

# Streetlaw: Prisons

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## Why would Streetlaw benefit my service users?

1. Streetlaw is a free legal education project which **empowers individuals by making them aware of their rights and responsibilities as citizens in a democratic society**. It improves access to justice by:

- (a) demystifying complex areas of law which directly affect members of the public; and
- (b) challenging negative perceptions of the law and encouraging discussion about wider legal issues

through the **delivery of fun and interactive legal presentations to individuals and groups** that might not otherwise have access to legal information.



2. We **work with a wide range of people**, including schoolchildren (Streetlaw Schools and Youth Groups), prisoners and ex-offenders (Streetlaw Prisons), and people affected by homelessness (Streetlaw Homeless).
3. **Streetlaw presentations are free, informative and interactive**. We encourage critical thinking and active participation from our audience members through activities such as role plays, group discussion and quizzes. The format allows for audience members to develop and offer their own opinions in a respectful and controlled environment.
4. The Streetlaw programme has a precedent bank of over 50 presentations: each can be **tailored to the particular audience's needs**. New presentations are continually developed in response to topical issues (e.g. changes to Joint Enterprise law) and client requests for bespoke sessions will be considered.

## Why are BPP students best placed to deliver Streetlaw?

1. BPP University Law School's Pro Bono Centre ("BPP") **recognises the injustice inherent in our society's unmet legal needs**. We strive to enhance access to justice by facilitating the provision of pro bono legal services in our local communities. This includes our Streetlaw project, which is free to members of the public.
2. Streetlaw is **delivered by trained BPP law students** who are in their final stages of academic and vocational training prior to entry into the legal profession. The Streetlaw **materials are supervised by tutors who are qualified lawyers** internal to BPP.
3. Streetlaw Prisons focuses on the provision of practical information to prisoners (and ex-offenders) to equip them with the skills and knowledge that will facilitate their reintegration into society upon their release. Since the project's inception in 2004 we have **delivered over 100 presentations to prisoners and ex-offenders across the UK including those based at Feltham Young Offenders Institute** in London, and those participating in the Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Programme in Manchester.



4. BPP's Streetlaw project is an **award winning programme, recognised on a national level** at the annual LawWorks and Attorney General Student Awards for its positive impact in local communities. In 2013 the Streetlaw Prison project was **Runner Up in the category of Best Contribution by an Individual Student** (Alexandra Queffurus).

5. Feedback received from the sessions delivered has been overwhelmingly positive, with **attendees reporting increased knowledge of their rights, as well as confidence in seeking further professional advice about their personal situations.**

*Just to say a huge thank you for giving up your morning today to contribute to our session at HMP/YOI Isis. It was a really successful workshop and you all imparted extremely useful insights to the young men. Thank you for your support!*  
**Vida, Key4Life**

## How does Streetlaw work?

- The Streetlaw Prisons project is run by Student Directors (all law students at BPP). Their work is overseen by a member of staff at the BPP site local to you.
- To **book a single or series of presentations contact the member of staff relevant to your locality** (details below). You can then discuss and agree details of your preferred venue, time and topic, and any other needs particular to the intended audience.
- The Student Directors organise a small **group of student volunteers to attend your venue to deliver the presentation(s) (usually 45 – 60 minutes long)**. The students are trained prior to delivery of the presentation.
- All we require from you is that a **member of your staff is present in the room** with our volunteers during the presentation. Use of projector facilities at the venue is desirable but not necessary.

## What Streetlaw sessions are available?

The list below covers some of the most popular topics we deliver to prisoners and ex-offenders. We are happy to discuss new requests/particular audience needs.

Criminal law	Criminal law cont.	Criminal law cont.	Other laws	Other laws
Domestic Abuse	Murder and Manslaughter	Police Powers of Stop and Search	Contact with your Children	Deportation and detention of criminals
Drugs	Gangs and Secondary Liability (previously Joint Enterprise)	Sexting and Revenge Porn	Earning money on the streets	Release and recall
Knife Crime	Offences Against the Person – non fatal (due in 2018)	Crossing the line – when sport becomes a crime	Employment law and disclosure of criminal convictions	Travelling abroad with convictions
	Sexual Consent		Human rights	Tenancy rights

## **A quick word about the remit of the Streetlaw service**

Streetlaw presentations are aimed at empowering individuals with knowledge and information about their rights. Knowledge is an extremely powerful tool. The student volunteers are not allowed (and do not have the professional expertise) to give any specific legal advice to audience members about their personal circumstances. Audience members can, however, be signposted by Streetlaw presenters to alternative sources of help.

## **I want to book a Streetlaw presentation!**

Please contact the BPP member of staff in your area to discuss your particular requirements:

### **Birmingham and Bristol**

Geraldine Flood, 0330 060 3505, [GeraldineFlood@bpp.com](mailto:GeraldineFlood@bpp.com)

### **Cambridge**

Laura Jones, 0207 633 4346, [LauraJones@bpp.com](mailto:LauraJones@bpp.com)

### **Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester**

Rachael Kirkup, 0330 060 3569, [RachaelKirkup@bpp.com](mailto:RachaelKirkup@bpp.com)

### **London**

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