



Annual Review

2022–2023

Our reach



1,282,327 sessions
by **1,007,452 users**
(an increase of 22% on last year)



1,952,173
pages views
(An increase of 12% on last year)



14%
are helping
someone else



37%
identified
as disabled



51%
of our users
are women



62%
of our users
are not working



48% have a household
income of below £1,540
per month after tax



25%
are BAME



26% said their
problem was caused
by or made worse
by Covid-19



3926
personalised mandatory reconsideration
letters or tribunal submissions produced



30,027
views of our
information films



256 individuals
sought advice from
16 family law
solicitors on our
Affordable advice panel



246 people from
130 organisations
participated in 9 workshops



1,025 beneficiaries
were reached indirectly each
month via education initiatives



60,822 views of our
information on housing
and homelessness



14,480 views of our educational videos
4,692 views were of our most popular video
How to deal with a Section 21 eviction notice

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Welcome from the Chair and CEO

Welcome from our Chair

2022/23 was a challenging year for all those we support and for the wider access to justice ecosystem. Need exploded. The cost-of-living crisis overwhelmed many including those whose lives had previously felt secure. Our Nuffield funded research provided stark evidence of hunger, lack of digital access and impenetrable bureaucracies repelling those seeking help. This research outlines the impact on the “have nots”, vitally supplementing other surveys which primarily reach the “haves”.

Everything we do is rooted in user involvement and their needs. The supportive and friendly tone of our guides reduces stress, boosts confidence and enables people to tackle the complex and difficult issues they face.

We know that law centres and advice centres, overwhelmed and forced to focus on the most needy, appreciate that they can refer those who are more capable to our resources, knowing they will get the help they need. At this time of continuing crisis, we are proud to be a vital part of the access to justice ecosystem, working with so many others in a shared endeavour.

After ten years as Chair of Law for Life, this is my last annual report. I have seen the organisation go from strength to strength and connect more deeply into the lives of those who need us. I am immensely proud of being part of that journey and thank all the team, the Chief Executive, Lisa Wintersteiger, and the trustees for their incredible work. We welcomed three new Trustees in 2023: Jennifer Dingley, Rohini Jana and Savita Narain, and said goodbye to Simon Davey. By the time this report is published we will have welcomed a new Chair.



Amanda Finlay, Chair

A message from our CEO

This year’s annual review demonstrates an ever-growing need for our services to help people secure access to justice, with courts and advice services experiencing unprecedented pressure. Our field work into emerging legal needs paints a picture of the hard shocks of the pandemic and cost of living crises preventing people from simply making ends meet. It reveals preventable abuses of power and system failures that allow people to fall through safety nets. We will continue to fight for all our service users’ rights to essential services, income protections and protections from unfair treatment. We will continue to harness the voices of the people who come to us and tell us about repeated failures of the systems that ought to protect them, and of the hostility and stigma that far too many people are frequently subject to. In the coming election year, we will argue the case with all political parties that much more can and should be done to ensure access to justice as a minimum determinant of a democratic society.



Lisa Wintersteiger, CEO

Who we are and why we are here

Law for Life strives for social justice by legally empowering individuals and communities. We believe everyone should be equipped with the knowledge, confidence and skills needed to deal with the law-related issues they are likely to encounter in the course of their lives.

Our aims are to:

- Deliver innovative public legal education and information that builds legal capability
- Enable others to use public legal education and information
- Understand and demonstrate the need for and value of PLE
- Strengthen organisational sustainability to drive our mission and values

Our services

- We specialise in targeted and tailored public legal education and information that is user centred, empowering and preventative
- We deliver award-winning access to justice assistance that brings together online and offline help



- We collaborate with communities and organisations to identify and achieve structural change
- We combine research and practice to achieve excellence in public legal education and information and we promote the importance of high quality public legal education and information to develop and share good practice

EMPOWERMENT
We believe that **SOCIAL JUSTICE** goes hand-in-hand with empowerment. People should have the knowledge and power to **TAKE ACTION** on the issues that are important to them.



