

NATIONAL
Pro Bono
WEEK

7th - 11th June 2004

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Pro Bono Week 2004

Lawyers Volunteering in the Community

Lawyers and law firm employees have a proud tradition of giving their time and expertise freely to help charities and people unable to afford legal advice. This is known as pro bono work and its ethos is embedded in the legal profession.

National Pro Bono Week is a joint Law Society, Bar Council, ILEX, Solicitors Pro Bono Group and Bar Pro Bono Unit initiative. Activities will promote the vast amount of voluntary work and free legal advice already undertaken and also encourage lawyers not yet involved to realise the benefits of pro bono.

Legal professionals are invited to events across England and Wales so they can see for themselves who needs help and how to get involved. They will receive training and advice from people involved in successful advice clinics.

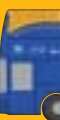
It is important to emphasise that pro bono work is not a replacement for a properly funded system of publicly funded legal services.



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Pro Bono Events 2004:

A range of seminars, training sessions, receptions, and events will be taking place during National Pro Bono Week 2004. We hope you can attend an event in your local area and find out how to Get on Board.

For further information about any of the events listed below please contact:

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We look forward to meeting you.

Monday 7 June 2004

Leeds	09.30 – 13.30 <i>Seeing is Believing Tour with Business in the Community for lawyers to see first hand how they can be involved in tackling some of Britain's most pressing social problems.</i>
London	10.00 – 11.00 <i>The pro bono week bus starts its tour with a photo call in Trafalgar Square.</i>
London	12.00 – 14.00 <i>The bus heads to the heart of the legal community at Lincoln's Inn Field and will run two sessions offering practical advice for lawyers wanting to get involved in pro bono work.</i>
London	14.00 – 16.00 <i>A reception to raise MPs awareness of pro bono initiatives, hosted by the Attorney General and Solicitor General.</i>
London	15.00 – 16.00 <i>The bus then moves to support an advice clinic at Toynbee Hall.</i>
London	16.30 – 18.00 <i>And then on to a reception at Guildhall where a series of free legal advice leaflets will be launched in association with the NCVO, and in the presence of the Lord Mayor.</i>
London	18.00 – 21.00 <i>Launch of National Pro Bono Week at the Law Society, Chancery Lane, followed by the annual Wig and Pen Prize and Pro Bono Awards™ ceremonies.</i>
London	18.30 – 20.30 <i>Fund raising tutored wine tasting catered by Anton Mosimann OBE at Mansion House in aid of the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund.</i>

Tuesday 8 June 2004

Bournemouth	09.00 – 17.00 <i>The pro bono bus visits Bournemouth Square where two sessions will give voluntary organisations a road map for how to get assistance, and urge legal professionals to join the pro bono movement.</i>
Sheffield	09.30 – 13.30 <i>Seeing is Believing Tour with Business in the Community for lawyers to see first hand how they can be involved in tackling some of Britain's most pressing social problems.</i>
Bristol	12.00 – 14.30 <i>An exhibition for lawyers and voluntary groups hosted by the Law Society South West Regional Office in Bristol.</i>
London	18.00 – 20.00 <i>Panel discussion on pro bono and legal education, hosted by the BPP Pro Bono Centre. Panel members include Hugh Bryane, specialist in clinical legal education, Professor Richard Grimes, College of Law, Chris Maguire, Bar Council and Kara E Irwin, Director of Pro Bono at BPP as moderator.</i>
London	18.00 – 20.00 <i>Evening reception for lawyers and voluntary organisations, hosted by the Lord Chancellor at the River Room in the House of Lords.</i>
London	18.30 – 20.00 <i>Clive Stafford-Smith, recognised for his tireless fight against the death penalty in the US, will be giving a talk, hosted by Lovells, on the legal arguments surrounding a death row case. He will also give an insight into his work for the prisoners in Guantanamo.</i>

