## The London

# Legal Walk 2025

### TUESDAY 17 JUNE

Thank you for signing up to the 2025 London Legal Walk

The London Legal Walk is a 10km afterwork walk, starting on Carey Street behind the Royal Courts of Justice. In 2024, over 18,000 walkers took part, raising a record breaking £1million to support the provision of free legal advice in London and the South East.

#### A record we hope to beat this year!

#### Your role as team member

Your team organiser will be in regular contact with the latest updates in the lead up to the Walk. You will also receive newsletters directly from LLST to tell you all about our work and the difference you are making.

You are the beating heart of the London Legal Walk so please continue to spread the word so that together we can help more people access justice.

#### Supporting the cause

PLEASE SELF SPONSOR: As you may know, there are considerable costs to putting an event like the London Legal Walk on, from street closures to security. Will you do your bit to chip in so LLST are not out of pocket?

We encourage all walkers to donate £15 to kickstart your fundraising, ensuring more funds supporting free legal advice charities. Teams who raise over £15 per walker will receive drinks tokens as a thank you from us. But please don't stop there. We suggest a fundraising target of £50 per participant so please make sure you share your fundraising page link with friends, family and colleagues.





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#### On the day

REGISTRATION opens from 3pm on Carey Street and will remain open until 7pm. Only your team organiser should go to the registration desk for your team. They will be given drinks tokens and maps to distribute. See more information on *page 4*, *Street Party Information*.

THE ROUTE We have three 10km routes, and two shorter routes for those that wish to participate but require a shorter distance as an adjustment .

The 10km routes take an average or 2-3 hours to complete. To ease congestion on pavements please walk 2 abreast, rather than in a big group. You are welcome to choose whichever route you wish. You do not need to tell us in advance which route you would like to take, but your team organiser may be planning for you all to walk together. Please reach out to your team organiser for details.

You are also welcome to follow the routes online, though please ensure your team organiser still signs in your team at registration desks. <u>View all routes</u>

WHAT TO BRING Comfortable clothing and footwear. We have been very lucky in previous years with glorious sunshine, but please check the weather forecast and bring a jacket/waterproofs if required. There is a water station at the street party and water refill fountains in the Royal Parks. Please be aware that water cartons provided by the Law Society on Carey Street are first come first served, so please have extra bottles to hand which you can top up from the water bowser kindly sponsored by Shieldpay. Get More Vits will also be giving away a limited amount of their delicious vitamin water.



CLOAKROOM There is a cloakroom inside the Law Society. We recommend leaving any large items such as laptops locked in your office or at home. As cloakrooms can get very busy, we suggest only bringing a small bag you can take with you on the Walk. The cloakroom will close at 9.30pm, and any left items after this will be handed to lost property.



TEAM PHOTOS After registering, your team can have a photograph taken by one of our professional photographers. Team photos will take place between 3pm and 7pm. There isn't a booking system - simply queue up.

QUIET AREA A designated quiet area will be available within the Law Society – please ask at the Law Society reception if you would like access to this space. RAFFLE Raffle tickets will be sold at the raffle stand on the day of the Walk, as well as being available to purchase <u>online now</u>. You'll have the opportunity to win fantastic prizes including, a weekend away at Wakelyns Farm for their dahl and food, or apple festival, a signed Chelsea football (2024-25 season, men's first team squad), a signed copy of Spider Woman: the inspirational story of the former President of the Supreme Court, Lady Hale, and much more. Tickets cost £2 and the draw will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, so you have time to purchase more tickets after the event if you wish.

PROMOTIONS The wonderful businesses around Chancery Lane are offering special promotions for the London Legal Walk. Some offers will be taking place across the whole of June, whilst some will be offering discounted bookings on the day of the Walk. Promotions are being offered by Brasserie Blanc, The Pregnant Man, Gaucho, and El Vino. <u>Find out more about these offers here</u>

AUDIO SOUND BITE RECORDINGS: This year we are introducing a series of audio sound bites that will be available to listen to on the day of the Walk. There will be 10 recordings for you to listen to and we recommend splitting them up and listening to one per KM marker reached. Each sound bite lasts between 1 minute 30 and 3 minutes. These will be accessible via QR codes that can be found on the registration desks, on posters around the street party, and on the KM markers along your route.

You can look forward to listening to messages from a variety of organisations that LLST helps, find out more about the projects LLST runs, and why the London Legal Walk is so important.



A very special welcome message from the Lady Chief Justice is included.



A MESSAGE FROM THE LAW SOCIETY'S DISABLED SOLICITORS NETWORK Once again, the Law Society's Disabled Solicitors Network and allies will have a strong presence at the Walk and invite you to join them. Everyone welcome, even if you are already walking with your own firm/organisation.

People will be walking accessible routes together, and non-walking activities will also be taking place. Further information and how to sign-up can be found on the <u>Law Society's website</u>

Contact <u>disabledsolicitors@lawsociety.org.uk</u> for further information or with any questions.

#### **Street Party Information**

STREET PARTY Post Walk, return to Carey Street were you are are invited to join in the fun of the street party. With delicious <u>street food</u> catering for all dietary needs, and fantastic entertainment including stilt walkers, jugglers and live music it's a brilliant way to celebrate supporting access to justice. The street party finishes at 10pm.

