

Law Works

Info Exchange: The Business Case for Pro Bono

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Background

- Senior Lecturer in Law
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Pro Bono at University of Wolverhampton

- Legal Advice Centre, Wolverhampton
- Law Student Representation Project
- Wolverhampton Legal Companions



Benefits of Pro Bono

- Much needed community service - lack of provision for legal services in Wolverhampton area
- Enhances student skills
- Establishes and maintains links with industry
- Recruitment
- Staff development
- Enhances employability



Common obstacles in delivering Pro Bono services

- Sourcing volunteers
- Providing effective and timely advice
- Time constraints
- Funding



How to overcome problems encountered

- Communication
- Enthusiasm
- Information exchange
- Building communities of practice

**Thank you for
listening!**



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