Wednesday 9 June 2004

Birmingham	10.00 – 13.30 <i>The bus will be in Centenary Square. Copies of the Law and You will be distributed in conjunction with the Birmingham Evening Mail. An introductory seminar on pro bono mediation will be held, and the College of Law will run open air mock trials throughout the morning.</i>
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Wednesday 9 June 2004 (continued)

London	10.00 – 17.00	<i>Vanderpump & Sykes Solicitors in Enfield provide a free advice clinic.</i>
Leicester	12.00 – 14.00	<i>Reception and exhibition focusing on the work by young solicitors and legal executives.</i>
Cardiff	12.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch to recruit lawyers for the Cardiff Law Centre and Speakeasy Centre.</i>
Stockton-on-Tees	13.00 – 15.00	<i>Solicitors will provide a free advice seminar for the local elderly community on wills, arranging assets and property issues.</i>
Warwick	15.30 – 17.00	<i>The bus moves to Warwick University where the excellent student pro bono scheme will be promoted.</i>
Stockton-on-Tees	16.00 – 18.00	<i>Free advice for voluntary organisations on legal issues affecting charities by Latimer Hinks Solicitors.</i>
Birmingham	16.30 – 18.30	<i>Evening reception for lawyers and voluntary organisations at Irwin Mitchell.</i>
Leicester	18.00 – 20.00	<i>Evening reception for lawyers and voluntary organisations at the Guildhall.</i>

Thursday 10 June 2004

Liverpool	10.00 – 12.30	<i>The bus continues its journey north to Liverpool.</i>
Bolton	14.30 – 17.00	<i>And then offers free advice in Bolton.</i>
London	10.00 – 13.00	<i>A workshop to highlight the international pro bono work undertaken by staff and students of the College of Law's Centre for Pro Bono Services. Students will be given practical advice on how to become involved in pro bono work.</i>
Swansea	12.00 – 14.00	<i>Reception for lawyers and voluntary organisations at Swansea Law School Pro Bono Centre.</i>
Northampton	16.30 – 19.00	<i>Sally Keeble MP, in partnership with the Northampton Law Society, County Consumer Support Network, Citizens Advice and Northampton Borough Council will be holding a joint advice surgery at the Guildhall, Northampton. Appointments and drop in sessions are available.</i>
London	17.00 – 19.00	<i>A panel of experienced lawyers provide pro bono advice to community groups on environmental issues, organised by the Environmental Law Foundation.</i>
Cambridge	17.30 – 19.00	<i>Event to promote and highlight Cambridge University Student's Pro Bono Society, with displays and information on how to get involved.</i>
London	18.00 – 24.00	<i>The annual Solicitors Pro Bono Group (SPBG) Awards Dinner at the Law Society, Chancery Lane.</i>
Bristol	18.00 – 20.00	<i>Reception at the Law Society South West Regional Office to recruit lawyer volunteers for Avon and Bristol Law Centre.</i>

Friday 11 June 2004

South Yorkshire	09.00 – 10.30	<i>Free legal advice session on family law provided by Atteys Solicitors at John Healey MPs constituency office in Wath upon Dearne.</i>
Northumbria	10.00 – 15.00	<i>The bus will be a venue for all pro bono groups in Newcastle to promote their activities. There will be a panel based discussion on pro bono work and the co-ordination of this work in North East region, and signing of the pro bono protocol.</i>
Manchester	11.00 – 12.00	<i>Open morning at the School of Law Legal Advice Centre.</i>
Manchester	13.30 – 14.30	<i>Lunch for lawyers and voluntary organisations at Renaissance Hotel.</i>
Manchester	15.00 – 15.30	<i>Launch of a free advice clinic at Wai Yin Chinese Womens Centre.</i>



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This year the National Pro Bono Week Bus is taking to the road on 7 June. The Bus will visit events all over the UK to galvanise the pro bono support of solicitors, barristers and legal executives.

Watch out for the eye catching double decker. Lawyers will be invited to GET on BOARD as it travels around the country.



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