INDEPENDENCE
We believe that as an **INDEPENDENT ORGANISATION** we can ensure that our work reflects the needs of our audiences.

COLLABORATION
We believe that **COLLABORATIVE** working and involvement of service users delivers the most effective results.



Making a Difference

Making a difference to our communities

Our community education programmes focus on building the skills and confidence needed to cope with legal issues. Last year, our programmes reached over 130 community groups including trusted intermediaries from local community organisations, women’s shelters, refugee organisations, food banks, tenants’ unions, and organisations supporting victims of domestic abuse.

In May and June 2023 we delivered in-person workshops and an online workshop as part of the [Nuffield legal needs and early intervention project](#) for frontline organisations in Coventry. These each focused on a different topic highlighted in the research as being the cause of frequent problems: benefits (with a supplemental webinar on PIP), disrepair in social housing and adult social care, and incorporated specific skills needed to deal with these legal issues. The workshops were well attended with positive feedback.

“I’d certainly feel more confident to advise someone. I would seek independent advice which I didn’t think would be necessary previously. Finally, I would stress the appeal process to stop someone disengaging if their application is rejected.”

Advicenow service user

Making a difference to private renters and the groups that support them

We started a two-year project for London-based community groups **supporting private renters through the cost of living crisis**. This project integrated on and offline help to assist vulnerable renters understand housing and homelessness law in the context of the pandemic and cost of living crisis. We worked with small/medium sized organisations supporting private renters across London who are disproportionately affected by the rising cost of living crisis – including single parents, survivors of domestic abuse, those from Black, Asian, and minority ethnic communities, young people, and disabled people. As part of this project we made three new housing training videos which, as well as being used in our training, are freely available for everyone on [our YouTube channel](#).

We also continued with our strategic events for organisations helping private renters in London, with particular focus on migrants, refugees and women. We delivered two strategic events which brought together legal experts, campaigners, and other specialists with members of our community groups to share understanding on systemic issues, routes to advice and ways to create systemic change. The first focused on the impact of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 on homelessness applications (in partnership with the Public Interest Law Centre) and the second focused on right to rent laws (in partnership with the Refugee Council).



87.5%

of participants found information in the right to rent event interesting and relevant to their work.

“It is a very informative, well prepared session and great facilitator.”

“So great! Thank you for making the content so accessible and not just quote masses of pages of the act!”

“Catered well for a very wide range of knowledge on the subject area.”

We also created a new film to meet the information needs of Arabic speakers who don't speak English and have problems starting a tenancy and understanding the right to rent checks. This film is accompanied by our information guide [Starting a tenancy and right to rent checks](#) which can be accessed in several languages.



100%

of participants found the information from this first event relevant and useful to their work.



94.1%

of our participants stated that they felt more confident in supporting survivors of domestic abuse to navigate homelessness applications.



Making a difference to Roma families dealing with child protection issues

We continued our work to improve access to justice for Roma parents dealing with child protection issues. We created a new guide to support Roma families to better understand what to expect when working with social workers, how to deal with common issues that can arise, and when to seek legal advice about poor standards and potential discrimination.

We also created and published a new short film made with Roma community members that captured the experience some Roma parents had when interacting with Children's Services in their own words. This film, created in partnership with the Roma Support Group and narrated in Romanes, aims to help other Roma parents to better deal with the child protection process.

In December 2022, we started our new research project, Improving experiences of Roma families with Children's Services, in collaboration with Roma NGOs, Anglia Ruskin University and Lancaster University – Centre for Child and Family Justice Research. Our main aim was to identify challenges and barriers that Roma families face when interacting with Children's Services and identify good practice models and possible solutions to improve experiences of Roma families working with Children's Services. A secondary aim was to identify and formulate policy recommendations to take forward with support from relevant policy

makers and APPG members in subsequent phases of the project.

