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Welcome to this guide to the Young Citizens Legal Experts in Schools programme. This leaflet contains an overview of the programme and explains how your business can take part.

If you'd like any further information, details about how to contact us can be found at the end of the leaflet.



About Young Citizens

Young Citizens helps young people become active, engaged and motivated citizens, who are able to contribute positively to their communities – whether those communities are local, national or global.

We believe that by helping young people play a full part in their communities, we can help strengthen democratic society. At a time when so many of our democratic institutions are under threat, our work is more important than ever.


Our work ranges from immersive learning projects where young people learn about the legal justice system to empowering children to take action on social issues they care about most. We also empower teachers and volunteering professionals with specialist training and resources for classroom delivery. All of our work has a single aim: to help young people be active citizens for life.

About Legal Experts in Schools

Legal Experts in Schools partners employees from law firms, barrister chambers and in-house legal teams with young people from local secondary schools. Over the course of six 1-hour sessions legal professionals work with small groups of 14-15 year olds, using specially created resources to stimulate debate on the ethics and laws around topics such as human rights and social media.

Through participation young people gain an understanding of the law and how it relates to their lives. The format also ensures that volunteers have a positive impact on students' employability skills. Linking with schools from more deprived communities, it has a secondary aim of boosting aspirations and promoting social mobility through exposure with legal professionals and giving insights into the world of work.

Legal Experts in Schools has been running for over 20 years giving students rare access to the legal profession. It is also a deeply rewarding skills-based employee volunteering experience, which makes a real difference to the young people they support.



Every year we work with some of the biggest law firms, in-house legal teams and barrister chambers to benefit hundreds of young people.

Annually, this programme reaches

500+
Students

25
Schools

450+
Volunteers

How the programme makes a difference

Participants 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that they had developed the following skills:

91%

Ability to interact with adults

90%

Ability to interact with other students

91%

Ability to work well in a group

94%

Ability to think critically

89% of young people stated that they would feel confident that they could reach a fair outcome in a legal situation following participation

"It's a very good programme which exposes you to different ways of thinking."

Yr 10 Student, Raines Foundation School

98% of young people who participated last year would recommend taking part

"It's a brilliant opportunity to work with children who inspire you and make you think differently about your job. It stops you taking work for granted and makes you realise how interesting the law actually is."

Heloise Waudby, Volunteer, McDermott Will & Emery



By working in partnership with schools and businesses we can ensure that the next generation have the knowledge, the skills and the confidence that they need to become active and engaged members of our democracy.

We rely on the commitment and loyalty of thousands of skilled volunteers, sponsors and donors to help us make our unique impact to strengthening society.

Without your contribution we would not be able to provide our youngest citizens with the same breadth of reach or quality of experience.

Thank you for your support and making our shared vision a reality.

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Economic Experts in Schools

This opportunity partners professionals with small groups of students to help them to understand the basics of economics and to see how a changing economic climate impacts them and the world they live in. Professionals use specially created resources to explore the potential implications of current events.

Media Experts in Schools

The digital landscape is rapidly changing. This means that it's becoming increasingly difficult for young people to navigate the media safely and responsibly. Media Experts in Schools gives professionals the opportunity to volunteer with young people to facilitate discussions and develop valuable skills for life.

Bespoke Projects

We provide tailored education projects, designed to meet your businesses' specific corporate responsibility objectives. Using our educational expertise and extensive UK schools' network we are able to create effective solutions helping you to meet your strategic goals.

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