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Head of School Alastair Mullis

Welcome to the new School of Law Newsletter. Each semester we will be publishing two editions and I hope that you will find them interesting and informative.

You might ask, why a newsletter? Everyone is very busy and writing the content inevitably takes time that could be spent doing other things. I have asked myself this question and offer you the following answers that I hope make clear why I think this newsletter is worth the effort.

First, as you know, I talk a lot about the School of Law community and its importance. For me, the School of Law belongs to all of us, whether we be a member of the student body, an alumnus or a member of academic or support staff. As far as I am concerned, everyone has, and must feel that they have, a stake in our community. To feel that you have a stake requires that you know what is going on and I hope that the newsletter will play an important role in this regard. I want you to understand

what the strategic goals of our School are and to feel that you have some way of participating in the development of those goals. I want you to know something about the research that my academic colleagues are undertaking when they are not teaching and to understand what contribution they are making to their subjects. I want you to know about the challenges that we face, to see them as joint challenges and to help us deal with them.

In short, by providing you with information about the School and all that we do, I am inviting you to contribute to the further development of our School and to write to me with any ideas that you have about how we can do things better. I cannot promise that these ideas will be implemented but I do promise that I will listen.

Secondly, a successful and generous community sees the success of one as the success of all. It also finds a way to pull together in difficult times. Universities are not always good at celebrating success but I want to change that in this School. Where my colleagues achieve great things, as they frequently do, I want you to read about them in the newsletter and to feel a sense of pride. I also want to be able to celebrate your successes. I know that many of you do extraordinary things during your time here and achieve a great deal. Again, I want all of us to be able to read about these things: to be able to bask in your reflected glory. Not only will this, I hope, encourage a sense of community pride but perhaps even more importantly it will

help all of us realise that where others like us have succeeded in perhaps getting a training contract or a first class mark, these are things that we too can do.

Finally, as well as being a source of information for you about your School and a mechanism for us to celebrate success, I want this to be a way of showcasing our School of Law and its people to the outside world: a place, in other words, where we tell the world what we have done. Where we have competed with success in mooting, negotiation or debating competitions, I want others to know about it. Where we organise an evening like 'Law's Got Talent' we should be telling others about it because it reflects the type of School that we are. It reflects how Leeds is different from other schools of law. We need to articulate a coherent vision to the outside world of what Leeds means to us and I hope again that the newsletter will play its part.

So there it is. That is why we are launching this newsletter. Its success, as with all things in this School, will depend in large part on you. Do let Kate Spicer (k.e.spicer@leeds.ac.uk), who works in the Management Support Office and is responsible for the newsletter, know what you think of it and what you would like to read about. Do also let her know about your achievements.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you next semester.

Alastair

School of Law Career Mentoring Scheme

On Wednesday 10th December, the School launched its first career mentoring scheme.

The scheme, managed by Judith Dahlgreen, aims to give second year undergraduates an insight into working life and enable students to develop employability skills relevant to a particular career. Mentors will help provide guidance to assist the 51 registered students in achieving their career-focused goals.

More than 50 mentors signed up to take part, with representatives from local and national solicitor firms, prison staff, police officers and civil servants. Several School of Law alumni are also kindly offering their support.

The Scheme will run until July 2015.

For more information, contact Judith Dahlgreen on J.M.Dahlgreen@leeds.ac.uk



2014 Pamela Walsh Peaker scholars: Heather Lucy, Sinead Kearns, Chevan Ilangaratne, Katie Small, Samantha Clarke and Antonia Birchall (L-R)

Pamela Walsh Peaker Memorial Awards 2014/15

Applications are open for this year's Awards, which offer law undergraduates the opportunity to engage in an eight-week summer work placement where they gain valuable experience in private law – particularly in the area of claimants' individual legal rights.

The School will award up to six Pamela Walsh Peaker Memorial Awards of £2,500 per student. The awards are generously funded by Mr Tony Peaker in memory of his late wife Pamela Walsh Peaker, a solicitor who, throughout her career, remained committed to helping her clients obtain justice whatever their means and background.