The research is comprised of several elements, including:

- A UK based literature review about experiences of Roma with Children's Services in England in the last 10 years.
- Analysis of the care proceedings cases that involve Roma families, available through LEXIS portal.
- Analysis of serious case reviews involving Roma families.
- An overview of the current relevant policy landscape, including the independent review of children's social care (2022), community cohesion framework, rising (child) poverty in England and the impact of Brexit on Roma families.
- Consultation with social work professionals and legal professionals who have worked with Roma families in England
- Focus group meetings with Roma community members consisting of people who have been in contact with Children's Services, supported others through the child protection process or advocated on their behalf.

This research is due to be published in 2024.

Making a difference to people living in temporary accommodation

In November 2022, we started a two-year project for London-based community groups supporting people with housing issues and temporary accommodation, also kindly funded by Trust for London. This project aimed to address some of the main issues and barriers that people face along the legal journey from homelessness to temporary accommodation to (hopefully) secure housing. As well as providing community training to support groups working with diverse communities in

London to deal with these issues. We produced:

- a short guide explaining [emergency and temporary accommodation rights](#) and
- a short [video on living in temporary accommodation](#), and
- gathered together the [best information available elsewhere](#).

These are available to users across England and Wales.

Making a difference to people who cannot access a family solicitor

Our Affordable Advice service, which enables low-income families dealing with child arrangements or finances on divorce to access low-cost, fixed-fee expert legal advice, continued to be popular. This service supplements our popular self-help guides for those facing separation or divorce, which help users to come to agreements outside of court if that is possible, and help people step-by-step through the court process, where it is not. 256 people requested appointments with one of the 16 family law solicitors on our panel, who otherwise would not have been able to access a solicitor.

“The site has been God sent in this my most vulnerable period of need/total confusion and isolation. Definitely would NOT have made it this far without your support.”

Advicenow service user

“Fantastic resources for separating and divorcing couples – THANK YOU!”

