

# PRO BONO & LEGAL CAREERS FAIR

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# ABOUT THE FAIR

The Pro Bono and Legal Careers Fair is an annual event organised by the Pro Bono Network and the Careers and Employability team at Manchester Metropolitan University for the benefit of Manchester Law School students.

## WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

You are probably thinking about a career in law and, if so, the more knowledge and experience that you can build about the wide range of potential careers the better placed you will be to find something that truly suits you.

This might be as a solicitor or barrister, but the pro bono schemes may show you other possible routes. Indeed, even if a career in law is not for you, legal volunteering or work experience will never be time wasted as the skills you could acquire – researching, advocacy, interviewing, time management are truly transferable and will enhance the CV of any job candidate.

## WHY DO ORGANISATIONS ATTEND?

Law firms and other legal services companies that attend are scouting for talent and on the lookout for promising future applicants for training contracts, paralegal positions, vacation schemes and work experience opportunities. They want to know you are interested, and want to sell themselves to you, make you aware of the areas of legal practice they work in, and how and when they recruit.

They sometimes have live vacancies and may be looking for prospective candidates on the day, or if you make a particularly good impression, they may ask you to email your CV and covering letter so that

they can discuss potential roles or work experience should they arise in the future. Pro bono (legal volunteering) partners in attendance will be recruiting law students to work on real life legal projects through our Pro Bono Network to start now! They want to talk to you about the realities and commitment, and the rewards of volunteering on their projects.

## WHAT WILL THE FAIR BE LIKE?

The fair will take place in the North Atrium of the Business School with pro bono organisations, law firms, chambers and other legal businesses, each having an information stand with members of their staff in attendance.

To ensure you are prepared, a list of the attending organisations and some information about them will be published in the fair programme and shared on Moodle in advance.

There will also be some 'breakout sessions' from our Pro Bono Network partners where you can find out more detail from those who have done it, about the realities of volunteering on each scheme.

## WHAT SHOULD YOU DO TO GET READY FOR THE FAIR?

Read the **'Before the Fair'** information on the following pages.

# BEFORE THE FAIR

## TOP TIPS TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE FAIR

### EMMA GOODWIN – PRO BONO DIRECTOR



- Carefully **review the list of attending organisations and breakout sessions** and do your research in advance. It is easy; there is a brief synopsis of each organisation and their website on the list!
- **Research organisations that are recruiting for the type of jobs or pro bono work you are interested** in then you can ask very focused and specific questions.  
This impresses representatives because it shows a genuine interest in them.
- **Develop a strategy for getting the most out of your time** by planning which breakout sessions are most valuable to you and which employers and pro bono organisations you *must* see in the time you have.
- **Prepare a one-minute pitch** – an ‘elevator speech’ – that focuses on your unique features and your aims:
  - Extend your hand, say “hello” and state your name.
  - Welcome the representative to Manchester Metropolitan University.
  - Be ready to talk about your career interests as well as academic and extracurricular experiences to show your skills and strengths.

- **Obtain the fair brochure** with the details of where the exhibitors and the breakout session rooms are located.
- **Dress appropriately; first impressions are important**  
There is no dress code, but you will probably make more of an impression on a potential employer if you dress smartly.
- Remember that this is a networking opportunity, **carefully interview and network with exhibitors**, ask for business cards and follow-up with email thank-you notes shortly after you leave the fair. See the networking tips below.
- Be courteous! **Be prepared to answer questions about yourself and your course.**  
In addition to representing yourself. You also represent the Law School and the University.
- **Carry out a CV “audit”** – your CV (or similar information in an application form) is likely to be the first thing a prospective recruiter sees, so it is important that it works hard to show-off your experience, attributes and skills and that these are fresh in your mind.
- **Give feedback** on how well you felt the fair went by completing an evaluation.
- **Enjoy the experience** and your interaction with the employers.
- **Be enthusiastic;** let your positive attitude show!

## NETWORKING TIPS

### NICK TOUATI – FACULTY CAREERS & EMPLOYABILITY MANAGER



You will find a list of organisations that are attending the fair at the Exhibitor Information below.

