

Pro bono projects London.

Benefits Form Filling Clinic

Students attend Hackney Community Law Centre and Hammersmith and Fulham Law Centre to help individuals complete certain benefits forms.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Professionalism, Emotional Intelligence, Problem Solving and Teamwork.

Course eligibility: all

BID Project

Bail for Immigration Detainees ('BID') is an award winning national charity which provides immigration detainees with free legal advice, engages in research, policy advocacy work, and strategic litigation. BID runs a bi-annual survey of legal representation across immigration detention centres and prisons. Student volunteers administer the survey.

Course eligibility: all

BPP Legal Advice Clinic (BLAC)

BLAC, which holds the Advice Quality Standard, gives students the opportunity to gain practical legal experience in interviewing and advising clients (under supervision), giving free legal advice to the community in either enterprise (commercial), housing or family law. BLAC also provides advice to unrepresented litigants at the Residential Property Tribunal. There are also opportunities to attend hearings, act as a McKenzie Friend or provide representation. This project provides an experience as close to legal practice as possible and enables you to develop a range of legal skills, working under the supervision of lawyers.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Professionalism and Self-Development.

Course eligibility: all

Employment Law Telephone Advice Line (ELTAL)

Students interview clients over the telephone to obtain case background information. This information is then sent to volunteer solicitors who provide free legal advice to the client over the phone. Depending on availability, students may get the opportunity to attend the Employment Tribunal to observe and take notes for a litigant in person.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Professionalism, Emotional Intelligence and Problem Solving.

Course eligibility: all

Housing Drop-In

In partnership with Law Centres, we run a triage service where people with housing problems attend on a drop-in basis. Students interview people in pairs to determine whether their case qualifies for Legal Aid. Those that don't qualify are signposted to other services.

Course eligibility: all

Human Rights Unit (HRU)

HRU is a student-led project which organises talks from external speakers and fundraising projects for various causes.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication and Project Management.

Course eligibility: all

Immigration Tribunal Friends (ITF)

Students attend asylum and immigration appeals with litigants in person at the Immigration Tribunal. Students provide support by taking notes of the hearing and providing both administrative and moral support. Students will gain invaluable first hand experience of an immigration tribunal.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Professionalism and Emotional Intelligence.

Course eligibility: all

Law Firm Shadowing Project

Students attend evening clinics at Law Centres/CABs with qualified solicitors from different partner law firms. The clinics (which cover a range of legal issues) are aimed at improving access to justice for the local community. Students observe the volunteer solicitors giving legal advice to clients, and take notes of the meeting. Depending on the projects, students may also be asked to undertake research or draft an initial letter of advice.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Professionalism and Emotional Intelligence.

Course eligibility: all

LEASE Case Summaries

This is a joint-working project with the Leasehold Advisory Service, LEASE, where students summarise cases from the Residential Property Tribunal which are then made available to the public on the LEASE website.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Professionalism and Self-Development.

Course eligibility: all

Legal Translation Service (LTS)

The LTS aims to provide legal advice centres and not-for-profit organisations with free interpretation and translation, both in writing and in person, by involving students with native or fluent foreign language abilities. Students develop good listening and client skills and are exposed to varied real-life legal issues.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Problem Solving and Emotional Intelligence.

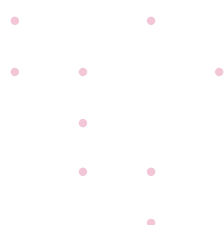
Course eligibility: all

Research Project

This involves students working in groups to research areas of law relevant to the pro bono sector including all areas of social welfare law and environmental law. Students will research and write articles to be published on BPP University Law School Pro Bono Centre social media network. Their work will be supervised by a qualified lawyer and may be used as the basis of future Streetlaw presentations.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Self-Development, Problem Solving and Teamwork.

Course eligibility: all



Streetlaw

Streetlaw promotes understanding about legal rights and responsibilities, for individuals who would not otherwise have access to legal knowledge or education. Streetlaw projects benefit both the wider community and law students.

Law students research and deliver interactive presentations on the law to a range of community groups including school children, youth groups, young entrepreneurs, prisoners, ex-offenders, homeless shelters and charities.

Relevant Career Skills: Professionalism, Emotional Intelligence, Analytical and Technological.

Course eligibility: all

Streetlaw - Mock Trials

Students visit local schools and run mock trial workshops, giving young people an introduction to the criminal justice system and the court process.

Course eligibility: Usually BPTC and LPC

Stepping Stones

Students assist caseworkers in South West London Law Centre and Zaccheus 2000 Trust (Z2K) in providing vulnerable debtors with free and confidential support, advice and information.

Course eligibility: all

Human Rights Blog

Students submit articles and blog posts on a Human Rights topic of their choosing which is then edited by student-editors and published on the blog. Students develop their communication, emotional intelligence and self-development skills.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Emotional Intelligence and Self Development.

Course eligibility: all

Dalston Pop-Up Clinic

Students work with Hackney Community Law Centre and our partner law firms to provide debt and consumer law advice to local residents. Students interview clients on the telephone to obtain background information on their legal query. Students then shadow volunteer lawyers at clinic appointments where initial legal advice is given to clients.

Relevant Career Skills: Communication, Professionalism, Emotional Intelligence and Problem Solving.

Course eligibility: all



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