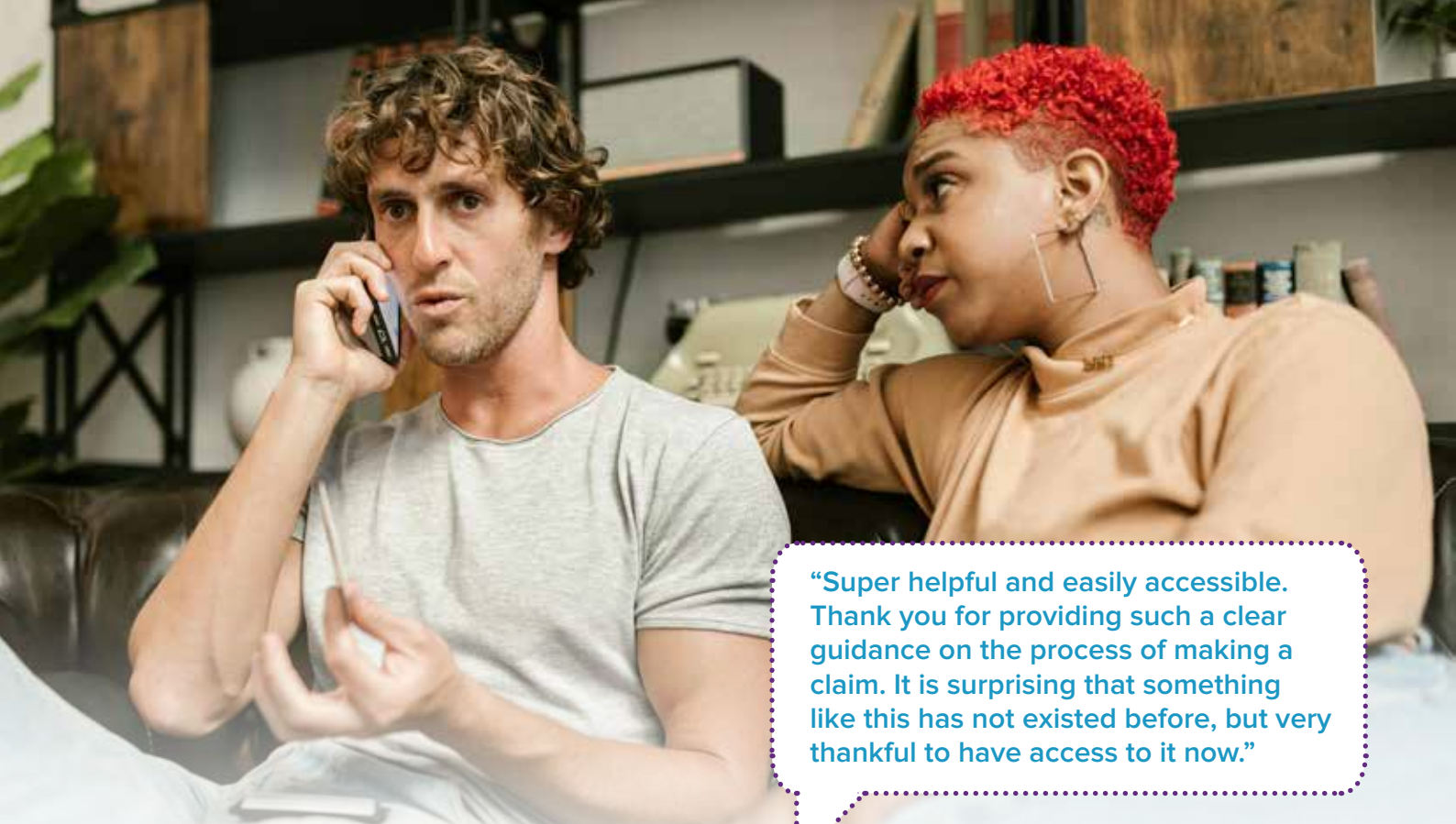
Advicenow service user

“I have used it both personally but mainly professionally. It is a fabulous resource and we nearly always recommend clients review it. We even include a link from our website.”

Advicenow service user

“The video about attending court and representing yourself was very helpful and informative. I wish I’d found your site sooner as it would’ve relieved a lot of stress. Thank you for this resource.”

Advicenow service user



Making a difference to Litigants in Person with civil claims

Our comprehensive series of guides for people taking or responding to a civil claim began to get more traction, attracting 78,792 pageviews and some excellent five-star reviews. The series provides more in-depth help than is available anywhere else for those involved in a small claim or fast-track case in the county court about unpaid debt, a broken contract, or personal injury.

We also produced a guide to the new rules for people making a small claim about injuries caused in a car accident that wasn't their fault and joined the Official Injury Claim Engagement Group to use our expertise to try to ensure the new pre-action protocol service met the needs of Litigants in Person.

We supported people involved in a civil dispute to consider civil mediation – before or during court proceedings – through a new helpful guide to civil mediation funded by the Ministry of Justice. The guide explains how civil mediation works, and whether it might help to solve a legal problem more quickly, cheaply, and easily than going to court.

“Super helpful and easily accessible. Thank you for providing such a clear guidance on the process of making a claim. It is surprising that something like this has not existed before, but very thankful to have access to it now.”

Advicenow service user

“Thanks for being there. It's difficult having always been on the right side of the law to suddenly find you are being sued. It would be easy to give in and accept injustice just to get it sorted but I don't think that is right or fair so you have helped and advised me and I appreciate that as being on my own I have no one to turn to.”

Advicenow service user

“Impressed with the detail! I am just starting a small claims case and this information has been very useful, the step by step instructions and the details given. A great help, thank you :-)”

Advicenow service user

“Clear, concise and careful advice. Everyone thinking about instructing a solicitor or going DIY into court should read these guides first!”

