 100s of members of the Legal, Ethics and Compliance Department around the globe giving back to communities and people in need.



Rohini Jana, Legal Aid Practitioners Group

Rohini Jana is Head of Parliamentary Affairs at the Legal Aid Practitioners Group working with MPs and peers across the political spectrum. Formerly a magic-circle solicitor, she is a non-practising solicitor.



Thomas Lowe, Digital Poverty Alliance

Tom Lowe is the Head of Policy and Communications at the Digital Poverty Alliance, an initiative of the Learning Foundation. He leads on the development of the national delivery plan, a long-term national strategy to tackle digital poverty. In this role he engages with policymakers, politicians, and industry to coordinate and create sustainable action around digital inclusion. He previously worked in policy roles in the further education sector and within NHS England.



Samuel Lamsdale, Hogan Lovells

Sam Lamsdale is a trainee at Hogan Lovells, currently sitting in the firm's commercial litigation practice. Alongside his litigation work, Sam has been involved with the Mind the Gap project for over a year as part of his pro bono practice, working with LawWorks and MPs to assess unmet legal need faced by individuals across the country. He has a background in public law and undertook prior research at the University of Oxford centred around civil procedure and the obligation of the State to facilitate dispute resolution. His research also examined the extent to which legal aid can help play a role in fulfilling the State's obligations.



Faiza Mukith, Islamophobia Response Unit

Faiza Mukith is an employment and pro bono solicitor. She trained and qualified at Simmons & Simmons before joining the Islamophobia Response Unit (IRU) as Head of Legal in 2019. Faiza was later appointed Chief Executive Officer and has since been managing the IRU, an independent charity dedicated to supporting victims of Islamophobia. Since its inception, the IRU has received over 1,500 cases, including religious discrimination in the workplace, Islamophobic bullying in schools, physical assault, verbal abuse, and more. Faiza advises on matters relating to workplace practices and policies that discriminate and unfairly disadvantage Muslim employees who would otherwise have no recourse to legal support.



Georgia Nickson, Herbert Smith Freehills

Georgia Nickson is a pro bono lawyer at Herbert Smith Freehills. She focuses on contentious pro-bono overseeing the firms access to justice projects, and long running pro bono clinic that provides end to end housing law advice on over 100 cases a year. She trained and qualified at the firm, practising in banking litigation before moving to pro bono. Prior to re-training as a lawyer, Georgia worked as a civil servant in humanitarian protection and refugee policy as well as in family law at legal aid.



Hayley Nock, LawWorks

Hayley Nock joined LawWorks in 2022 and is the Head of the Not-for-Profits Programme. She has a passion for supporting organisations that are dedicated to social causes, with a focus on maximising the impact that LawWorks can make in the non-profit sector and empowering not-for-profit organisations to identify and tackle legal issues. In addition to her work on the Not-for-Profits Programme, Hayley has been actively involved with LawWorks' wider policy initiatives, including the APPG on Pro Bono and Public Legal Education and the Mind the Gap project. Through the Mind The Gap project, which looked to assess the legal issues that arise during MP surgeries, Hayley has collaborated with law firms and worked to encourage MPs to participate in the project. Prior to joining LawWorks, Hayley was an in-house commercial media lawyer for over 10 years.



Richard Pitkethly, LawWorks

Richard Pitkethly is the Head of Learning & Practice at LawWorks. Richard's role takes in the regulatory aspects of LawWorks' activities, as well as across the pro bono sector. Richard's previous experience includes working as a barrister, as well as in various litigation roles for London-based law firms where he represented clients in courts and tribunals up to the Supreme Court.



Emma Rehal-Wilde, Baker McKenzie

Emma has been a trustee of LawWorks since 2019. Four days a week, she is the Senior Pro Bono Associate at Baker McKenzie, having joined the firm in February 2023. On the other day Emma is a senior lecturer in law at London South Bank University. She has worked in pro bono since 2006 at various firms, both in teams and alone, and has helped set up two student-led legal clinics.



