



LawWorks Clinics Network Resources and Support

Participation in the LawWorks Clinics Network is completely free and allows access to many services such as training, resources and guidance on the practical aspects of running a legal advice clinic and the opportunity to network and exchange best practice with over 200 clinics nationally. This document outlines the main support LawWorks is able to provide to the independent clinics in the network.

Training

LawWorks' training sessions cover the areas of social welfare and family law relevant to pro bono clinics. There are around 40 sessions per year. The majority of the training currently takes place in central-London, though in parts of the country where we are working with a number of local clinics, LawWorks can support the delivery of local training events to meet the needs of pro bono volunteers.

Information about upcoming training sessions can be found at:

<https://www.lawworks.org.uk/solicitors-and-volunteers/training-and-events>

For those that can't access the training in-person, materials and streamed audio of previous sessions and webinars are available on the LawWorks website to all volunteers and staff associated with a registered clinic. The website also hosts online training sessions for volunteers on advice skills such as interview techniques and supporting vulnerable clients in difficult situations.

Resources and recordings from previous training sessions can be accessed at:

<https://www.lawworks.org.uk/solicitors-and-volunteers/resources/volunteer-resources>

Events

Throughout the year, LawWorks organises various events in order to support the clinics network. These include regular clinic roundtables, where lawyers, law schools and voluntary sector agencies come together to network and discuss common issues regarding running pro bono advice clinics, including opportunities for collaboration, identifying local training needs, and sharing best practice.

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Assistance

LawWorks can support with the development of a new clinic, as well as providing ongoing support and consultancy to established clinics.

This support includes:

- Help with troubleshooting issues at the clinic such as expansion/development, regulatory issues, relocation, or advertising services.
- Matching clinics with local lawyers and firms interested in pro bono.
- Advertising current volunteer opportunities on the LawWorks website.



- Opportunities for new clinics to benefit from the guidance and experience of established clinics.

Resources

LawWorks also provides access to a number of resources to support the internal systems and procedures of a clinic. These include:

- Access to the secure area of LawWorks' website featuring over thirty factsheets, template documents and other resources to support clinics.
- Monthly Clinics Update by email featuring new opportunities, resources and briefings on regulations relevant to clinics in the network.
- Standard documentation and a template volunteer handbook.
- An individual webpage for each clinic to advertise its services to the public and inclusion in a postcode search function to help individuals to identify local services.
- Free access to resources such as online legal research tools and secure online document storage systems to improve data protection within clinics.

The range of resources currently available to clinics can be found at:

<https://www.lawworks.org.uk/solicitors-and-volunteers/resources/clinic-resources>

The postcode search function can be seen at:

<https://www.lawworks.org.uk/legal-advice-individuals/find-legal-advice-clinic-near-you>

Monitoring and Evaluation

LawWorks supports clinics to monitor and evaluate the support being delivered in order to identify the range and impact of the pro bono work being done at both a local and national level. A number of clinics in the network use this data to support their fundraising efforts to cover the cost of running the clinic.

The latest reports on the work and impact of the clinics in the network can be found at:

<https://www.lawworks.org.uk/solicitors-and-volunteers/resources/knowledge-centre>

What we need from you

Joining the LawWorks Clinics Network is completely free but we do require clinics in the network to commit to:

- Keeping LawWorks updated with contact details and information about the services available at the clinic.
- Taking part in six-monthly data collection by providing statistics on the work of the clinic to feed into the wider picture of the pro bono activities being delivered nationally.

Find out more and register

For more information email:
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To register your clinic visit:
www.lawworks.org.uk/solicitors-and-volunteers/resources/register-your-clinic-lawworks