Advicenow service user

Making a difference for disability benefit claimants

In September 2022 we launched the new [Work Capability Assessment Tribunal Submission Tool](#), created in partnership with University House Legal Advice Centre. This new tool is aimed at advisers and volunteers as well as claimants and their families. It enables users to write a professional level submission for the tribunal so that they don't have to remember to say everything on the day – this is particularly helpful as ever-increasing numbers of claimants are unable to find representation to come with them to the tribunal hearing. This project was funded by the Solicitors Regulation Authority.

Our self-help guides to challenging unfair disability benefit decisions continued to be very popular – receiving 133,829 pageviews in total.

Our disability benefits mandatory reconsideration legal support tools produced 3,926 personalised letters to challenge DWP decisions and were viewed 77,333 times.

Moreover, 47% of 64 respondents to a survey said that they would have asked for a reconsideration but wouldn't have put their case so well without our tool, while 36% told us that they might not have asked for a reconsideration at all.

“I was lost until I found your website – it has given me some strength and clarity and confidence in the worst days of my life to date.”

Advicenow service user

“I used your guide and it was a great help. I did the mandatory reconsideration letter which they said no to. So, I appealed, had a call from them to say I can now have both the daily living and mobility at the standard rate and all backdated. I can't thank you enough for producing this guide and making it so user friendly.”

Advicenow service user



Making a difference to those with employment problems

Following the conclusions of an employment feasibility project, we created a new section of the site to help with common employment problems. This new section is primarily aimed at meeting the needs of migrant and young workers, who are particularly at risk of exploitation. It currently consists of 13 short guides about basic employment rights that support early intervention, and the ability to engage effectively with processes at an early stage (making effective informal complaints and using the grievance process). More help to challenge discrimination and bullying will be added soon. This work was funded by the Bar Standards Board.



Increased accessibility

This year we added an accessibility toolbar across the site. Now every page of the website can be read aloud to the user to help those with literacy needs, translated into one of more than 100 languages to make it more accessible for speakers of other languages, and adapted to support users with neurodiversity needs.



Expanding our influence: Research, Policy and Consultancy

We continued work on our 18-month research programme, in partnership with the University of Warwick and Central England Law Centre, to explore the legal needs of marginalised groups in Coventry emerging from the pandemic and as the cost of living crisis continues. This important research, funded by Nuffield Foundation, aims to shed light on barriers to accessing justice, the impact of increased reliance on technology, and the role of public legal education in improving access to justice for marginalised groups.

In November we published the interim findings which showed that:

- The most prevalent legal needs in the aftermath of the pandemic relate to welfare benefits, housing and homelessness, immigration, employment and social care.
- People from marginalised groups face significant barriers to dealing with law-related issues and accessing justice including low levels of knowledge of rights and legal processes and sources of legal help. Emotional and confidence barriers, including stress compound difficulties in securing access to services.

- Overall reductions in services, entitlements and lack of capacity create systemic barriers to accessing health and legal support, and systems penalise people who are already struggling due to multiple disadvantages.
- Digitisation creates specific barriers for people including difficulties with accessing online systems, navigation and evidence submission. Lack of internet access, wider digital poverty and low levels of digital skills are reported. Digitisation can make it more difficult to access help and support, and it can compound feelings of alienation.
- Trusted intermediaries are an integral part of access to justice for marginalised groups. They are a lifeline for those they support in the context of law-related issues.

Read the [5 page briefing on the interim findings](#).

Work on the research continues, with the final report due to be published in 2024.

Employment law problems

The Bar Standards Board generously funded us to research prevalent employment-related legal problems in the light of the pandemic, Brexit, and the cost of living crisis, to develop a public legal education employment law strategy. Through desktop research, feedback from our users, multiple surveys, and consultation with advice agencies, we identified what employment issues people are facing, which groups are particularly affected, and where existing information did not meet these identified needs. Our research found:

- The most common problems experienced were around perceived unfair dismissals, health and safety issues, reduced and unpaid wages and zero-hour contract problems.
- **41%** said they had experienced discrimination.
- **14%** said they had experienced issues around reasonable adjustments.
- **58%** said that they had complained or raised a grievance with their employer.

