

Podcast Script for COEx

Every year, the London Legal Walk brings thousands of people together for one simple but powerful reason: to protect access to justice.

And at the heart of that is LLST's COEx programme.

For over a decade, COEx has been strengthening the organisations that provide free legal advice across London and the South East. It's built on a simple idea: if we support the organisations behind the advice, with funding, training, and long-term partnerships, they can reach more people, deliver better services, and ultimately change lives.

Last year alone, our 42 COEx partners supported hundreds of thousands of people facing some of the most complex and urgent legal problems, as exemplified in the previous sound bites.

Advice services are part of an essential social infrastructure, preventing crisis, protecting rights, and easing pressure on public services. But, with demand rising, cases getting more complex, and funding becoming increasingly uncertain both the organisations that we support, and the programme itself, are having to evolve to try and meet those challenges.

That's why, in 2026, we'll be starting a new chapter. The programme has been refreshed, including a new name, the Legal Advice Sustainability Scheme, chosen by our partners and other stakeholders to better reflect the core aims of the programme.

It builds on everything that made COEx special, trusted relationships, flexible unrestricted funding, and practical support, but goes further. It opens up access, strengthens collaboration across the sector, and focuses clearly on long-term sustainability so more organisations can adapt, grow, and thrive.

So thank you for taking part in the London Legal Walk. You're not just raising funds, you're investing in a stronger, more resilient advice sector – and in a future where access to justice really is there for everyone.