Chevan Ilangaratne, who was one of six students to receive a 2013/14 award, reflects on his experience:

I undertook a placement between June-August 2014 at local firm SCE Solicitors which specialises primarily in employment law. This commenced with one of the solicitors overseeing my work experience instructing me to read the files of the cases which the firm has dealt with. This gave me an understanding of the structure of case files, and how a case can progress from a simple claim form all the way to a judgment handed down in an employment tribunal.

I was regularly asked to carry out legal research in relation to cases which SCE were overseeing. This enabled me to use my legal skills, practically, in a real life case. Such skills were also employed to help draft a Scott Schedule, which I learnt is a document detailing the points of law which the judge in a case has to decide on.

My most exciting experience during my scholarship was attending a five day employment tribunal hearing in Watford, where SCE Solicitors represented the claimant. I found this case fascinating because it handed me the opportunity to talk with the claimant on a one to one basis about the strengths and weaknesses of her case. In the end, she won the case on all grounds – a decision which gave me incredible satisfaction considering my indirect involvement in proceedings.

My time at SCE was an educating, enjoyable and at times, inspirational experience that gave me a handful of basic practical skills which every solicitor should have; it also taught me the importance of attention to detail when practicing law. The Pamela Walsh Peaker Scholarship was an incredibly priceless experience from a career perspective and thanks go to Tony Peaker for making it happen.

For more information or to apply for the awards, contact Marika Hildebrandova on M.Hildebrandova@leeds.ac.uk The closing date for applications is 10am on Monday 19th January.

National Student Survey

We were delighted to receive the National Student Survey results in August.

Feedback from undergraduate students who graduated in July 2014 gave us an overall satisfaction rating of 92%, a 4% increase on the previous year.

Our celebrations continued when we discovered that levels of overall satisfaction among our current undergraduate and postgraduate students had increased too. Our success is not solely due to the hard work of academic and student education service staff but also students who have worked with us to introduce changes, or simply to offer feedback. The results are fantastic but we are far from complacent and as this newsletter goes to print (or the electronic equivalent!) our action plan for 14/15 will be considered by the Faculty's Taught Student Education Committee. We have worked with students to develop this: course reps, LUU school reps, student engagement ambassadors and student society committees. We certainly have a busy year ahead taking forward all the suggestions. Copies will be made available to students in the New Year.

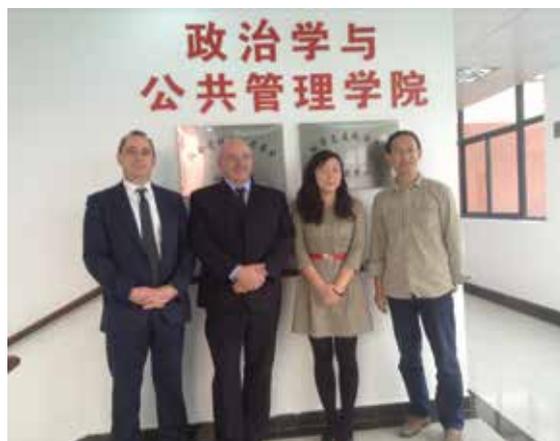
In the meantime, if you have suggestions for making the School of Law even better do share them with me.

Emma Wincup
Director of Student Education



Leeds activity overseas

Last month, Head of School Alastair Mullis and Professor Roger Halson spent two weeks visiting and giving both promotional and academic talks at collaborative university partners in China.



Professor Mullis and Professor Halson met with Prof D Xia Fei, ECUPL's International Director, and also with the School of Criminal Justice at Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (Rank = 7) to discuss how our world class Centre for Criminal Justice Studies (CCJS) might collaborate with ECUPL and ZUEL's counterparts. Professor Halson and Mullis also spoke on 'Trends in global and regional harmonisation of commercial law' to a large group of students. Further visits involving Professors Clive Walker and Adam Crawford from CCJS are planned. Professors Halson and Mullis again gave a lecture to the first year students of ZUEL's innovative

international law programme.

Professors Mullis and Halson also visited Wuhan University (Ranked 4th) where they were warmly welcomed by the Dean Xiao Yongping and other colleagues. A particularly positive aspect of the discussions about our collaborations was the possibility of establishing a scheme for some joint teaching at Leeds.

The School has a long established link with the East China School of Political Science and Law (Rank =5, Chinese Ministry of Education Law School Rankings) in Shanghai, where discussions were held with the Economic Law Institute about developing our existing research links and the establishment of a joint research institute in civil and commercial law. The new institute will be launched with a joint conference in early 2016.