Our gaps analysis identified the need for:

- Awareness raising and early intervention information, particularly for some audiences, such as some groups of migrant workers and young people who have little knowledge of how the law underpins their problems with work.
- Information which supports people by being relatable, clearly 'on their side'.
- Information that acknowledges emotions and addresses how these impact on people's ability to take in information and maintain a detachment which helps them to sift the facts of their employment problem from how they feel about it.
- Information that explains how to deal with a problem, in reality, rather than how the process is supposed to work, and addresses the skills needed.

Defending democracy and the right to protest

Building on our work with Disabled People Against the Cuts, we convened a national Police and Protest Working Group with a range of national and grass roots protest groups, augmented by leading civil liberties and legal specialists. The group identified aspects of the most pressing systemic risk posed by the changes to the right to protest, including the impact on disabled activists, fragmented and arbitrary arrest and detention policies, surveillance risks, and the overall chilling effect on the right to protest. The programme of work will deliver an information campaign via workshops, community outreach and national digital channels providing highly accessible information about the legislative change and the continuing positive right to protest.





Providing specialist advice and support to divorcing couples

We published our [research into the Affordable Advice service](#), funded by the LSLIP project, which helps Litigants in Person going through divorce to access fixed fee, low-cost unbundled legal advice from Resolution family lawyers at key points in the process. The report findings confirmed the conclusions of the Pilot report that the Affordable Advice service made a significant contribution to the legal capabilities and outcomes of LiPs seeking a divorce, providing clear information and advice in an area of law in where there has been a significant increase in the number of applications but also an increase in court backlogs and delays.

Evidence from online surveys and semi-structured interviews with service users highlighted the need for the combination of the guides and solicitor's advice to help Litigants in Person to decide what to do next and give them the impetus to follow it through. Most interviewees and survey respondents reported that using the service had increased their confidence in representing themselves in court and in negotiating a better settlement.

Most of the Affordable Advice users were from low-income, working households who were not eligible for legal aid but would not have been able to afford legal advice otherwise. The group reporting the most significant impact were those Litigants in Person who were on lower incomes representing themselves against spouses who could afford to pay for legal advice. Affordable Advice levelled up the playing field by giving them access to high quality legal advice, particularly on financial arrangements, which made a difference to their financial outcomes. This gave them more equality before the law and underpins the rule of Law.

Interviewees reported that they found the divorce process mentally and emotionally draining, often exacerbated by having to represent themselves and negotiate with their ex-spouse. Users said that the Affordable Advice service helped mitigate the stress of going through a divorce as a Litigant in Person, because of increased knowledge about the process but also because of the understanding and support from the panel lawyer they saw, and the opportunity to be heard by a legal professional. Some Litigants in Person interviewed also indicated that access to an experienced family lawyer helped identify and provide professional advice and support to individuals at risk of domestic abuse and coercive control.

Affordable Advice service users clearly identified that there was a gap in the provision of low-cost legal advice in this area of law. They also stated that information about the Affordable Advice service should be provided to Litigants in Person in the family court via the government's Get a Divorce online advice hub, as well as by other related organisations.

This research shows the continuing value and significance of the Affordable Advice service for those Litigants in Person on low incomes, enabling them to move their case forward in the family court and to improve the outcomes for themselves and their families. By embedding detailed evaluation of the impact of the service on the legal capabilities of service users, Affordable Advice also adds to our knowledge of the experiences of Litigants in Person in the family court and informs future service development to improve the quality of that experience.

An online Roundtable about the findings in the report was held in May 2023, involving influential representatives from the judiciary, HMCTS, the Ministry of Justice, the legal advice sector, CAFCASS and academia.

