



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

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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 agencies throughout London and the South East. We also offer sector support and knowledge sharing. Funds raised come from events such as the London Legal Walk, generous donations from the legal profession, and from partnerships with other charitable trusts and foundations.

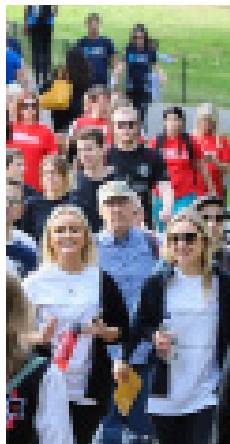
We work with others across London, and England and Wales, to ensure funds can be distributed where they are most needed.



EVENTS

London Legal Walk

LLST's flagship event, the London Legal Walk, has been held annually since 2004. 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 Big Half and the London to Brighton Cycle.

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

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.

One third of people in England and Wales have an unmet legal need (The Law Society, 2020), and half of all free legal advice services in the UK have closed over the past several years. The 2020 lockdowns and the cost of living crisis have 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. We support advice agencies who assist people in need across many areas, including disability, debt, employment, domestic violence, homelessness, modern day slavery and removal of care.

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27% OF
PEOPLE ARE
LIVING
IN POVERTY**

**60% OF
ADULTS
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IN 2022**



How we support agencies

LLST provides funding for advice agencies through grant rounds and collaborations with other funders. These are for a variety of needs, including staffing and equipment, project work, 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 43 centres under this scheme. In 2022, 38 of these centres helped 187,101 people. **Top areas of law in which advice was given are welfare, employment, 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.

Workforce Development Fund

We are proud to be working with many funders under Propel, a long-term funding initiative supported by London Funders will tackle root causes, not just systems. Our funded programme partners' work will address the workforce crisis.



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



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

“Without the Law Centre, I wouldn’t have had the knowledge to be able to deal with the question of settlement negotiations. If the Law Centre hadn’t acted for me under the Legal Aid scheme, I wouldn’t have been able to pay my legal expenses and I couldn’t have managed this alone. It was such a relief to be listened to.”

Natalie (not her real name) was dismissed from her job after she had been diagnosed with an incurable illness. She set out a complaint against her employer’s decision, and they responded with a final offer of a small goodwill payment. She tried to find a solicitor to help her but could not afford the fees. She then came to us.

Our discrimination caseworker was able to take on her case under legal aid and assist in her discrimination claim. She eventually agreed to a final five-figure settlement in compensation for the hurt and injury to feelings caused.

South West London Law Centres

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 or ask them to sponsor you.

BECOME A CHAMPION

Join a group of individuals supporting legal advice services for those in need. For a minimum annual donation, receive invitations to special events and networking opportunities.

ASK FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO SUPPORT LLST

Spread the word about LLST, host a Facebook birthday fundraiser and encourage friends and family to donate in support of your fundraising.

VOLUNTEER AT OUR EVENTS

One of the best gifts you can give is your time. For example, we usually need 200 volunteers for the London legal Walk.

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.

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