Try to research the organisations that you wish to speak to in advance, so that you know something about the type of organisation that they are and the work that they do.

Plan out in advance who you will speak to on the day.

Remember to keep your questions relevant to the type of organisation that is attending, so don't ask a barristers' chambers about training contracts, for example, as they will offer pupillages, and don't ask law firms about pupillages as they offer training contract and/or paralegal positions.

- Networking is informal fact-finding, a conversation with a purpose
- It gives you the opportunity to find out more about the work of an employer, the job vacancies that they have and the work experience that they may provide
- It also gives you the chance to ask about the skills, attributes and personal qualities that they are

seeking in potential recruits to the law firm, chambers or organisation

- When speaking to an employer at a careers fair such as this, ask open questions and avoid closed questions. (Closed questions are questions to which the only possible answer is “Yes” or “No”.)
- Try to start the conversation with an “Elevator Pitch”, concisely summarising your strengths, skills and experience and showing off that you have researched the organisation in advance and why you are interested in them
- Maintain good eye contact and remember to be positive, enthusiastic and confident
- Shake hands when introducing yourself to the person that you are speaking to
- When the conversation ends, remember to thank the person for their time and if they have asked you to send a copy of your CV or otherwise contact them, do so promptly

## HERE ARE THE TYPES OF QUESTIONS THAT YOU CAN ASK:

- What are the skills, qualities or experience that stand out in applicants?
- What type of previous work experience do they seek?
- Do they have a formal vacation, mini-pupillage or work experience scheme, or can you send your CV & covering letter and ask for this?
- What impresses you on CVs & covering letters and what do you dislike?
- What really impresses you at interviews?
- What type of extra-curricular achievements do you like to see?
- Apart from training contracts, what other roles do you recruit into? Where and when are they advertised?
- Can paralegal work lead to training contracts?
- Do paralegals need to make an internal application for trainee solicitor positions?
- Can you enter paralegal work with an LLB or GDL? Or do you need the LPC or BPTC?
- What do you think Brexit means for your organisation and clients?
- What is the secret to keeping clients happy and client retention?
- What interesting developments have taken place in the organisation?
- Which areas of practice do you see developing and why?
- What do you see as the most significant case law or legal practice developments lately?

You can get more tips at Manchester Met's online careers guides, including guides to researching employers and networking (within the "Job searching, placements and work experience" section):

**[www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/guides](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/guides)**

You can also access the brand new MMYou digital careers centre for more careers help:

**[mmu.ac.uk/mmyou](http://mmu.ac.uk/mmyou)**

# AT THE FAIR

## BREAKOUT SESSION TIMETABLE

Speaker	Organisation	Title	Content	Time	Location
<b>Nick Touati</b>	Manchester Met Careers & Employability	How to Network Effectively and Make the Most of the Pro Bono and Legal Careers Fair*	Networking	11:30 – 12:00	G01 Manchester Law School
<b>Steve Topson</b>	Personal Support Unit	Pro Bono with the Personal Support Unit – “How you can support people in the Civil and Family Courts”	Pro Bono with Litigants in Person	13:00 – 13:15	G.33 Business School
<b>Muneeba Imran</b>	Slater & Gordon	Pro Bono with Slater & Gordon – “Researching legal issues on a Trade Union Client Advice Line”	Pro Bono Research on a Client Advice Line	13:30 – 13:45	G.33 Business School
<b>Rosalind Burgin</b>	Greater Manchester Law Centre	Pro Bono on the Legal Advocacy Support Project at the Greater Manchester Law Centre	Pro Bono on a Legal Advocacy Support Project	14:00 – 14:15	G.33 Business School

\* Please be aware that the first breakout session will take place before the main fair begins therefore, if you are planning to attend this session you need to make sure you arrive at 11:30am.

\* This first session takes place in Room G01, Manchester Law School.

All other breakout sessions will take place in the Business School, close to the location of the fair.