Improving access to housing for migrant women

In November 2022, we took part in the Conference on Housing Justice and Homelessness: Current Challenges faced by Minoritised and Migrant Women, organised by the Disrupt Foundation. The conference brought together activists, experts, lawyers and survivors, to explore the interface between housing, racial, gender and economic injustice and its specific impact on the rights of minoritised and migrant women. Participants highlighted not only the failure of the British state to meet its human rights obligations in promoting housing as a universal right, but also the importance of shared strategies for survival and resistance.

We delivered a legal skills workshop on relevant questions in housing law including tenancies and other housing agreements and priority need in homelessness applications. We will continue our focus on migrants and refugees in the upcoming year, as the need for legal empowerment remains critical in this context.

Working with others to influence change

We regularly contribute our expertise on how to effectively support the public or specific communities to be able to use their rights through information, education, and better designed processes or online systems. For example, in this year we contributed to HMCTS' Litigants in Person Engagement Group, HMCTS' Official Injury Claim Advisory Group, the Family Procedure Rules Committee, and responded to government consultations on compulsory family mediation, among others.

We also worked with other organisations to ensure that Litigant in Person are better served. We provided feedback on content design for an improved and updated version of the Pro Bono Guide for Pro Bono Week. We also provided feedback to family justice professionals responsible for the maintenance of the Family Justice Council's guide to finances on divorce. We were asked by Nuffield to represent the voice of end users on the Pension Advisory Group.





Working with volunteers

We regularly use volunteers to support all areas of our education and training work. All our guides and tools are peer reviewed by expert volunteers and our community training is often delivered with the help of solicitors or barristers working pro bono.

Warwick University paid intern placement

We benefited from an intern arrangement with the University of Warwick whereby a high calibre student was shortlisted and offered a paid role at Law for Life as a part-time legal information, research and evaluation assistant for a 12-week placement.

“After studying the Public Legal Education (PLE) module in my final year at university, I grew a deep interest in the barriers in accessing justice and the organisations involved in facilitating greater access to justice. I was elated to discover the internship opportunity by Law for Life where I developed a host of skills. While working with the information team, I liaised with various university law clinics, members of parliament and local Citizens Advice Bureaus (CABs) to advise them on Law for Life’s current offerings and how they can be used to advise people in need. I assisted the research team in collating data to identify the number of people in the UK on benefits and using resources by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) and how best the organisation could support them with legal guidance. By engaging in this task, I was able to develop my research skills, analytical skills and my knowledge of Microsoft excel. I would recommend that anyone at Warwick undertake this internship as it is a great opportunity to gain insight to different areas of law while developing many skills!”

Phoebe Agyarko, undergraduate law student,
University of Warwick

We facilitated a student placement for law students at Warwick University who are taking a PLE module as part of their degree. We worked with two students this year. They undertook research which contributed to the development of our new educational training programme on the cost of living crisis and the private rented sector. They first identified which groups are most affected by the cost of living crisis and the housing crisis, and then which organisations work with these groups in London, offering informal advice. Both the different vulnerable groups identified by the students, and the organisations working with them, inform the educational programmes we will run.

“Working at law for life as a researcher enabled me to not only gain a wider understanding of the social issues mainly facing Britain in 2023, but also in a manner where that understanding could be translated into action to target these social issues. Ultimately providing recommendations as to which organisations Law for Life ought to relay their expertise to, engaging in such a task was made much easier by the helpful support of the staff. With their structured way of guiding us through our research, I felt consistently challenged but never overburdened.”

Riyan Bicha

“Working with Law for Life has been an invaluable experience. I have been able to develop my research skills, gaining a greater understanding of pressing social issues and thinking about what we can do to address them. With the brilliant guidance of our project supervisors, we have had insightful fortnightly discussions and created a list of recommendations for project participants. I have thoroughly enjoyed the process and look forward to seeing the project in action in the future.”

Sade Fayan

Looking forward

Key achievements

Our education services continued to expand to incorporate new funders and groups, in particular with a focus on Temporary Accommodation. We secured three-year funding from the Tudor Trust to support our work with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller families.

