

RCJ Advice Transcript

My name is Mark Allen. I'm the chief executive at RCJ Advice, Citizens Advice and Law Centre. We are based out of the Royal Courts of Justice. We were set up to help people coming into the Royal Courts of Justice who couldn't afford a lawyer, and we now provide services both there and across England and Wales

We've got many different projects, but one of the projects I wanted to highlight was our domestic abuse legal advice service, which would run across England and Wales, which we call FLOWS, which stands for Finding Legal Options for Women Survivors. And what we do is we support survivors of domestic abuse. We discuss the legal options with them, and if they want to take action, then we will support them to get a court order.

We have a unique online service which links into the court system so people can get an emergency court order to get their domestic abusive partner away from them. So, it's a really important service and we help up to 24,000 people a year, mainly women. So being a part of the London Legal Walk is really important to us because what we get in return is a lot of support for the organisation and we get a donation from the London Legal Support Trust, which includes being part of their Centre of Excellence scheme. We get a donation and we get access to lots of support and training and networking opportunities.

And I just want to say thank you for everyone taking part today. The money raised and through the London Legal Walk helps both our work and important initiatives like our FLOWS Domestic Abuse Legal Advice Service. Next up, you're going to hear from other Centres of Excellence on themes of housing, immigration, benefits and disability. Thank you very much.