Welcome to the Legal Advice Clinic’s Annual Newsletter.

It is hard to believe another academic year has come to an end and we are busy preparing for the next....

It really is amazing to look back at what has been achieved this year by all who have taken part in the Legal Advice Clinic.

We wanted to share with you just a few highlights of the fantastic year we have had.

Pro Bono: Why is it important? - Nov 15

We kicked the year off with a debate to celebrate the 14th Annual National Pro Bono Week to discuss the importance of pro bono work in the legal profession. Guest speakers included Professor Stuart Toddington, Sarah Young from Ridley & Hall, Maureen Cawthorne and Shelley McLachlan from Wilkinson Woodward and Nick Whittingham from Kirklees Citizens Advice and Law Centre.

Visit to Copenhagen Nov 15

Phil and Stuart were invited to the University of Copenhagen to meet with Professor Henrik Olsen, Associate Dean for the Research Faculty of Law, to assist them in the groundwork for their own Legal Advice Clinic. They were very interested in our procedures and protocols and will be using them as a basis for their own clinic.

Phil was shortlisted in the category ‘Most Innovative Teacher of the Year’ at the Times Higher Education Awards, 2015.

Phil travelled down to London with two of our student advisors, Shaquille and Ghosia, and other members of staff from the University but was unfortunately pipped to the post. A great time was still had by all!!

Director of the LAC nominated for ‘Most Innovative Teacher Award Nov 15
We are now a registered SafePlace. The Safeplace scheme enables vulnerable members of our society to go out knowing there is help available if they need it. For example, if they get lost or lose their bus pass, they can come into the Legal Advice Clinic for assistance. Visit their website for further details https://mencapinkirklees.wordpress.com/learning-disability-services-kirklees/safe-places/

We were sad to see Marcus, one of our supervisors leave us in October. Marcus has relocated to London to start his new job. We are very grateful for all the hard work and contribution Marcus made to the legal advice clinic during his time with us.

On a more positive note, we were really pleased to welcome Carol Cook onto our team. Carol has brought with her fresh and innovative ideas and has made a very positive impact to the work of the clinic.

Student advisors and staff worked hard to bake and donate buns and biscuits to sell on our stall on the university campus.

Donations were used to make up a Christmas hamper. We raised a total of £282.65 on the day for the Yorkshire Legal Support Trust.

We were delighted to welcome Angela Patrick, Director of Human Rights Policy from Justice as keynote speaker to our Third Annual Social Justice Lecture. Angela provided us with a thought provoking and inspiring presentation on ‘Rights, Liberties and Values - Always check the label.’ In addition to this, we had an amazing presentation on the Legal Advice Clinic by two of our student advisors, Shaquille and Goshia followed by an open discussion regarding the government’s proposals to repeal the Human Rights Act with a panel including Caoilfhionn Gallagher, Professor Paul Ward and Gina Clayton.

We were pleased to welcome The FreeLaw Legal Clinic Team from the University of Sheffield to spend the afternoon with us. We had a very interesting afternoon exchanging information and ideas on how we run our clinics.

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Ravi Low-Beer from the Public Law Project attended the Legal Advice Clinic. We are currently working with the Public Law Project on ways that university law clinics can extend their public law provision.

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Our Director, Phil, was invited down to Brighton as a panel member for the Brighton Housing Trust and University of Sussex Roundtable Discussion on ‘Is Pro Bono the Best Way Forward?’ A lively and informative debate was had by all.

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We met with Mike McColgan from the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign and our students will be working with Henrietta Hill QC in the forthcoming academic year to help to categorise, summarise and index documents in preparation for (hopefully!) an independent inquiry into the events in 1984.

A team of staff, students and family members took part in the Yorkshire Legal Support Trusts Legal Walk.

The team walked 10km and raised a total of £170.25!!

Phil, our Director was nominated and WON an award at the Huddersfield Student Union’s Thank You Awards 2016 for ‘Enhancing the Student Experience.’ Phil was nominated by the student advisors from the LAC.

Well deserved!

Leeds Legal Walk June 16

Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign
May 2016

30 Students, 5 Academics, 1 Administrator

Feedback Score
4.8/5

An economic value of
£155,441.00

1,275 Hours provided

570 Clients Advised

21 Lawyers & 15 Law Firms

We are working with the Kirklees Action Alliance in creating a dementia Friendly society.
The students were absolutely brilliant and helped me very much. They get 100% from me and I would like to use them again. *October 2015*

The people in the Law Centre have been brilliant and have really listened to me. Everyone was really welcoming and didn’t judge me. *January 2016.*

I just want to say thank you for all your help and constant support, the Ombudsman have agreed to investigate my complaint, I have completed my 6 month rehabilitation order and my life is looking much better than it was 12 months ago. I will definitely keep in touch and keep you informed of my case. *October, 2015*

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**Thank you...**

**OATES HANSON SOLICITORS**

**Chadwick Lawrence Yorke’s Legal People**

**family fist ridley & hal**

**Switalskis Solicitors**

**Ramsdens Solicitors**

**heath & power solicitors LLP**

**WILLIAMS & CO SOLICITORS**

**eaton smith**

**jordans solicitors**

**Schofield Sweeney**

**citizens advice bureau**

**personal injury lawyers**

**wilkinson woodward Solicitors**

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**Huddersfield County Court**

To all our legal friends for your continued help and support provided throughout the year!!

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**Not forgetting...**

A Special Thank you to our Director - Phil Drake, Manager - Gemma Manning, Supervisors - Melanie Fellowes, Carol Cook, Stuart Toddington and Marcus Cleaver and our continuing Student Advisors!!!

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**Goodbye....**

We were both sad and proud to see a number of our student advisors graduate this year and leave for pastures new........ A huge congratulations on your achievements and thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the Legal Advice Clinic.

We hope you had a great summer!

Kind regards

The Legal Advice Clinic Team