

Hi, I am Paula from Mary Ward. You might spot a few of us walking around today. If you see us on your route or at the street party, so do give us a wave!

Mary Ward provides free, independent specialist advice to people in London for over 100 years. We provide free legal advice, casework, and representation for people on a low income who otherwise could not afford to enforce their legal rights. The impact of our work is often life changing.

In the words of one of our clients “navigating the complexities of the legal system can be a daunting task. Especially when it involves matters as crucial as disability. You and the team at Mary Ward Legal Center demonstrate not only professionalism but genuine compassion throughout legal process. The impact of your work extends far beyond the realms of legalities, and it touches the lives of individuals and contributes towards the creation of a more inclusive and equitable society”

A lot of the people we help are dealing with housing issues and homelessness, which is one of the areas we specialise in. Right now, we are seeing an unprecedented demand for our services. We urgently need more funds to help the growing number of people in need of advice.

Without your vital funding we wouldn't be able to help in cases Adam's. Adam, a father of three was facing eviction after his Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support were wrongly stopped, despite him regularly sending in his payslips. With no income from his partner and only a part-time wage, the sudden loss of support pushed the family into crisis. Adam reached out for help when his landlord served notice due to rising rent arrears. After reviewing his income evidence, we challenged the decision and requested his benefits be reinstated and backdated. The local authority overturned their decision, awarding over £5,000 in backdated Housing Benefit. The family avoided eviction and were able to remain in their home, an outcome that brought them immense relief.

With your support, we can continue to make a difference to the lives of people on a low income, who without free advice services, would not have access to justice. Thank you for taking part in the London Legal Walk today and for all your donations.