We continued to expand and diversify income streams and increased donations income from £644 to £26,731.

We expanded our policy influence and research work through grants from Nuffield Foundation and Access to the Justice Foundation for dedicated research.

Our strategic priorities

Following a strategic review in light of Covid-19, over the next two years we have identified four strategic priorities that we will pursue in order to achieve our vision. These have been identified by analysing the strengths, challenges and risks that we face. In the next two years we will:

Deliver innovative public legal education that builds legal capability

Understand and demonstrate the need for and value of PLE

Enable others to use public legal education and information

Strengthen organisational sustainability to drive our mission and values

Structure, governance and management

Law for Life: the Foundation for Public Legal Education is a company limited by guarantee governed by its memorandum and articles of association and registered under the number 07695486.

The company was incorporated and commenced trading on 6 July 2011.

It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission under number 1143589.

The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting strategies and policies for the charity and for ensuring that these are implemented. The members of the Board of Trustees perform the role of directors in company law and trustees in charity law.

Those who served during the year were:

Dr Vanessa Davies:	11.05.2017	– Present	(Interim Chair from Nov 2023)
Raymond Sheehy:	11.05.2017	– Present	
Jonathan Spain:	22.02.2018	– Present	
Joseph Broadway:	22.02.2018	– Present	
Abiodun Olatokun:	25.03.2020	– Present	
Jennifer Dingley:	26.05.2023	– Present	
Savita Narain:	26.05.2023	– Present	
Rohini Jana:	26.05.2023	– Present	
Dr Simon Davey:	25.03.2020	– Resigned	(25 March 2023)
Amanda Finlay CBE:	27.03.2012	– Resigned	(11 November 2023)



Our staff

Rebecca Asaolu
Danika Brereton
Wendy Eades
Dada Feja
Theresa Harris
Beth Kirkland
Mary Marvel

Rowan Milligan
Amy Milner
Tin Myint
Tofunmi Odugbemi
Ola Ugwa
Dr Lisa Wintersteiger

Patrons

The charity is very grateful for the support it receives from its patrons listed below:

The Rt Hon. Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury
Dame Professor Hazel Genn DBE QC
Lord Briggs of Westbourne

Financial Review

The Board of Trustees is pleased to present their Annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2023.

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Statement

of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005. The Board of Trustees has complied with the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission when reviewing the charity's aims and its objectives and in planning our future activities.

Law for Life: The Foundation for Public Legal Education

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	26,731	-	26,731	644
Charitable activities	4	239,720	134,070	373,790	432,519
Investments	3	-	-	-	1
Total		266,451	134,070	400,521	433,164
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities		284,208	151,651	435,859	349,995
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5	284,208	151,651	435,859	349,995
Net (expenditure)/income before gains and losses on investments		(17,757)	(17,581)	(35,338)	83,169
Net (expenditure)/income		(17,757)	(17,581)	(35,338)	83,169
Transfer between funds	14	(7,693)	7,693	-	-
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		(25,450)	(9,888)	(35,338)	83,169
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 JULY 2022		73,252	34,846	108,098	24,929
TOTAL FUNDS AT 30 JUNE 2023		47,802	24,958	72,760	108,098

Balance Sheet
At 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	28,315	64,021
Cash at bank and in hand		59,132	65,244
		87,447	129,265
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	13	(14,687)	(21,167)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		72,760	108,098
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		72,760	108,098
NET ASSETS		72,760	108,098
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund	14	47,802	73,252
Restricted funds	14	24,958	34,846
		72,760	108,098

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

Statement by the directors of Law for Life

These accounts are a summary of information extracted from the annual accounts and certain information relating to both the statement of financial activities and the balance sheet. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity.

The independent examiner has issued an unmodified report on the full financial statements. For further information, the full annual accounts and the directors' annual report should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained from Law for Life, 4th Floor, 18 St. Cross Street, London, EC1N 8UN. Signed on behalf of the Directors by Amanda Finlay, Chair.

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