The final visit was to Northwest University of Politics and Law in Xi'an where Professors Halson and Mullis were very warmly welcomed by Director Li Li and Professor Cao Yue to develop the School's most recently established collaboration. NWUPL are planning a visit to Leeds in due course and staff members will also attend academic conferences hosted by the School of Law at Leeds.



An international perspective on Leeds



Adam Downie
LLB Law
(graduate programme)
2013-2015

About Me

I was born and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and I am 25 years old. I graduated from Saint Mary's University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Commerce (marketing major).

Why I chose the LLB Law graduate programme at Leeds

After working in a marketing related field for a year, I realised that I wanted to attend law school. I knew that coming to the UK would be a wonderful choice and the possibility of completing my LLB in two years was of great interest to me. It was readily apparent that The University of Leeds was a top possibility in England.

My course

The graduate LLB program is fast-paced, engaging and fun. At times the work can seem like a formidable challenge. But the professors are leaders in their respective fields and will never shy away from assisting their students. The learning environment at Leeds is outstanding and the student support within the Law School is truly first rate.

Life in Leeds

Leeds is a great place to live. I was surprised at how easily and quickly I could travel from Canada to Leeds. I feel the city has something to offer everyone – my favourite aspects are the museums and the Leeds City Market.

After Graduation

I would love to practice law in an international setting, involving relationships between organisations in the developing world and governments. I would also enjoy representing Canadian interests in international relations.

Research Events

It's been an exciting start to the year for the research events taking place in the School of Law. We've seen a slight re-organisation of our research centres and groups, meaning that we now have four:

- Centre for Business Law and Practice
- Centre for Criminal Justice Studies
- Law and Emerging Technologies Research Group
- Law and Social Justice Research Group.

We've had seven public seminars over the past semester, covering everything from the ethics of financial regulation to the moral geography of sex trafficking, via 19th century safe making & breaking and judicial perception of the media. A full list of our past events can be found online at www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events.

There are a number of public seminars that will be taking place next year, including:

26th January Centre for Business Law and Practice – Professor Duncan Sheehan – Defendant-Sided Unjust Factors – 5pm – G.33

9th February Centre for Business Law and Practice – Professor Erika Szyzszak – title to be announced – 5pm – G.33

11th February Public lecture from the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health – 5.30pm – Moot Room

23rd February Centre for Criminal Justice Studies – Frank Dawtry memorial lecture – LG.06

25th February Annual Liberty Lecture – Shami Chakrabarti – 5.30pm – Western Lecture Theatre



Professor Belinda Carpenter from Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia, delivered a public seminar on 'A Moral Geography of Sex Trafficking' to a full room on November 25th. The Centre of Criminal Justice Studies event explored the reasons for the differentiation of sex trafficking from other forms of exploited labour.

Promoting diversity in the Judiciary

In November, the School hosted an event for black and minority ethnic legal professionals interested in a career in the judiciary.

The event, entitled, "Judges of Tomorrow – they look like you!" was a collaboration between the University, Inner and Middle Temples, the Judicial Office and the Leeds Employment Tribunal. The evening, organised by Dr Iyola Solanke, attracted around 90 participants from as far afield as London and Blackpool. Solicitors, barristers, legal academics, CILEX executives and students listened to The Right Honourable Lady Justice Macur of the Court of Appeal, District Judges Tanweer Ikram and Sunita Mason talk about their pathway to the judiciary. This was then augmented with practical advice from Sarah Gane of the Judicial Appointments Commission (JAC).



Spook-tacular Quiz

The Liberty building played host to a fiendish Halloween quiz for undergraduate students and staff, with pumpkin prizes, bobbing apples and toilet roll mummies!

Thanks to Antony Butcher, School Support Administration Assistant for organising a successful event.

Taylor-made Teaching



Associate Professor Nick Taylor has been named as one of the six finalists for the 2015 Law Teacher of the Year Award.

