BPP University Social Impact team's Streetlaw and Law Experience Day projects: free legal education for young people

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 legal rights and responsibilities as citizens in a democratic society. It also aims to raise young people's aspirations to consider a career in law.
- 2. Our **fun and interactive** workshops help demystify complex areas of law relevant to people's lives, through activities such as role plays, group discussion and quizzes.

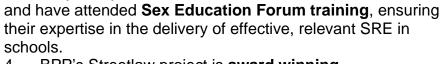


3. Streetlaw's secondary school / 6th form college / youth group branch is designed to complement Citizenship and PHSE teaching (including relationship and sex education) and support your school in promoting SMSC and British Values as part of national curriculum and Ofsted requirements. It also helps schools meet the Gatsby Benchmarks in relation to providing meaningful careers guidance (particularly benchmarks 2, 5 and 7).

Why are BPP students best placed to deliver Streetlaw?

- 1. Workshops are delivered by trained postgraduate law students in the final stage of academic and vocational training prior to entry into the legal profession.
- 2. BPP student volunteers are **committed to the "pro bono" ethos** to use their legal skills to enhance access to justice for their local communities.
- 3. The Streetlaw project is **overseen by staff members** who are qualified lawyers. Staff members responsible for Streetlaw have obtained "Gold" status as UK Parliament Teacher Ambassadors, demonstrating the project's ability to develop schoolchildren's understanding of democracy. They are also members of the PHSE Association







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How does Streetlaw work?

- Streetlaw workshops are available for delivery by a group of trained student volunteers either:
 - (i) in person at your venue; or
 - (ii) **online** with either:
 - (a) individual access to devices (e.g. computer; smartphone); or
 - (b) group access to a shared device (utilising a venue staff member as facilitator).



- All we require from you is that a member of your staff is present during the workshop.
- Face to face delivery is only available in locations commutable from city centres where BPP University Law Schools are based: Birmingham;
 Manchester; Leeds; London (Holborn & Waterloo)
- Online workshops for all other clients are delivered via Microsoft
 Teams meetings. There is no requirement to download specific software onto your device to participate.
- To facilitate requests (provided clients have access to technology) we may also recommend online provision for locally based clients due to e.g. volume or timing of workshops requested.
- You can view a demo of how our online sessions work here: https://bit.ly/3SWTQjE

What Streetlaw workshops are available?

A synopsis of any topic is available upon request.

Consumer Rights 2015: buying goods and services	Female Genital Mutilation	Routes into the Legal Profession talk
Criminal murder trial taster (examining the evidence) (1.5 hours)) [KS4 & 5]	Forced Marriage	Secondary Liability (aka Joint Enterprise)
Crossing the line – when behaviour in sport become a crime	How a Law is Made in the UK	Sexting and Revenge Porn*
Criminal justice system intro (roles in court and questioning witnesses)	Human Rights	Social Media Use and its impact on your employment
Drafting skills for future lawyers: no children in the streets!	Knife Crime	Start Your Own Campaign (full day)* [KS3]
Employment law: my basic rights	Murder	Stop and Search
Employment law: what would you change?	Legal Right to Protest	Your online behaviour and the law (criminal and civil offences re: social media/internet use)

^{*}indicates only available for in-person delivery due to nature of topic, format or length





A quick word about the remit of the Streetlaw service

Streetlaw workshops aim to empower individuals with general knowledge about their rights. Knowledge is a powerful tool. Student volunteers are not permitted (and do not have the professional qualifications yet) to give specific legal advice to audience members about their personal circumstances. They *are* able to signpost audience members to potential sources of help.

Ready to book a workshop, or have more questions?

Please contact us at <u>streetlawteam@bpp.com</u> to discuss your requirements in more detail (e.g. your preferred delivery mode, time, topic and any audience needs).

"We have been very grateful for the support of Streetlaw this year with our GCSE Citizenship classes. Many of our pupils aspire to study and work in law and the opportunity for them to meet, first hand, people with similar aspirations is invaluable. They were able to see that there are many paths that lead to careers in law and that people from a variety of backgrounds and interests can be involved and successful."

Ms Tasker, Head of Citizenship, Abraham Moss School



What is a Law Experience Day?

- 1. The Law Experience Day runs over the course of one day. The event lasts approximately 4 hours (including breaks). The proposed timing is 10am 2pm (although there is flexibility for you to suggest a different start/end time).
- 2. The participants take part in a series of activities aimed at increasing the audience's knowledge of how to access a career in law and building skills relevant to the legal field. The event is designed to help the participants make more informed choices about whether they would like to study or pursue a career in law.
- 3. The programme is aimed at students in Year 12 13 who are starting to make decisions about their future studies / careers.

What are the Activities in the Law Experience Day?

- Routes into Practice Talk: the different routes into the legal profession will be explained to the participants. Presenters will answer questions about their career journey.
- 2. Murder "Whodunnit": in small teams, participants will act as the jury in a murder trial. They will get the chance to review e vidence and reach a verdict. Participants will use critical thinking, analysis and attention to detail skills to reach a verdict in the case.



- 3. **Networking Session**: law firm volunteers give participants a talk about networking, including what networking is, the benefits of networking and the basics of how to network. The participants will take part in a Speed Networking activity with the law firm volunteers where they can practice their networking skills.
- Question Time: participants will be given the opportunity to ask questions and a handout summarizing the information from the event will be shared.



How is the Law Experience Day is Organised?

- 1. Workshop facilitators: the event will be run by BPP staff in the Social Impact team (all of whom have experience in law as students and/or practitioners). Where possible we will also secure current law students, law apprentices and/or law firm volunteers to support elements of the day, to provide the participants with exposure to people at different stages of their legal career journey.
- 2. Location: The Law Experience Day takes place at the participant's school eliminating the need to organise travel off site to different locations and the corresponding risk assessments. If there are any safeguards required by the school for entry of the speakers/facilitators, these will be adhered to.
- 3. Eligible Participants: the event is aimed at Year 12 and 13 students, and we recommend a maximum of 20 students in attendance per event. As places are limited it is important for participants to have a potential interest in the law and an aspiration to enter the legal field. The school will be responsible for selecting the participants (although we can share guidance on selection if needed).

Ready to book a BPP Law Experience Day, or have more questions?

Please contact us at: streetlawteam@bpp.com

"The experience provided today was very positive, I have learnt information that I might have not been sure about which improved my knowledge about law and further added to my interests. This was a useful experience that helped me get closer to a decision on what I would like to do in the future"

Participant, BPP Law Experience Day

Apprenticeship Influencer talks

BPP also run an Apprenticeship Influencer scheme which involves apprentices from various industries (e.g. law; technology; marketing) volunteering their time to share their personal journeys with young people, to guide and motivate them about the benefits of apprenticeships. All of our volunteer apprentices are currently completing the study element of their apprenticeships at BPP.

If you would like an Apprenticeship Influencer from BPP to attend a careers day or deliver a talk at your school to inform your students about apprenticeships as a viable career path, please contact: socialimpact@bpp.com