## BREAKOUT SESSION OVERVIEW

### **How to Network Effectively and Make the Most of the Pro Bono & Legal Careers Fair**

The Pro Bono & Legal Careers Fair will give you an invaluable opportunity to meet graduate recruiters, legal professionals and representatives from the pro bono schemes.

This workshop will give you expert advice & tips about how to network effectively and get the most out of the conversations that you will have. You will be taught about different networking styles and techniques and how to present yourself successfully, in addition to learning about the questions that you should ask in order to get the most value and information out of the event.

### **PRO BONO WITH THE PERSONAL SUPPORT UNIT –**

#### **“How you can support people in the Civil and Family Courts“**

Based in the Manchester Civil and Family Justice Centre the PSU provides a much needed service for litigants-in-person; giving free, independent assistance to people facing proceedings without legal representation in civil and family courts and tribunals. Volunteering for the PSU will be challenging, exciting and demanding and will give you the opportunity to be involved in family and civil casework.

The session will give first-hand insight into being a pro bono student volunteer and what it is like assisting people with real cases in the courts.

**“The PSU is a really great volunteering opportunity for students. Students get a lot of experience in court and with forms and procedure. In addition, the team are extremely supportive and knowledgeable.”**

BPTC student

### **PRO BONO WITH SLATER & GORDON –**

#### **“Researching legal issues on a Trade Union Client Advice Line“**

Slater and Gordon Lawyers provide a dedicated legal advice line where trade union members and their families can get legal assistance, 24hours a day, 7 days a week. Advisors help with any legal issue that clients may need assistance with including in the areas of employment, family, defamation and reputation management, personal injury, clinical negligence, wills and probate and welfare advice.

**“Volunteering at Slater & Gordon was time well spent because it gave me a realistic outlook on what is expected from law graduates. In the office, I was surprised to see just how many of the transferable skills I had built up at university were needed.”**

LLB student

**"I worked alongside legal advisors, researching for clients with queries and the knowledge I gained in the short period of time of working was amazing."**

GDL Student

**"I found the projects very interesting and it was nice to know that my work was being used to help real clients. I got some really good careers advice from my supervisor."**

LLB student

### **PRO BONO WITH THE LEGAL ADVOCACY SUPPORT PROJECT (LASP) AT THE GREATER MANCHESTER LAW CENTRE**

In partnership with the Greater Manchester Law Centre, the innovative Legal Advocacy Support Project gives Manchester Law School students a unique opportunity to represent their own clients at tribunal.

LASP focuses on clients with welfare benefits appeals cases. Students work with clients preparing cases, advising and supporting them, through to representing them at tribunal.

**"The support and assistance that I received from the team gave me reassurance and made me feel like a real person. Without them I would not have known where to turn or how to move forward with my tribunal. It is an absolutely amazing service."**

LASP client

**"Working at LASP was really helpful during the pupillage interview process. The Tribunals test your oral and written advocacy in a different way to the BPTC (the main difference being the pressure of having your client sat next to you!) and give you a taste of being in practice. In addition, working at LASP demonstrated that I care enough about access to justice to volunteer my time, which gave sincerity to my pupillage applications."**

BPTC student

**"It's fair to say that getting involved with LASP was the best thing I did during the BPTC. the work is hugely rewarding and GMLC is full of friendly and inspiring colleagues. I really enjoy being responsible for my own clients and preparing for Tribunals."**

BPTC Student

**"The experience I have had on the LASP project has been totally invaluable and I would highly recommend it to any student looking to go into legal practice."**

GDL student

## PRO BONO ORGANISATIONS

### **AMICUS – [www.amicus-alj.org](http://www.amicus-alj.org)**

Amicus is a small charity that helps provide representation for those facing the death penalty in the United States. We believe the death penalty is disproportionately imposed on the most vulnerable in society, violating their right to due process and equal justice before the law. Our aims are to provide better access to justice and to raise awareness of potential abuses of defendants' rights. We are not a campaigning organisation. We believe we can make the greatest difference through frontline work. Amicus runs various internships and Manchester Law School has an active Amicus student group running events and lectures throughout the year.