The award, which is sponsored by Oxford University Press, highlights the exceptional teaching taking place in law schools around the UK, and formally recognises the vital role played by law teachers. Nick, a veteran of some 20 years in the School who will be a familiar face to many alumni, said: "It is a real honour to get to this point and one that reflects my own School's commitment to teaching." As for why he's made the shortlist, Nick said, "there are increasing opportunities to utilise modern teaching aids, which are tremendously useful, but ultimately, my own tutors and colleagues past and present, people such as Professor Brian Hogan and Professor David Ormerod QC, demonstrated to me the inspirational qualities in effective and enthusiastic communication. I try to replicate

that and hope my genuine interest in what I'm doing rubs off on my students".

Nick will now join finalists from across the country in the rigorous second stage of the judging process, involving campus observations and interviews with students and colleagues, to determine which teacher will win the award, to be announced in February 2015.

As part of the judging process, each of the shortlisted candidates will have to demonstrate their active interest in and development of approaches to teaching that influence, motivate and inspire students to learn, a commitment to supporting the development of their students as individuals, as well as effective and engaging communication, and an involvement in scholarly activities that influence and enhance the learning of students and colleagues alike.

This is a very considerable achievement for Nick as the panel received more than 80 nominations this year.

Law's Got Talent

Staff and students took to the stage in Mine bar at the Students' Union for a brilliant evening of performances, including poetry, African dancing, singing, and an unforgettable dance routine to Pharrell's 'Happy'.

The dance, choreographed by student Nash Sithole, saw Head of School Alastair Mullis, Director of Education Emma Wincup, Deputy Head of School Joan Loughrey and Deputy Director of Student Education Lydia Bleasdale-Hill showcase their musical talents, much to the enjoyment of the 120 plus audience members!

Cake entries for the Great British Law Bake Off were sold during a break in the action and all money raised, including ticket proceeds, was donated to the Howard League for Penal Reform, as chosen by CrimSoc and LawSoc. Lecturer Sarah Brown was declared the Bake Off winner.

Congratulations and thank you to all staff and students who performed or supported the acts on the night.



New Staff News



David Churchill
Research Fellow in
Criminology and
Criminal Justice

My role involves...

I am working with Prof. Adam Crawford on a number of projects, including on research related to urban public parks. We are interested in the role of parks as spaces of social mixing – both in the Victorian era and the present day – and how parks refract changes in urban space and social relations at large.

Before working in the School of Law, I was...

a historian! I took undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in history, specialising in policing and crime control in Victorian industrial cities – my doctoral research, as it happens, was based mostly on Leeds. I was awarded my PhD two years ago, and since then I have taught history at the University of Leicester and at Birkbeck. Last year I held a research fellowship at the Institute of Historical Research in London, which allowed me to expand my research into the history of security and the security industry in modern Britain.

I wanted to work at Leeds because...

the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies provides such an accommodating environment for scholars from different disciplines to engage with the study of crime and related subjects. There are not many historians in criminology schools and departments, and so the environment had to be right to make me feel at home. I also found in Leeds a group of leading scholars whose research interests are closely related to my own, especially in the study of policing and security. Lastly, the prospect of moving to the city I had, as a PhD student, spent so long researching, was a major draw.

The best part of my job is/the part of my role I'm most looking forward to is...

I am very fortunate that mine is largely a research role, and so I get to spend most of my time working on research projects and discovering new things. Besides the work I have recently started on public parks, the job allows plenty of time to continue work on my own, established projects, which is a real privilege. That said, I thoroughly enjoy teaching as well, and so I'm grateful for the opportunity to run lectures and seminars and supervise dissertations in criminology, all of which provides me with further valuable experience.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

out and about! I enjoy walking, whether it's just exploring the city and its heritage, or venturing further afield. And, of course, no walk is complete without a trip to the pub!



Antony Butcher
School Support
Administrative
Assistant

My role involves...

lots! Mainly I work with the four research centres and groups (Centre for Business Law and Practice, Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, Law and Emerging Technologies Research Group, Law and Social Justice Research Group), helping to organise all of the events that they put on across the year. It's a massively varied role – one day I can be booking a small meeting for 5 people, the next day I can be organising events for hundreds of people. As well as all the other admin tasks I help out with I also support some of the major School events – the annual Liberty Lecture, Law's Got Talent, and the Halloween Quiz for example.

Before working in the School of Law, I was...

President of the Students' Union at Bangor University for two years, representing 10,000 students locally and nationally.

I wanted to work at Leeds because...