Francine Ryan, The Open University

Francine Ryan is a qualified solicitor, Senior Lecturer in Law, and Director of the Open Justice Centre at The Open University. Francine has worked to develop a series of innovative technology-enhanced opportunities for OU law students that leverage the power of technology to support access to justice, including the Open Justice

virtual law clinic. Francine's research areas focus on the intersection of technology and law, and she is particularly interested in how we prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of the digital age. Francine is the co-author of *Digital Lawyering: Technology and Legal Practice in the 21st Century* and has recently published an article with colleagues from the OU law school on ChatGPT: ChatGPT and the future of legal education and practice.



Ben Saltmarsh, National Energy Action Wales

Ben is Head of Wales for National Energy Action (NEA). NEA is the national fuel poverty charity working to ensure that everyone in England, Wales and Northern Ireland can afford to keep warm and safe at home.

Ben leads NEA's advocacy and engagement priorities in Wales, working with key decision makers, partners, and stakeholders. He sits on various advisory groups, chairs the Fuel Poverty Coalition Cymru, provides the secretariat for the Senedd's Cross Party Group on Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency, and leads the Wales Fuel Poverty Forums.

Ben began his career working directly with low-income, indebted households in south Wales. He has also previously been responsible for leading the delivery of NEA's accredited training portfolio in Wales covering key issues associated with fuel poverty, fuel debt, and practical energy efficiency advice.



James Sandbach, London Citizens Advice

James Sandbach is Development Manager for the London Citizens Advice network and a Trustee of the Advice Services Alliance. Previously, he was LawWorks Director of Policy and External Affairs, and has also been policy manager at the Legal Action Group (supporting the Low Commission on the future of social welfare advice), and legal affairs policy officer for Citizens Advice. He has held other policy roles in the voluntary sector including at Mind and Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID), has been called to the Bar and holds a doctorate in conflict resolution.



Deborah Smith, Goldman Sachs

Deborah is a senior legal director in the Digital Assets legal team at Goldman Sachs International. She joined Goldman Sachs in 2012 and worked in Investment Banking Legal for ten years before transitioning to the Digital Assets legal team. Prior to joining the firm, Deborah worked as a US Associate / Counsel at Linklaters for twelve years, having worked in their Paris, Dubai and London offices. Deborah earned a BA in Political Science from Dartmouth College and a JD from New York University School of Law. Deborah is passionate about pro bono and serves as co-chair of the Goldman's EMEA Pro Bono Committee, is a founder and Steering Committee Member of the In House Pro Bono Group, and a member of the board of trustees of LawWorks. She also has an eight-year-old son and 5-year-old boy/girl twins to keep her busy.



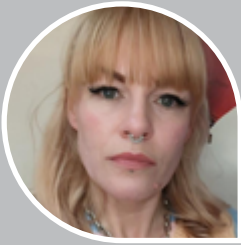
Harmit Springett, Centrepoint

Leaving private practice behind in 2012, Harmit joined Centrepoint for its first in-house legal role. Centrepoint is the leading youth homelessness organisation supporting over 12,500 young people across its range of our services including Centrepoint Helpline, homelessness hostels, supported accommodation, rough sleepers initiative and a partnering network set up to support smaller grass roots organisations. As part of Harmit's role, Harmit oversees the delivery of five pro bono legal advice clinics to the young people Centrepoint supports, through a range of partners (including HSF) and in a number of legal areas.



Henry Sturm, LawWorks

Henry Sturm is Head of Digital Programmes at LawWorks, through which he utilises legal design and technology to support the development and delivery of pro bono legal services. He is also responsible for monitoring the organisation's data for impact measurement and enhancing data maturity. Henry received his JD from the Northeastern University School of Law with a concentration in Poverty Law and Economic Justice. Prior to his current role, Henry practised law in Texas as a Pro Bono Fellow at Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP, representing low-income clients



across civil issues. In his free time, he is busy playing with his two-year-old daughter, hiking the Peak District, and writing poetry.