### **BUSINESS LAW CAFÉ – [www.mmu.ac.uk/probono](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/probono) or [contact probono@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:probono@mmu.ac.uk)**

The Business Law Café at Manchester Law School is a student-led commercial law clinic offering free legal assistance to entrepreneurs, start-ups, social enterprises and small businesses. Clients are interviewed by law students under the supervision of external lawyers from Addleshaw Goddard who generously offer their time and experience without charge, pro bono. The students and lawyers consider and research legal issues, culminating with the clients receiving written information.

### **CITIZENS ADVICE MANCHESTER – [www.citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk)**

Providing advice and campaigning for positive change in a wide-range of areas including welfare benefits, housing, debt and employment. Volunteers can act as Digital Advice Coaches or Events Volunteers for clients new to the service, digital coaches and as campaigns volunteers.

### **GREATER MANCHESTER LAW CENTRE (GMLC) – [www.gmlaw.org.uk](http://www.gmlaw.org.uk)**

GMLC provide free, face to face, professional legal advice and representation for residents across Greater Manchester. They offer the Legal Advocacy Support Project in partnership with the Pro Bono Network at Manchester Law School, and in addition, recruit volunteers into a friendly team working on the frontlines of their premises. This means being the first port of call for clients walking in the door or phoning in, so you will gain an insight into the functioning of our legal services and the day to day realities of those facing legal difficulties. Volunteers can also work on campaigning and fundraising activities to fight for free access to justice and the full reinstatement of Legal Aid.

### **NATIONAL JUSTICE MUSEUM – [www.nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk/education](http://www.nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk/education)**

National Justice Museum develops and delivers law and justice educational programmes to support and raise aspirations about the legal system along with the consequences of crime. This includes mock legal hearings at Manchester's Courts where volunteering students assist with proceedings.

### **PERSONAL SUPPORT UNIT (PSU) – [www.thepsu.org](http://www.thepsu.org)**

Based in the Manchester Civil and Family Justice Centre the PSU provides a much needed service for litigants-in-person; giving free, independent assistance to people facing proceedings without legal representation in civil and family courts and tribunals. Volunteering for the PSU will be challenging, exciting and demanding. They look for a commitment of 2 days a month which will give the opportunity to be involved in family and civil casework.

**SHELTER – [www.shelter.org.uk](http://www.shelter.org.uk)**

An advice and campaigning organisation dedicated to combatting homelessness and bad housing. More than one million people a year come to us for advice and support. We help people to find and keep a home in a place where they can thrive, and we tackle the root causes of bad housing by campaigning for new laws, policies and practice. Working alongside Shelter caseworkers and solicitors, student volunteers will be provided with the tools, experience and support to enable them to offer assistance to clients and support the important work of Shelter. housing by campaigning for new laws, policies and practice.

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**SLATER & GORDON LAWYERS – [www.slatergordon.co.uk](http://www.slatergordon.co.uk)**

One of the UK's largest law firms offers Manchester Law School Students the unique opportunity to support their free trade union advice line, assisting legal advisers in a demanding but rewarding legal research role. Students undertake legal research on real client files and see the outcomes of that research being fed back to the client.

**PROFESSIONAL & EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATIONS****MANCHESTER LAW SCHOOL – [www.mmu.ac.uk/law](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/law)**

Manchester Law School offers professional postgraduate qualifications along with the chance to have a mentor in legal practice throughout your studies. If you are thinking of qualifying as a solicitor (LPC) or barrister (BPTC) then find about what each course entails and possible sponsorship/fees reductions for existing Manchester Met students.

**MANCHESTER LAW SCHOOL PRO BONO NETWORK – [www.mmu.ac.uk/probono](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/probono) or [contact.probono@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:contact.probono@mmu.ac.uk)**

Pro Bono means 'for the public good'; it is more than just free legal work, it is your opportunity to apply your knowledge and professional skills to make a difference.