DRINKS TOKENS Drinks tokens will be given to teams who raise over £15 per walker on average as a thank you from us. In previous years, not every walker has raised the suggested minimum, and many of those have still collected and spent their drinks tokens. While everyone is welcome to join in the street party finish, drink tokens will be given to teams who have raised at least £15 per walker on average as a thank you for supporting access to justice. Please ensure your team starts fundraising as early as possible and hits their target before Walk day.

Drinks tokens can be redeemed at the Last Judgment, The Law Society bars, and at Toast & The Uncommon bars, where you can exchange your drinks token for a complimentary beer, wine or soft drink. Drinks tokens must be redeemed by 9:30pm.

You can also use your token at Toast, who will be providing sustainably brewed beer, or at The Uncommon (new for 2025), who will be providing sustainable, English made wine.

You can also donate your token to us at the registration desk, and we'll receive £1 per token from our sponsors.

VERITA BENCH BAR A bigger seating area will be available at the street party this year, situated by the registration desks and Toast & The Uncommon bars. This seating area is kindly being sponsored by Verita.



#### **FAQs**

#### CLICK HERE FOR FULL LEGAL WALK FAQs

ACCESSIBILITY: River Route South and the Parks Route are accessible (there is a deep patch of gravel at Horse Guards that it is best to go around). There are also 2 shorter accessible routes for those who wish to participate and require a shorter distance as an adjustment. <u>View all routes</u>. The Law Society building is accessible, with accessible toilets.

BANNERS We discourage the use of team banners because their use on the pavement can be disruptive to general public, and if needed for signposting they should not be inflammatory, political, controversial, divisive, or conflict with LLST's values as an inclusive organisation.



NON-LAWYERS, CHILDREN AND PETS: The London Legal Walk is open to all, though any pets / children must be kept under supervision. Please ensure that dogs remain on their leads throughout the event, and due to crowds and other dogs being present we request that only well socialised dogs attend.

FIRST AID: First Aid is provided by St John Ambulance. Their contact number will be on your map.

#### TOP TIPS

#### **SEE ALL OUR TEAM BUILDING & FUNDRAISING TIPS HERE**

MATCH FUNDING: Makes a huge difference. Knowing your donation will be matched is an added incentive for people to start fundraising early.

GET SOCIAL: Tell everyone you are taking part on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and X (Twitter). Be sure to use #LegalWalk and check out our <u>social media toolkit.</u>

SELF SPONSOR: Self sponsoring is a great way to kickstart fundraising. We recommend a self donation of £15 to help get the ball rolling and cover your share of the costs of hosting the London Legal Walk.

EMAIL SIGNATURES: Legal Walk signature banners are available to <u>download on the</u> <u>website</u>. Adding one is a constant, yet subtle reminder to support your London Legal Walk.

INTERNAL COMPETITION: Who can encourage the most people to join in / fundraise the most individually or as a department? Don't forget to watch out for the weekly leaderboards.

SENIOR / LEAD WALKERS: Get the backing of key people in your organisation to encourage everyone to get involved!



GET CREATIVE: Dress down days, raffles, quizzes and swear jars all put the fun in fundraising.

VOLUNTEER: The London Legal Walk would not be possible without a fantastic team of volunteers. Please encourage anyone who is not planning to walk, to register as a route marshal instead.

Over 200 volunteers will be cheering on walkers and supporting the event between 2:30pm - 9pm. To join them, <u>sign up here</u>.

LLST's main purpose is to ensure everyone has access to justice, regardless of their financial circumstances and background. The organisations we support provide free legal advice to people from diverse backgrounds. While diversity brings richness and innovation, we are aware some communities are more impacted by structural inequalities, poverty, and the cost-of-living crisis. As an access to justice funder and infrastructure organisation, we understand, consider, and address inequalities in everything we do. We strive to become a more diverse and inclusive organisation that truly reflects the communities we serve.

#### Thank you from all of us at LLST

The London Legal Walk is the largest fundraising event in the legal calendar, bringing together the legal profession in support of frontline free legal advice charities in London and the South East.

Thank you for stepping up for justice. The work we do would not be possible without the support of people like you.

Thanks to your support the London Legal Walk helped provide life-changing legal advice to over 12,000 people in 2024.

Together, we can continue to raise vital funds to keep legal advice services open and available for those who need them most.

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### WHY WE WALK

The London Legal Walk plays a crucial role in ensuring access to justice for those who need it most. Thanks to the Walk, Advocate can provide individuals and families with hope and the opportunity to have their voices heard. The funds raised help us connect people facing legal battles with barristers who kindly offer their time and expertise for free, giving them a fair and equal chance to seek justice.



I'm excited to take part in the London Legal Walk because it's a fantastic opportunity to support access to justice and raise awareness about the important work done by legal charities. What I'm most looking forward to is the sense of community on the walk, as well as connecting with colleagues and other legal professionals.



The London Legal Walk is more than a fundraiser. It is a reminder that access to justice is a collective mission. By walking together, we raise vital funds, stand in solidarity with those who are struggling, and keep each other company in the shared belief that this work is important, that it is urgent, and that it changes lives.

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We look forward to celebrating another record breaking London Legal Walk with you!