Siobhan Taylor-Ward, Vauxhall Community Law and Information Centre

Siobhan is a housing solicitor at Vauxhall Community Law and Information Centre in North Liverpool. She established the pro bono housing department at Vauxhall. The centre provides general housing advice to people facing eviction, homelessness and disrepair and also specialise in providing advice to asylum seekers and others with precarious immigration status on housing, benefits and destitution. Siobhan is the former co-chair of Young Legal Aid Lawyers and recently worked with CLLS and Barbri on YLAL's behalf to create the Social Welfare Solicitors Qualifying Fund. She is the North West elected member of the Board of ACORN Tenant and Community Union and former chair of the Liverpool branch.



Andrea Todd, Clinical Legal Education Organisation

Andy Todd is Associate Professor and Director of Pro Bono and Community Engagement at the University of Chester. She is a trustee and current co-chair of the Clinical Legal Education Organisation.



Yasmin Waljee OBE, Hogan Lovells

Yasmin Waljee OBE, Partner is responsible for shaping the international pro bono practice at global law firm Hogan Lovells. Her appointment in 1997 was the first of its kind in Europe.

Yasmin has long believed that the ingenuity of enterprise and the rule of law could be harnessed to promote a sustainable future for the next generation. This was the motivation that propelled her to harness the specialist practice areas of Hogan Lovells and find a way to combine the expertise with social innovation movement to address the complex needs of the society.

Yasmin has been key to establishing and embedding a pro bono culture within Hogan Lovells. Yasmin helped

achieve this by designing and implementing pro bono projects which focus the firm's specialist commercial legal expertise in the areas of women's rights and disability rights.

Yasmin is also a co-founder for the firm's Social Enterprise and Social Finance practice, HL BaSE.



Lucy Wildig, BPP University

Lucy Wildig is the joint Head of Social Impact at BPP University and oversees the delivery of pro bono services and social impact projects across the BPP Group, with a specific interest in community outreach projects. Lucy is a qualified solicitor who practiced in commercial litigation in Manchester before joining BPP 9 years ago to enhance BPP's pro bono offering across the North West. Lucy co-leads the team at BPP alongside Emma Blackstone, as well as sitting on Manchester Law Society Council, Pro Bono Committee, a newly co-opted CLEO Trustee and a member of the Attorney General's Pro Bono Committee.

Lucy has previously presented on clinical legal education and Streetlaw at the IJCLE conferences in Turkey, PILNET in Budapest and ENCLE in Brescia.



Rebecca Wilkinson, LawWorks

As Chief Executive of LawWorks, Rebecca leads the team which supports and facilitates pro bono work by Solicitors across England & Wales. In her role, Rebecca works closely with member firms and third sector organisations, to drive forward LawWorks' pro bono programmes, helping to address unmet legal need within England & Wales.

Rebecca previously managed the Law Society's pro bono and public legal education programmes as their Pro Bono and Public Legal Education Policy Adviser (2014-2018). On behalf of the Law Society she acted as the organiser for National Pro Bono Week, sat on the Attorney General's Domestic & International pro bono committees, and coordinated the Society's relationships with key stakeholders. Rebecca was called to the Bar in 2013.

Prior to her involvement with the legal profession,

Rebecca spent many years working for Community Service Volunteers, a large volunteering charity, where she ran national projects and training events. She gained extensive experience in managing and inspiring people to give up their time on a voluntary basis to help others.



Dr Wanda Wyporska, Black Equity Organisation

Dr Wanda Wyporska, FRSA, FRHistS took up the role of CEO of the Black Equity Organisation in March 2023. She has worked on race and equalities issues throughout her life and brings a wealth of leadership experience in charitable and social justice organisations. Her expertise lies in campaigning, strategy and economic and social inequalities and diversity issues.

A shortlisted author and historian, Dr Wyporska was Chief Executive of the Society of Genealogists. Prior to that, as Executive Director of The Equality Trust, where she led the work of the organisation in its mission to improve the quality of life in the UK by reducing social and economic inequality.

She has been invited to serve in a variety of advisory roles; as an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion advisor to the Mayor of London's Recovery Board, as a member of the ONS Inclusive Data Taskforce, on the NUS Poverty Commission, the Sex Education Forum advisory panel, advising the Rowntree Trusts and the Young Women's Trust and has given evidence before the Select Committee on Women and Equalities.