If you are thinking of getting involved in pro bono, come and see us to sign up to apply and be informed of the pro bono opportunities you can get involved in as a Manchester Law School student through our thriving Pro Bono Network.

**MANCHESTER MET CAREERS & EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE – [www.mmu.ac.uk/careers](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/careers)**

Come and see us at the fair, drop in at the Employability Hub (Business School – Monday-Friday 9-5), or call on 0161 247 3483 or email [careers@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:careers@mmu.ac.uk). You can also make appointments with Nick Touati, the Law School specialist careers & employability consultant via the Careers & Employability Service desk.

## EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

### **MANCHESTER LAW SCHOOL LAW SOCIETY –**

[www.mmu.ac.uk/law/study/school-life/student-law-society](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/law/study/school-life/student-law-society)

The Law Society aims to inspire and support members who aspire to work in the legal profession by providing students with opportunities to network and improve their academic abilities and knowledge of the law. They also offer students fun, enjoyment and the opportunity of making new friends and socialising with like-minded individuals.

### **BLACK SOLICITORS NETWORK – [www.blacksolicitorsnetwork.co.uk](http://www.blacksolicitorsnetwork.co.uk)**

The Black Solicitors' Network (BSN) was formed in 1995 to promote the interests of black solicitors, for support and sharing information, to participate in consultations, initiated by the Law Society and other Government bodies, in relation to matters which affect black solicitors. A not-for-profit company, the Black Solicitors' Network aims to be the primary voice of black solicitors in England and Wales. The BSN is committed to achieving equality of access, retention and promotion of black solicitors within the sector.

### **MANCHESTER TRAINEE SOLICITORS GROUP (MTSG) – [www.mtsg.org.uk](http://www.mtsg.org.uk)**

One of the largest and most active Trainee Solicitor groups in the country with over 500 members from firms of all types and sizes throughout Greater Manchester. MTSG provides a range of events from social evenings and sporting fixtures to various educational programmes and charity commitments. Membership is open to both paralegals and trainee solicitors.

### **VOLUNTEERING MMU – [www.theunionmmu.org/volunteering-opportunities](http://www.theunionmmu.org/volunteering-opportunities)**

We are the Volunteering Service at The Union. We work with fantastic local and national charities to find you incredible volunteering opportunities. We advertise a range of different roles with diverse organisations here on The Union's website, which you can apply for. Whatever your interests and skills, we can help you connect with your community and really make an impact as a volunteer.

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### **ADDLESHAW GODDARD – [www.addleshawgoddard.com](http://www.addleshawgoddard.com)**

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### **AMT LAWYERS – [www.amtlawyers.co.uk](http://www.amtlawyers.co.uk)**

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### **BCL LEGAL – [www.bcllegal.com](http://www.bcllegal.com) and [www.bclgraduates.com](http://www.bclgraduates.com)**

BCL Legal is the UK's leading legal recruitment consultancy because our consultants work in discipline-specific teams to really understand your experience and how you need to

move forward. Their knowledge helps fine tune your interview performance for specific employers and organisational cultures; it helps you to know what to expect and prepare accordingly. Over 90% of lawyers who move jobs are registered with BCL, so whether you're a graduate or newly qualified, BCL's national scale and local knowledge will quickly identify the roles that match your aspirations precisely.

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#### **F-LEX – [www.flex.legal](http://www.flex.legal)**

F-LEX is an online platform which connects law students with law firms and general counsel for flexible work which can fit around your studies and University holidays. This enables you to be paid while getting valuable legal experience for your CV. We are pleased to say that this has led to some strong candidates receiving full time offers of work or training contracts from the law firms they have been placed in.

## EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

### **GOVERNMENT LEGAL PROFESSION – [www.gov.uk/glp](http://www.gov.uk/glp)**

The work of government lawyers is interesting, varied, challenging and often headline news. Whether the government is creating new laws, helping to develop new policies, buying goods and services, employing people or defending its decisions in court, it needs significant levels of legal advice on a wide range of complex issues. As a legal trainee (Training Contract or Pupilage) within one of the recruiting departments, you will be given early responsibility. You will have your own casework and client base and will experience a broad and interesting range of work whilst being provided with high quality supervision, support and training.

