



# Who we are, what we do and how we help.

## ABOUT

London Legal Support Trust (LLST) is a registered charity that works to ensure access to justice for those who need it most. We do this by raising funds for free legal advice charities throughout London and the South East. Funds raised come from events such as the London Legal Walk, from generous donations from the legal profession, and from partnerships with other charitable trusts and foundations.

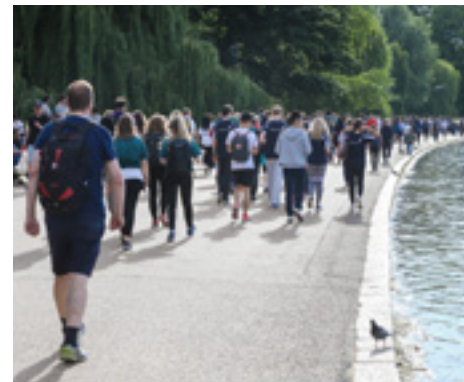
We are part of a network of Legal Support Trusts across England and Wales working with the Access to Justice Foundation to ensure funds can be distributed where needed most.



## EVENTS

### London Legal Walk

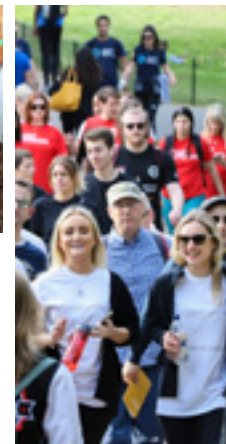
LLST's flagship event, the London Legal Walk, has been held annually since 2005. Now the biggest event in the legal calendar, the walk brings together thousands of participants from across the legal sector to take on a 10km walk through central London. Starting and ending with a street party behind the Royal Courts of Justice, this sponsored walk is a perfect way to support access to justice with your team.



### Other events

Many other events take place throughout the year. As well as regional Legal Walks all across the UK, there are national quizzes and bake sales, which take place in-house.

In London there are varied events, from a sponsored dog walk to a marathon-length Thames challenge. Unique, accessible events make it easy for everyone to get involved and enjoy the fun! We also have places on third-party events such as the London Marathon, the Big Half and the London to Brighton Cycle.



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There are sponsorship opportunities for each of our fundraising events. For information about what we offer for each event, please contact us.

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# IMPACT

For many living in London and the South East, access to free legal advice and services is scarce. Deep cuts to civil legal aid and council grants over the past several years have worsened the problem.

Two thirds of the UK population don't know how to get access to justice, and half of all legal advice services in the UK have closed over the past few years. The 2020 coronavirus pandemic and lockdown has exacerbated this problem by increasing the need for advice in the areas of housing, employment, benefits and more. When people who are facing issues cannot get legal help in time, problems spiral out of control and can lead to devastating outcomes like homelessness, poverty and more.

The funds we raise go to supporting legal advice providers including Law Centres, Citizens Advice and other legal advice agencies. Our advice agencies assist people in need across many areas, including disability, debt, employment, domestic violence, homelessness, modern day slavery and removal of care.

**IN LONDON,  
28% OF  
PEOPLE LIVE  
IN POVERTY**

**72% OF  
ADULTS LIVING  
IN POVERTY  
ARE IN  
WORKING  
FAMILIES**



## How we support agencies

LLST runs several "small grant" rounds each year for a variety of needs, including staffing and equipment, and unrestricted emergency core grants to help agencies to keep their doors open.

## Centres of Excellence

The Centres of Excellence (CoEx) scheme assists agencies to improve overall and increase their sustainability. Centres are awarded CoEx status once they meet specific efficiency criteria and are supported to continue developing and improving on all aspects of their organisation.

We currently work with 40 centres under this scheme. In 2019, 31 of these centres helped 152,286 people. **Top areas of law in which advice was given are welfare, housing, debt and immigration.**

LLST provides core funding for CoEx as well as organising training throughout the year on topics of importance and arranging networking events to facilitate collaboration and support. Providing support and guidance alongside our grant funding helps to make sure that every penny raised by our supporters is well spent.

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LLST has provided us with invaluable support, not just in terms of financial support, but also through their willingness to share their knowledge of the legal service landscape and their experience from supporting other organisations. The financial support we have received from LLST has been crucial in helping us deal with unforeseen issues and to enable us to continue to provide innovative and high quality accessible services. Thank goodness for LLST.

**Stuart Hearne**  
Co-Director Islington Law Centre

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Many of our key pro bono projects rely on strong partnerships with the advice sector – we strongly support LLST's Centres of Excellence programme which rewards and promotes good governance, helping to create a more robust and sustainable advice sector.

**Paul Yates**  
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer



### Other support

As well as grant giving and the CoEx programme, LLST provides other wrap-around support for the sector. We run various money-saving schemes, including:

- Buying groups and help negotiating favourable rates with vendors.
- A regular newsletter that helps to promote discounted and free options to the sector and facilitate inter-sector collaboration.
- The opportunity for sector agencies to fundraise for their own agency at our events, enabling them to engage with their community and raise funds themselves with no administrative costs.

## CASE STUDY

**“ATLEU has completely changed my life. It has made everything different. Before I was granted asylum I felt like I was dead. Now I feel alive again. My family are happier and we look forward to building our lives in the UK.”**

Arlinda was a victim of trafficking after fleeing Albania for Belgium. She was separated from her children, held captive and sexually exploited. She managed to escape after a month. After finding her children the family fled to the UK, where they claimed asylum on their arrival.

Arlinda was referred to ATLEU, and we successfully challenged the Home Office’s decision that she was not a victim of trafficking. The family were finally granted refugee status in 2019. ATLEU’s housing team also worked to ensure that the family were safe with continuous access to appropriate accommodation and support. The family were housed by a local authority in London, where they were close to their support network, doctors and schools. Staff resisted attempts by the local authority to evict the family and prevented a move into unsuitable asylum support accommodation. This was essential to maintaining the stability needed by survivors of trafficking who are starting to rebuild their lives and recover from the abuse and exploitation they have suffered.

■ Anti Trafficking and Labour Exploitation Unit (ATLEU), one of our Centres of Excellence

## WAYS TO SUPPORT LLST

There are many ways to get involved with LLST and support access to justice for all!

### INDIVIDUALS

#### PARTICIPATE IN OUR EVENTS

Organise a team at your workplace to walk the London Legal Walk, show off your skills in the Great Legal Bake or test your general knowledge in the Great Legal Quiz. Get friends, family and colleagues involved to walk with you or donate to sponsor you.

#### BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

Join our payroll giving programme. Donations are made from pre-tax income, a more tax-advantageous way to give.

#### ASK FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO SUPPORT LLST

Spread the word about LLST, host a Facebook birthday fundraiser and encourage friends and family to donate.

#### VOLUNTEER AT OUR EVENTS

One of the best gifts you can give is your time.

### CORPORATE

#### DIRECT DONATIONS

These are the most impactful way to support us.

#### MATCH FUNDING

Support employees’ fundraising efforts and show your commitment to the cause by matching their contributions.

#### CHARITY OF THE YEAR

Consider making us your charity of the year.

#### IN-HOUSE CHARITABLE EVENTS

Support us through in-house charitable events. Golf days, quizzes, battles of the bands and sports tournaments are all fun, team-building initiatives that can be used to support a worthy cause.

#### DONATE DORMANT CLIENT ACCOUNT BALANCES

In accordance with SRA accounts rules, these funds can be donated to LLST.

#### PRO BONO COST ORDERS

When taking on pro bono court cases, cost orders can be directed to LLST.

## CONTACT US

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