It's close to family. Despite being a Southerner through and through my mum now lives in Wetherby in a care home, and so being close by is really important.

The best part of my job is...

Getting to work in a fantastic environment. Everyone is really kind and supportive here, and the office I work in have taken me under their wing. The academic staff as well are wonderful, and it already feels like I'm home here!

My favourite thing about Leeds (the city) is...

The location. Yorkshire is a beautiful county (nearly as nice as my home county of Devon!) and living out in Ilkley I'm just minutes away from some stunning walks and bike rides.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

On stage (either acting or doing comedy), reading a book, or raising money for charity. I've raised over £12,000 for charity over the years. In the past I've cycled Lands' End to John O'Groats twice, most recently this summer, organised comedy shows with Phill Jupitus, and a whole menagerie of other activities. I now bake a couple of cakes each week to bring in for "Cake Monday" – combining cake with charity. A match made in heaven!

Raphael Heffron
Lecturer in Law

My role involves...

lecturing, researching and external engagement.

Before working in the School of Law...

I was lecturing in the University of Stirling (Scotland) on Energy Law and conducting energy research (PhD) at the University of Cambridge.

I wanted to work at Leeds because...

of the ambition in Energy Research and contribution to reducing the effects of carbon dioxide emissions.

The part of my role I'm most looking forward to is...

potentially developing an Energy & Climate Change Law module at the University of Leeds for postgrads and undergrads.

My favourite thing about Leeds (the city) is...

the atmosphere.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

having a coffee before I start work.

Staff farewell

As the School welcomed new academic and support staff, it also said farewell to Professor Clive Walker on his retirement.

An alum of the School (LLB Law, 1975), Professor Walker joined the Law School at Leeds as a lecturer in 1983, before working his way up to Senior Lecturer, Reader, then Professor of Criminal Studies. He was responsible for setting up the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies in 1987, becoming its first Director – a position he held for 13 years. The Centre has subsequently been identified as a peak of research excellence by the University and respected as a leading Centre internationally.

Adam Crawford says: “The CCJS owes its existence, development, reputation and well-being to the nurturing, guidance and hard-work that Clive dedicated to it.”

Professor Walker was also the Director of Research and the Head of School twice, and his work and leadership helped to raise the Law School to its current place as one of the elite and best regarded Law Schools in the UK, with a significant international profile.

Head of School Alastair Mullis acknowledged: “Clive has quite simply been a towering figure in the School’s development over the last 30 or so years. In every area in which the School is particularly successful or respected, Clive has played a significant role.”

We wish him a very happy, successful and long retirement.

Professor Clive Walker will continue to support the School as Professor Emeritus.



International law to international medicine

When he’s not teaching students about international law practices, Professor Surya P. Subedi uses his spare time to support the medical charity – the Britain-Nepal Medical Trust – operating in 46 districts in Nepal.

Founded by a group of young British doctors with a philanthropic zeal some fifty years ago, the charity operated in the eastern part of the country with its offices in Biratnagar. But over the decades it has grown and now has headquarters in Kathmandu with four regional offices, and an international office in Kent.

As one of the leading organisations working in controlling TB in Nepal, the trust works in partnership with the Government of Nepal and other health service providers. It supplements and complements the work of the government in the delivery of health services to the needy in Nepal, including identifying active TB cases

earlier; raising awareness about TB through peer education, training sessions and other events; and making sexual and reproductive health services accessible to adolescents.

The charity supports government initiatives by raising funds nationally in the UK and internationally. It is run by a team of people led by a country director but the overall management and oversight of the trust is carried out by a group of trustees based in the UK. Professor Subedi co-chairs the Trust along with Dr Gillian Holdsworth. He was invited to join as a trustee in 2007 when the trust was looking to adopt a rights-based approach to health to reflect the changes taking place in the political landscape in the country. He has since then served as a deputy chair and now co-chair.

Of the invitation to join, Professor Subedi said: “I accepted because I come from a family in which the ethos of duty to others has traditionally been strong. Both my grandfather and father were great educationists who had founded schools and help spread education in the rural areas of Nepal.”

He added; “The sense of satisfaction one gets from such voluntary work is huge and it is stimulating to be working for such a charity when one needs to take a break from academic work.”

