

# Local Lawyers in Schools



'Why do we have laws?'

## Connecting lawyers with local schools

A unique opportunity developed by the Citizenship Foundation in partnership with the Law Society, designed specifically for small and medium-sized law firms



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'The lessons are great fun and present a unique and interactive way to communicate with young people who wouldn't normally have access to lawyers'

Esther Salter, Coordinator at Mayo Wynne Baxter LLP



'Why can't I vote until I'm 18?'

### What is Local Lawyers in Schools?

Local Lawyers in Schools places trainee and practising lawyers in the classroom to explore a range of legal issues to develop young people's awareness and understanding of the law.

The Citizenship Foundation has been connecting legal professionals and schools for over 20 years. Responding to popular demand, Local Lawyers in Schools has now been developed to specifically suit small and medium-sized legal organisations keen to make a difference to their local community.

### What is involved?

The programme fits around the lawyers' busy schedules. It's easy to sign up and you will be given all the information needed for every step of the process.

Over the course of a year, lawyers from your office will use specially created activities and resources to run **engaging, interactive sessions with groups of students at your local school** on a range of legal issues.

Before these sessions start, a trainer from the Citizenship Foundation will visit you to run sessions on **how to set up and run the scheme** in your office and **how to use the resources** with young people.

**Total Cost of Package:** £1,000 + VAT

Sign up

Training on how to run the scheme

Training for volunteers

Sessions at your local school

'The students were genuinely interested to learn about our work and were keen to engage in challenging discussions and share their perspective on the justice system. It was an immensely rewarding experience for all of us.'

Nicola Finnerty, Partner at Corker Binning

## Why should we get involved?

### Support your local community

Start here, or add to an existing partnership with a school to give something valuable back to your community.

### Develop skills

Facilitating sessions develops skills including listening, presentation, time management and leadership.

### Link it to your training and CPD programme

Time spent volunteering on the scheme can be counted as CPD points.

### Improve your profile and reputation

Promote your involvement in this innovative scheme in the local media.

### Provide a volunteering opportunity

Unlike other opportunities, this scheme makes use of the core skills and knowledge of your employees.

### Improve staff morale, retention and internal networking

Volunteering improves employee perceptions of their employer and offers opportunities for staff to network across departments and hierarchies.

### Recruit the best

Increasingly, candidates look at the initiatives prospective firms participate in. Set the standard in your area by being the first to join the scheme.

'The solicitors have done a fantastic job of engaging the students and have taught them an important part of the curriculum in an entertaining way. The class has obviously enjoyed the experience.'

Coordinating Teacher at Hove Park School

'The training session was informative, interactive and enjoyable. We are really looking forward to working with our local schools.'

Gillian Wilkinson, Coordinator at Ware & Kay LLP

## What is provided?

**Coordinator toolkit** - an easy-to-use guide covering everything you need to know to set up and run the scheme.

**Coordinator training** – a one hour session held at your office.

**Volunteer training** – a two hour session also held at your office.

**Six high quality educational units** – written by educational experts and designed to engage students.



'Can torture ever be justified?'

## How do I find out more?

For more information about the scheme, or to register your interest, contact David Raeburn or Ruth Cohen at the Citizenship Foundation or visit our website.

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*Citizenship Foundation*

The Citizenship Foundation is an independent education and participation charity that aims to encourage and enable individuals to engage in democratic society. Founded in 1989, our particular focus is on developing young people's citizenship skills, knowledge and understanding of the law, democracy and public life.

We do this by:

- championing civic participation;
- supporting teachers, schools and colleges with the delivery of citizenship education;
- working with young people in community-settings on issues that concern them.

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'The Local Lawyers in Schools Project is a great opportunity for our trainees to work together closely on a worthwhile project in the community whilst enabling us to build the firm's profile locally.'

Coordinator at participating firm



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