

# Streetlaw: Schools and Youth Groups (secondary)

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## Why would Streetlaw benefit my school/youth group?

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 issuesthrough 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 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. Streetlaw lessons **complement Citizenship and PHSE teaching** on the national curriculum. We are also able to assist students to prepare for the Citizenship Foundation's mock trial competitions.
5. 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 laws) 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 overseen by tutors that are qualified lawyers** internal to BPP.
3. Streetlaw Schools and Youth Groups focuses on primary and secondary school aged children (aged 8 – 17 years) in disadvantaged communities. In the 2015/6 academic year we delivered **over 100 presentations to schools/youth groups, to over 2000 audience members in more than 30 venues across the UK**.



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 2017 the student team in Leeds were **Runners Up in category of Best Team of Students** for their work in delivering mock trials to local schools.

*"We have been very grateful for the support of Streetlaw this year with our GCSE Citizenship classes. Many of our pupils aspire to study and work in law and the opportunity for them to meet, first hand, people with similar aspirations is invaluable. They were able to see that there are many paths that lead to careers in law and that people from a variety of backgrounds and interests can be involved and be successful."*

**Ms Tasker, Head of Citizenship, Abraham Moss Community School**

## How does Streetlaw work?

- The Streetlaw Schools and Youth Groups 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 to fit into your timetable)**. 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 course of 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 schools/youth groups. We are happy to discuss new requests/particular audience needs.

Criminal law	Criminal law cont.	Employment law	Other laws	Global issues
Drugs	Mock Trial (intro session, full workshop or demonstration)	Social media in the workplace	Consumer Law	Female Genital Mutilation
Forced Marriage	Police Powers of Stop and Search	Discrimination (general or disability)	Data Protection and Privacy	Human Trafficking
Knife Crime	Sexual consent	Equality Act 2010	Human Rights	Protest and Riots
Gangs and Secondary Liability	Sexting and Revenge Porn	Employment Law Basics		War Crimes
Crossing the line – when sport becomes a crime		Past and future changes (incl Brexit)		

## **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)

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