For more information about the charity’s work, visit www.britainnepalmedicaltrust.org.uk

Run, Rachael, Run

After taking up running in an effort to get fit, Education Service Manager Rachael Taylor has clocked up more than 50km in charity runs this year.

Rachael explained: “I took up running about 18 months or so ago with a friend and since then we’ve become addicted!” She added: “We’ve taken part in 5 races this year including a 5k muddy run for Cancer Research in June; the 5k Spartan Warrior run in September (with lots of mud!) and the 10k Abbey Dash in November for Age UK.”

“We ran the Leeds Half Marathon in May for Martin House Hospice – mainly because it’s a local charity and one which we often support through the School of Law. Quite a few members of staff sponsored me and helped me raise £320 for the charity.”

The next challenges for Rachael are the 16km Yorkshire Warrior in April, complete with obstacles and lots of mud, followed by the Leeds Half Marathon for the second time in May, raising money for Parkinsons UK.



Staff News

Congratulations to Dr Pinar Akman who has been appointed to the Peer Review College of the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) as of November 2014.

A new edition of Professor Clive Walker's book has just been published: Blackstone's Guide to the Anti-Terrorism Legislation (Third Edition, Oxford University Press). The book provides expert explanation and analysis of the scope, extent, and effect of the prime anti-terrorism legislation.

Link to <http://goo.gl/klf7ZO>

Dr Peter Whelan has been invited to join the Editorial Committee of the International Review of Law, a generalist law journal based at Qatar University which aims to bring perspectives from around the world to developments in the law.

Professor Anna Lawson has been appointed a member of the Disability Committee of the Equality and Human Rights Commission

Dr Clifford Stott quoted in Guardian article detailing a riot at a New Hampshire pumpkin festival. "Did police's militarised response to a small town pumpkin patch riot just make it worse?" <http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2014/oct/22/new-hampshire-keene-pumpkin-riots-police-militarisation>

George Wilson published 'Freud's Minimum Wage Slip' in the Huffington Post: http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/george-wilson/lord-freud_b_6012820.html

Diana Grech has been accepted as a 'Visiting Junior Fellow' at the Centre for Criminology and Socio-legal Studies at the University of Toronto, Canada, whilst she undertakes fieldwork for her thesis (from 1st January 2015). This is one of the world's foremost criminology centres

Dr Peter Whelan has been invited to join the Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal of Financial Crime, the leading law journal in the area of financial crime.

Dr Pinar Akman has taken part in the training of judges from different EU Member States on issues of competition law. The training event was funded by the European Commission and is organised by the European University Institute through its Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies.

David Thompson has given several conference papers based on his PhD research, including at the Cumbria Circles Conference, Penrith, the National Organisation for the Treatment of Abusers (NOTA) Annual Conference at the University of York, and the final dissemination conference of the Circles UK project, at the University of Leeds. You can read the executive summary and final report at: <http://www.law.leeds.ac.uk/research/projects/assessing-impact-cosa>

The Home Office have made a grant for £6500 in 2014 for research on international and comparative law in connection with the inquiry by the Special Adviser to the Independent Reviewer of the Terrorism Legislation into the policy and practice of 'Deportation with Assurances'. Professor Clive Walker has recently returned from undertaking research at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law in Freiburg and the European Union Institute Library in Florence. It is envisaged that the research will be published as a companion to the main report.

Abdulmalik Altamimi gave a presentation entitled 'Legitimacy and Legality in the WTO Dispute Settlement Body: An Interactional Account?' to the Annual International Conference on Law, Economics and Politics at Oxford. 1-3 September 2014.

Abdulaziz Aleid gave a paper at the Juris Diversitas' Annual Conference at the University of Aix-Marseille in Aix-en-Provence entitled "The Legal System in Saudi Arabia and Tax: A Friend or Foe in Levying Tax on Lands".

Staff News



Setting Sail

Congratulations to first year LLB Law student Nadirur Choudhury who has been selected for the Global Youth Leaders Development Programme “The Ship for World Youth Leaders”.

Nadirur will join young people from Japan and other countries around the world on an ocean liner in January 2015. They will live together, and participate in onshore, on board and overseas training sessions in leadership, and research throughout cities in Japan.