### **HORWICH FARRELLY – [www.h-f.co.uk](http://www.h-f.co.uk)**

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### **LATITUDE LAW – [www.latitudelaw.com](http://www.latitudelaw.com)**

North-West based practice specialising in Immigration, Nationality & Public Law with offices in Manchester, Liverpool and London.

### **LPC LAW – [www.lpc-law.co.uk](http://www.lpc-law.co.uk)**

LPC Law offer Advocate positions to BPTC and LPC graduates throughout England and Wales to work with the country's most prestigious law firms and financial intuitions, doing the work similar to that of a pupil barrister or trainee solicitor. Be an advocate with LPC Law and earn great money as a freelance advocate for being in court, on your feet, developing the legal skills you have acquired during your professional studies.

### **MY HOME MOVE – [www.myhomemove.com](http://www.myhomemove.com)**

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Peninsula is the UK's most trusted SME advisor; providing 24/7 professional support for business across HR, employment law and health & safety.

### **QUEST LEGAL ADVOCATES – [www.questlegaladvocates.co.uk](http://www.questlegaladvocates.co.uk)**

Quest Legal Advocates are a national advocacy agency and we pride ourselves on the personable and professional service we provide. Our self-employed advocates attend hearings, such as infant approval hearings and small claims hearings, in County Courts across England and Wales. Following completion of our bespoke one to one training, our advocates prepare and attend hearings independently with ongoing and friendly support from the Quest office team.

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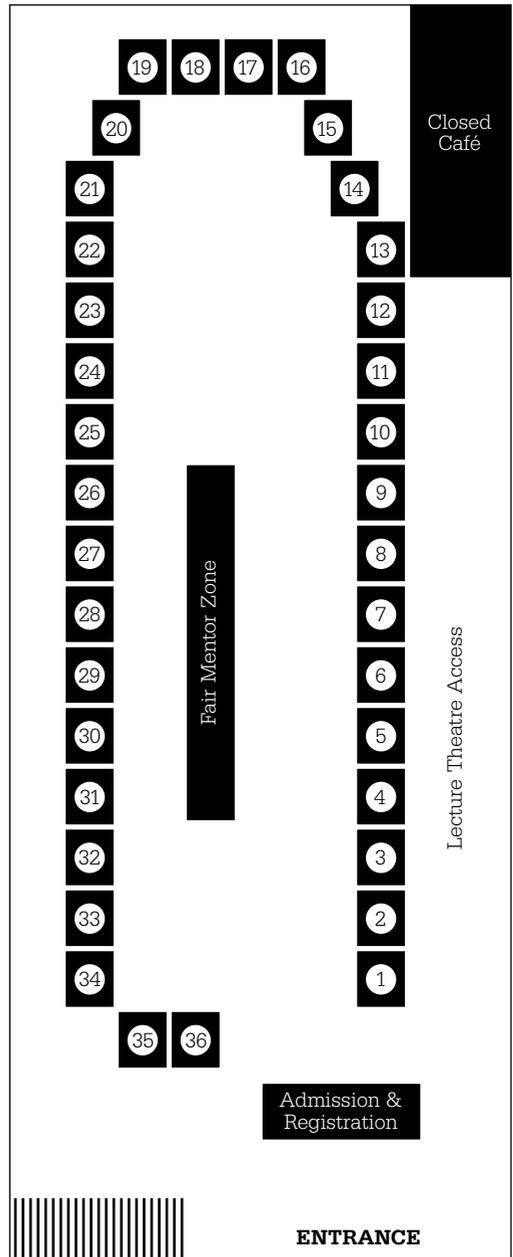
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# YOUR PRO BONO NETWORK

## MANCHESTER LAW SCHOOL'S PRO BONO NETWORK OFFERS AN ARRAY OF LEGAL PRO BONO VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS.

