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... giving you a quick update on all things Clinic!

Over 100 Clients Seen at IACs!!

The Law Clinic has given advice to over 100 clients at our Initial Advice Clinics (IACs) in the last 6 months. IACs run on the first Wednesday and third Monday of every month, and are staffed by Law Clinic advisers, and volunteer solicitors from across Glasgow. Clients can attend IACs without an appointment to get immediate advice on a wide range of legal problems and are sometimes referred on as clients to the Law Clinic, or to other local advice agencies.

Many of the volunteer solicitors are Law Clinic alumni and have been attending IACs for several years. However, the Clinic has been happy to welcome new volunteers this year, and is grateful to all the solicitors who give up their time and expertise to attend and offer advice.

Law Clinic alumnus and trainee solicitor at Hughes Dowdall, Jacky Wall, said: *“The University of Strathclyde Law Clinic IACs are an immensely rewarding activity to be involved in. They are a tremendous opportunity for both students and practitioners to provide a much needed free legal service to those in need.”*

Well done everyone and keep up the good work!

Look out for... The Benefits Project

The Benefits project is set to begin its pilot in April and will be recruiting members to join the project within the coming weeks. For members who are interested in joining the project, there will be four initial training sessions to get everyone up to speed with the project remit. The project will involve members working alongside the current support worker at Lodging House Mission, a Glasgow based charity which provides care and support for people who are homeless. The project will run a drop-in service every second Wednesday, between 12pm and 12:30pm; and members will be placed onto a rota system dependant on their availability.

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Miami Exchange

Four Law Clinic members and two supervisors had the fantastic opportunity to visit the University of Miami Health Rights Clinic in late January this year.

Look out for more information on this exchange in the 2016 Newsletter - with details on the invaluable work of the Miami Health Rights Clinic.



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The Online Advice Unit

The Online Advice Unit is currently expanding with the addition of external supervision for online cases. The pilot stage for this external supervision is underway. External supervision is currently being piloted by Andrew Ross. Andrew is an ex-Clinic member, currently working at Burges Salmon within their Construction & Engineering team. The role of external supervisors in the project will be to supervise the online cases in the same way as current Law Clinic supervisors Gillian Melville, Kate Laverty and Heather Kemmett. This external input will allow us to generate increased enquiry responses, therefore improving our overall efficiency. This ultimately allows us to achieve our goal to help more individuals with their legal enquiries.

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Get your game face on!

Clinic members have organised a Law Clinic 5 a-side football tournament to raise funds for the Law Clinic, and of course to promote some good healthy competition! For anyone interested here are the details:

- ⇒ When: Sunday 27th March - afternoon
- ⇒ Where: PowerLeague Pitches, Glasgow
- ⇒ Price: £10pp or £60 for a team
- ⇒ Who: Anyone, the more the merrier!

If you are interested please contact either delanie.clarke.2013@uni.strath.ac.uk or alexander.brock.2013@uni.strath.ac.uk by Friday 18th March.

Friends of the Law Clinic

We have recently established the Friends of the Law Clinic (FoLC) group as a forum for the Law Clinic to develop strong connections with our valued alumni. The aim of the FoLC is to encourage our alumni to stay connected with the Clinic through Clinic work and social events, and to help by fundraising.

If you are a Law Clinic alumni and would like to get more involved as a Friend of the Law Clinic, or would like more information please contact FoLC Convenor, Jacky Wall at JackyWall@hughesdowdall.com

... To kick things off we would like to extend a warm invite to all Friends to our Law Clinic 5 a-side tournament on 27th March

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Clinic Post Wall of Case Fame!



This month, one of the Law Clinic's longest-running cases has come to a very satisfying end. A client who came to us for help in 2010, and has had at least five student advisors working on her case over the years has finally had her case settled. We are delighted to say that this client was sent a cheque this month for £40,000, which she has now collected.

This win for a client is the second highest in the Law Clinic's 13 year history. It would not be going too far to say that many of us in the Clinic thought this case might never be resolved, and we are all thrilled at the outcome.

Whilst it is always gratifying to successfully help a client with their case, it is particularly satisfying in these circumstances when the client has had to wait so long for a resolution.

Clinic Statistics

1918 cases

276 members