The programme, sponsored by the Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan, aims to deepen mutual understanding amongst adults and young people in Japan through international discussion, leadership training and cultural activities. To promote the need for globalisation, youth leadership and more crucially strengthen the partnership between adults and young people.

Leadership experts around the world have been selected to participate in facilitating research and training workshops, and learn more about the culture of Youth work and leadership in Japan. More significantly they will contribute to

a research report on the effectiveness of Global Leadership to the Japanese Government at the end of the trip.

Nadirur has been volunteering in youth work for more than seven years, ranging from being elected a Member of UK Youth Parliament to recently being selected a Birmingham Future Leader in March 2014. He was encouraged to apply for the programme through his local youth cabinet group, and following an application process and interview with a recent Alum of the project, he was offered a place for 2015.

Nadirur said “I am humbled to have been selected on this programme and I am certain this will be a once in a lifetime opportunity that will be extremely beneficial for my future development as an aspiring Lawyer.”

For more information, visit <http://www.shipforworldyouth.org/>

Tea Time Talk

The newly formed PG Society hosted a successful first event in October when taught postgraduates were invited for high tea and a chance to meet their fellow students.

Everyone was encouraged to bring tea-time snacks traditional to their home countries from honey and dates to cakes of every variety!

The event was organised by committee members Jessie Lewis, Adam Downie and Sarah Brown. The next event will be a trip to the Yorkshire Playhouse and when the weather gets warmer – Kirkstall Abbey.



The Community of Restorative Researchers

The Community of Restorative Researchers is a new international, interdisciplinary research network. Its purpose is twofold: firstly, to create a free and open space in which those with a research interest in restorative justice theory and/or practice can share information, engage in frank discussion and collaborate with others involved in similar lines of inquiry; secondly, to connect the worlds of policy and practice, as well as the public sphere, to that of research. The dissemination of research – and practice-led knowledge across disciplines and nations, as well as between researchers, practitioners, policymakers and the public, is essential to achieving the twin goals of maximising the potential benefits of, and minimising the risks presented by, the use of restorative approaches to crime, harm and conflict.

Founded in June 2014, the network’s database and social media groups have over 300 members, representing more than thirty countries. Members include undergraduate and postgraduate students, academics, policymakers, facilitators, third-sector workers and criminal justice and education professionals, as well as those with a personal interest in restorative justice. The network’s inaugural event will take place at the University of Leeds in mid-2015, and will involve talks by influential researchers, practitioners and policymakers working in this field.

To join the member’s database, please email Ian Marder (Iw08im@leeds.ac.uk). Additionally, please use the search terms ‘Community of Restorative Researchers’ on Facebook and LinkedIn to find the network’s groups.

Ian D. Marder

Founder, Community of Restorative Researchers

Alishya Dhir and Megan Sharp

Network Development Interns, Community of Restorative Researchers

Ian Marder has published a major research report into Restorative Justice. Entitled, ‘Opportunities to use Restorative Justice in the Moroccan Criminal Justice Process’, <https://www.sfcg.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Opportunities-to-use-Restorative-Justice-in-the-Moroccan-Criminal-Justice-Process.pdf>

LawSoc Update



LawSoc have had a very busy first semester so far. It has been brilliant to welcome so many enthusiastic first years into our Society and it is encouraging to see how many of them have already engaged with all of our wonderful opportunities. It has also been great to welcome back our second and third years who have, undoubtedly, missed all the activities we constantly supply.

We have always prioritised exposing our students to the legal working world and we have supplied career events and presentations, from top firms, in abundance throughout the first semester. Our annual Careers Dinner, on Thursday 26th November at the Queens Hotel, was a huge success. At this event we gave students the opportunity to be wined and dined by some of the most high-profile firms in the world and we hope that students found it beneficial.

Another standout event the Society organised was our trip to London to visit the Grey's and Lincoln's Inn Chambers. One of our objectives this year was to give our students a more comprehensive overview of the legal industry. We hope the visit provided a valuable insight to a viable career path.

Recently, LawSoc went to Amsterdam and we have received a great deal of positive feedback as a result. The Law Society understands the pressures of a legal degree so we hope that students will have come back refreshed and raring to finish the first semester strongly.

The semester is still far from over and the Committee are hard at work ensuring that we finish on a high-note with more anticipated events fast approaching including the Christmas Social and much more.