We have over 200 law students volunteer every year to help keep our projects sustainable and to ensure their positive impact on the community. Last year, Manchester Law School students provided over 12,000 hours of pro bono legal services.

Through pro bono volunteering, you can play a crucial role in a wide range of projects both locally and internationally, and these opportunities don't just give you hands-on practical skills, but can also support achievements towards your university qualifications and potentially awards to add to your CV.

We have recently launched a commercial law project within the University and a welfare rights project with our partners at the Greater Manchester Law Centre that has been shortlisted for the Attorney General Law Works Pro Bono Awards. We continue to work alongside, and with the collaboration of local partners on ideas to meet the needs of the community and our students, and there are new projects in development all the time.

We run pro bono projects for all levels, with commitments ranging from two hours to six months, so if you want to explore a particular area of law, develop

your skills, or have a desire to support a campaign, our network has a variety of programs to match your interests and skills.

If you get involved as a pro bono volunteer, you will make a real difference to a variety of people, whilst also having a positive impact on yourself both personally and professionally. To see how, take a look at the different projects in the online brochure [www.mmu.ac.uk/probono](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/probono)

We look forward to working with you.

### PRO BONO NETWORK TEAM

#### WHAT IS PRO BONO?

Pro bono means 'for the public good'. It is often used to describe professional work undertaken voluntarily and without payment.

It is more than just free legal work; it is an essential service that provides professional skills to those in need but who are often unable to afford or access them.

As a law student, you will use your knowledge and training to provide pro bono legal services to help members of the community whilst developing your skills and experience.

# WHY SHOULD YOU GET INVOLVED?

All employers value practical experience away from the library and classroom. Not only does it demonstrate your enthusiasm for work, it can also improve your employability.

Getting involved in pro bono provides an opportunity for you to apply your knowledge and skills to real legal situations, to gain valuable experience, and make a real difference.

The Pro Bono Network offers a range of options for involvement to match your skills, interests and availability. You could be working on a legal advice line; representing clients at tribunal; assisting start-up businesses; accompanying people in court; or even working on death row cases in America; all will hone a variety of different skills.

## **VOLUNTEERING IN THE PRO BONO NETWORK CAN HELP YOU;**

- Develop practical skills and experience in real situations
- Make a difference in someone's life
- Explore different areas of law in practice
- Work on a variety of projects to suit
- Gain experience to stand out from the crowd
- Build networks
- Prepare for a professional career
- Receive rewards and recognition
- Provide unforgettable rewarding experiences

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Our Pro Bono Network is very popular, requires commitment and there is competition for placements, so we will assess your application for suitability and motivation. For some projects, there is an additional application process to go through, we will provide further details to support these. You may not always get your first choice every time, but we will do our best to support you to apply for suitable and available projects at each stage.

Involvement in any project is by application to the Pro Bono Network Team at Manchester Law School.

The form is available on the website:

**[mmu.ac.uk/probono](http://mmu.ac.uk/probono)**

# THE COUNTDOWN STARTS RIGHT NOW

Dates to note and deadlines to remember

## Week of 24th September

Get the fair programme and research attending pro bono organisations and law firms

Prepare your 'elevator speech' and questions to ask exhibitors

## Wednesday 3rd October

### **11:30 – 12:00**

Attend Advance Networking Breakout Session

'How to Network Effectively and Make the Most of the Pro Bono & Legal Careers Fair'

### **12:00 to 15:00**

Visit the Pro Bono & Legal Careers Fair at any time between 12:00 and 15:00

### **13:00 – 13:15**

Attend Personal Support Unit Breakout Session

### **13:30 – 13:45**

Attend Slater & Gordon Breakout Session

### **14:00 – 14:15**

Attend Greater Manchester Law Centre Breakout Session

### **Before you leave**

Complete the short Fair Evaluation with our Student Ambassadors

## Week of 8th October

Check for pro bono project application deadlines for those you found of interest.

Follow up contacts with a thank-you email and e-mail a copy of your CV, if you have been requested to do so