

Streetlaw: Prisons

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Why would Streetlaw benefit my community 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 issuesthrough the **delivery of fun and interactive legal workshops to individuals and groups** that might not otherwise have access to legal information.
2. We **work with a range of people**, including schoolchildren, prisoners, and people affected by homelessness. We are happy to work with new community groups.
3. **Streetlaw workshops 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. The Streetlaw programme has a precedent bank of over 60 workshops: each can be **tailored to the particular audience's needs**. New workshops are continually developed in response to topical issues (e.g. changes to Joint Enterprise laws) 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 that are qualified lawyers** internal to BPP.
3. Streetlaw Prisons focuses on the provision of practical information to prisoners (and ex-offenders) to equip them with the skills and knowledge that will facilitate their reintegration into society upon their release. Since the project's inception in 2004 we have **delivered over 100 workshops to prisoners and ex-offenders across the UK including those based at Feltham Young Offenders Institute** in London, and those participating in the Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Programme in Manchester.



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 2013 the Streetlaw Prison project was **Runner Up in the category of Best Contribution by an Individual Student** (Alexandra Queffurus).

5. Feedback received from the sessions delivered has been overwhelmingly positive, with **attendees reporting increased knowledge of their rights, as well as confidence in seeking further professional advice about their personal situations.**

*Just to say a huge thank you for giving up your morning today to contribute to our session at HMP/YOI Isis. It was a really successful workshop and you all imparted extremely useful insights to the young men. Thank you for your support!
Vida, Key4Life*

How does Streetlaw work?

- The Streetlaw 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 workshops 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 workshop(s) (usually 45 – 60 minutes long to fit into your timetable)**. The students are trained prior to delivery of the workshop.
- All we require from you is that a **member of your staff is present in the room** with our volunteers during the course of the workshop. Use of projector facilities at the venue is desirable but not necessary.

What Streetlaw sessions are available?

The list below covers some of our most oft requested topics by various community groups. We are happy to discuss new requests/particular audience needs.

Common landlord/tenant disputes	Employment law – disclosure of convictions	Having contact with your children	Secondary Liability/Joint Enterprise
Crossing the line – when sport becomes a crime	Employment law – Rights for working mothers/parents	Knife crime	Sexting and Revenge Porn
Drugs	FGM	Murder and Manslaughter	Sexual Consent
Earning money on the streets	Guns and gun culture	Police Powers of Stop and Search	Release, Licences and Recall

A quick word about the remit of the Streetlaw service

Streetlaw workshops 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 workshop!

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

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