

Streetlaw: Schools and Youth Groups (primary)

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Why would Streetlaw benefit my school/youth group?

1. Streetlaw is a free legal education project which **empowers individuals by making them aware of their rights and responsibilities as citizens in a democratic society**. It improves access to justice by:

- (a) demystifying complex areas of law which directly affect members of the public; and
- (b) challenging negative perceptions of the law and encouraging discussion about wider legal issues.

through the **delivery of fun and interactive legal presentations to individuals and groups** that might not otherwise have access to legal information.



2. We **work with a range of people**, including schoolchildren (Streetlaw Schools and Youth Groups), prisoners and ex-offenders (Streetlaw Prisons), and people affected by homelessness (Streetlaw Homeless).
3. **Streetlaw presentations are free, informative and interactive**. We encourage critical thinking and active participation from our audience members through activities such as role plays, group discussion and quizzes. The format allows for audience members to develop and offer their own opinions in a respectful and controlled environment.
4. Streetlaw lessons support your school in **promoting SMSC and British Values** as part of the national curriculum and Ofsted requirements.
5. The Streetlaw programme has a precedent bank of over 60 presentations; each can be **tailored to the particular audience's needs**. New presentations are continually developed in response to topical issues (e.g. the EU referendum) and client requests for bespoke sessions will be considered.

Why are BPP students best placed to deliver Streetlaw?

1. BPP University Law School's Pro Bono Centre ("BPP") **recognises the injustice inherent in our society's unmet legal needs**. We strive to enhance access to justice by facilitating the provision of pro bono legal services in our local communities. This includes our Streetlaw project, which is free to members of the public.
2. Streetlaw is **delivered by trained BPP law students** who are in their final stages of academic and vocational training prior to entry into the legal profession. The **Streetlaw materials are overseen by tutors who are qualified lawyers** internal to BPP. Staff members responsible for Streetlaw have taken part in the **UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador Programme** to help develop schoolchildren's understanding of democracy.
3. Streetlaw Schools and Youth Groups focuses on primary and secondary school aged children (aged 8 – 17 years) in disadvantaged communities. In the 2015/6 academic year we delivered **over 100 presentations to schools/youth groups, to over 2000 audience members in more than 30 venues across the UK**.



4. BPP's Streetlaw project is an **award winning programme, recognised on a national level** at the annual LawWorks and Attorney General Student Awards for its positive impact in local communities. In 2017 students in Leeds were **Runners Up in the category of Best Team of Students** for their work delivering mock trials to local schools. In 2018 a London based BPP Streetlaw volunteer was shortlisted for **Best Contribution by an Individual Student**.

5. BPP is the first education provider to be **awarded the Citizenship Foundation's 'Smart Law' Quality Mark** (an accredited system for public legal education resources) for its Goldilocks trial resource.

"I have nothing but wonderful feedback to give your students, what a fabulous and talented group of young people they are. The materials were perfect, the children learnt new facts, consolidated facts they had learnt in previous weeks and expanded their knowledge in so many areas."

Ms Gillespie, Year 6 teacher, Adel Primary School

How does Streetlaw work?

- The Streetlaw Schools and Youth Groups project is run by Student Directors (all law students at BPP). Their work is overseen by a member of staff at the BPP site local to you.
- To **book a single or series of presentations contact the member of staff relevant to your locality** (details below). You can then discuss and agree details of your preferred venue, time and topic, and any other needs particular to the intended audience.
- The Student Directors organise a small **group of student volunteers to attend your venue to deliver the presentation(s) (usually 45 – 90 minutes long to fit into your timetable)**. The students are trained prior to delivery of the presentation.
- All we require from you is that a **member of your staff is present in the room** with our volunteers during the presentation. Use of projector facilities at the venue is desirable but not necessary.

What Streetlaw sessions are available?

The list below covers some of the most popular topics we deliver to primary schools at Key Stage 2 (**Years 5 and 6**). We are happy to discuss new requests/particular audience needs.

Criminal law	Constitutional law/civic engagement	Other
Crime and Punishment	How Laws Are Made	Human rights
The Goldilocks criminal trial (1.5 hrs)	Suffragettes/Women's Right to Vote (1.5 hrs)	Mediation
	Introduction to Law	Rights and Responsibilities
	Start Your Own Campaign (2 x 2hr workshops or full day visit)	

A quick word about the remit of the Streetlaw service

Streetlaw presentations are aimed at empowering individuals with knowledge and information about their rights. Knowledge is an extremely powerful tool. The student volunteers are not allowed (and do not have the professional expertise) to give any specific legal advice to audience members about their personal circumstances. Audience members can, however, be signposted by Streetlaw presenters to alternative sources of help.

I want to book a Streetlaw presentation!

Please contact the BPP member of staff in your area to discuss your particular requirements:

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