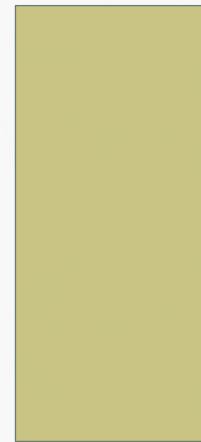


NEWCASTLE LAW SCHOOL STREET LAW PROJECT

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WHAT IS STREET LAW?

- Project which aims to raise awareness and educate communities about the law, rights and legal system
- Newcastle Street Law – specifically for groups of young people, especially vulnerable/disadvantaged young people
- Law students trained to deliver sessions with groups of young people



MOTIVATION FOR THE PROJECT

- Need
- Interest
- Gap



SUPPORT AND TIME COMMITMENT

- Beacon North East and (now) NU engagement - especially Kate Hudson
- £ for training, transport costs, meetings etc
- Alistair MacQueen Memorial Grant, OUP (£1000 award for innovative pro bono project)
- Departmental support: KH and Jenny Johnstone (academic co-ordinators); new administrator whose function will include street law support

PUTTING THE PROJECT INTO PRACTICE

- Identifying/working with groups (network meeting, applications to be involved)
- CRB checks and risk assessments
- Training
- Regular meetings with the students
- Evaluation

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

- 11 law students, 3 groups
- Legal research skills
- Communication
- Teamwork
- Develops initiative, respond to young people's requests
- E-portfolio

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT (5 YEARS)

- Growth of street law: students, topics, partner organisations
- Differential student roles
- UG stage three module on children's rights which links with the project
- Triage phone line – conduit for pro bono advice from solicitors



POSSIBLE CHALLENGES

- Managing expectations – internal and external
- Sustainability – financial and funding sources
- Embedding pro bono culture within the Law School