She is a trustee of the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and the National Football Museum and has previously served on the boards of Equally Ours (Vice Chair), Schools OUT, Gingerbread, Redthread Youth and ACEVO.

Matteo Yoon, Herbert Smith Freehills



Matteo is a corporate and charities lawyer in Herbert Smith Freehill's pro bono team, with a focus on impact finance and charity law advisory. Matteo works in the firm's Pro Bono Practice across matters for the global impact investment and social finance practice, HSF Impact, and the firm's Charities Practice. In 2022, Matteo won "Young Practitioner of the Year" at the STEP Awards.



LawWorks Programme teams

Digital Projects team brings together a number of online platforms that will increase accessibility and efficiency in delivering pro bono advice. Projects include Free Legal Answers that enables individuals to ask, and volunteers to answer initial one-off legal questions; and the Pro Bono Portal UK, a single platform to refer pro bono opportunities to firms and share information easily and quickly.

Not-for-Profits Programme facilitates the provision of free legal advice for smaller not-for-profit organisations, by volunteer solicitors from among LawWorks members. We also provide free online training videos for charities, covering many of the common legal issues they face.

Clinics Team supports and develops free legal advice clinics in England and Wales. Through a network of around 300 clinics, the programme helps foster sustainable partnerships between law firms, law schools and advice agencies to help address unmet legal need in the community.

Pro Bono Connect links barristers and solicitors to jointly litigate civil cases on a pro bono basis.

Secondary Specialisation supports in-depth pro bono in three areas of law affected by reductions in legal aid: welfare benefits, employment, and community care. Volunteers work under the expert supervision of LawWorks' in-house solicitors. For the first two, volunteers provide tribunal representation and advocacy; for the latter, LawWorks partners with hospices and care providers across England and Wales, volunteers provide legal advice and case-work for the parents and carers of children with life-limiting conditions.

IP Pro Bono provides intellectual property advice and legal support for claimants and defendants in intellectual property disputes.

Organisations / people attending

Access Social Care
Baker Mckenzie
Birmingham City University
BPP University
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner
Cardiff Metropolitan University
Centrepoint
Charles Russell Speechlys
Citizens Advice Plymouth
City University of London City Law School
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
Clyde & Co LLP
CMS
Consulate General of Brazil in London
Dads House Family Law Clinic
Dentons UK and Middle East LLP
Digital Poverty Alliance
East Greenwich Legal Advice Clinic
Eversheds Sutherland
Financial Conduct Authority
Goldman Sachs
Gowling WLG
Hestia
Hogan Lovells
Irwin Mitchell
Islington Legal Advice Centre
Joelson LLP
Keele University
Kingston University
Kirkland & Ellis International
Labour & Love
LawWorks
Legal Aid Practitioners Group
Linklaters
Macfarlanes
National Energy Action
Norfolk Community Law Service
Norton Rose Fulbright
Not Beyond Redemption
Nottingham Trent University
Oglethorpe Sturton and Gillibrand
Plan International
Pride Beats Prejudice
Pro Bono Week
qLegal
Queen Mary Legal Advice Centre
RCJ Advice
Reed Smith
Shell International Limited
SHU Law Ltd
Slaughter and May
South Westminster Legal Advice Centre
St James Legal Advice Centre
Staffordshire University
Stephenson Harwood LLP
Stewarts Law
Support Through Court
Swansea University
Teesside University
The Law Society
The Open University
The University of Law

The University of Sheffield
Toynbee Hall
UCL Centre for Access to Justice
UCL Integrated Legal Advice Clinic
Ulster University Law Clinic
University House
University of Bedfordshire
University of Bradford
University of Bristol Law Clinic
University of Chester
University of Derby
University of Essex
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University of Suffolk
University of Sunderland
University of the West of England
University of Warwick
University of West England
University of Westminster Legal Advice
Clinic
Visa
Warwick University
Westway Trust
Women's Consortium
Work Rights Centre



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