Saahil Sheth

President
University of Leeds Law Society 2014-5

Leeds takes on Glasgow, Cambridge, Portsmouth and Hull

Six of our students have recently mooted against four other law schools in the first round of the following external mooting competitions: OUP/BPP, Essex Court/ESU and Landmark Chambers.

Bryan Chen and Min Chin won their first round match against Glasgow in the OUP/BPP moot (Protection from Harassment Act 1997 problem), Chevan Illagaratne and Angus Cheuk mooted against Cambridge and Portsmouth in a 'three way' match in the Landmark Chambers competition (adverse possession land law problem). Unfortunately Chevan and Angus are not progressing to the next round. Emily Chipchase and Bjorn Tan mooted against Hull in the Essex Court/ESU moot (negligence/economic loss/remoteness problem). In a close fought contest Emily and Bjorn were edged out by the Hull team.

Thanks to all our students who participated in the first round of the senior and junior mooting competitions in recent weeks. Also thanks to Jess Bourke (student LawSoc mooting secretary) for organising the internal mooting competitions and for arranging for the final of the senior mooting competition to be held in the Supreme Court in April before Lord Hughes.

High Achievers

Congratulations on behalf of the School to our postgraduate prize winners:

- **PG Contribution to School prize** Chia Lee
- **Top Student – Highest Overall Average** Paul Axon
- **Top Dissertation** George Riach
- **Top International Student** Tugba Sarikaya

CrimSoc: our year so far

Our committee members have worked really hard to bring members the best events – socially and academically.



Our social secretaries have seen success in all events we have put on which have included an Army themed Otley Run, welcome social and bowling Give It A Go along with organising our fantastic sponsorship with Vodka Revolution Electric Press and fostering a close relationship with No Curfew Events. All our members are really looking forward to our final social of the semester: our Christmas meal which shall feature guest appearances from staff members.

Our President has also organised a seminar from Matthew Laird from National Probation Service who enlightened students about a day in the life of a probation officer and spoke about the different areas probation deals with.

Our Vice President has also been busy organising our second guest speaker, David Honeywell,

who currently lectures for Criminology students at Leeds Beckett and will be joining us in the new year to speak about his journey from being imprisoned to lecturing.

Our sports secretaries have also been organising the 5 aside football and netball teams. The boys have done really well this year and hope to continue this in the new year. The girls have loved playing this semester and have a great team; we just need one more win to beat our record wins from last year!

We have also managed to make a donation to the Howard League for Penal Reform from our Cake Sale at the Criminal Justice careers event: a really big thank you to all who donated their fabulous cakes to the cause!

We have had an amazing year so far, but do not fear, we have much more to come! In the new year, we will be hosting a lecture from Kelly Henderson, the business manager of a domestic abuse charity; the West Yorkshire Police will be coming in to talk about their experience with sexual harassment; PREVENT by the West Yorkshire Police Counter – Terrorism Unit will be giving a workshop; Victim Support will be giving a talk and last but not least, our Treasurer is organising our first venture out of Leeds to Alton Towers!

Megan Sharp

President – University of Leeds CrimSoc

New year, new name

The University of Leeds Justice Project is continuing the great work of The Innocence Project – only the name has changed.

In November I attended the Criminal Cases Review Commission Stakeholder's Conference in London. It was a fantastic opportunity to network, and I returned with lots of ideas to discuss with the team regarding the development of our Project.

When I arrived I was greeted by John Curtis, a CCRC Case Review Manager, who had remembered me from the United Against Injustice Annual Conference I had attended in Liverpool a month or so before. He was really keen to know how work on the Project was going and I was pleased that he was so genuinely interested. It's great to see that the UoL Justice Project is becoming recognised in the miscarriages of justice sector. John gave me some useful advice for progressing with our cases which I have fed back to the team.

Lord Justice Treacy, Richard Foster CBE (Chairman), Chief Constable of Derbyshire Police Mick Creedon and Mark Newby (QS Jordans) all delivered talks at the event. The Q&A session that followed was a great chance to develop current awareness about debates within criminal and evidence law.

Since the event, the other Project Managers and I have been in contact with a number of people from the CCRC. We are working really hard on the development and sustainability of the UoL Justice Project and discussing ideas with others is helping us to generate new ideas for the future of UoLJP. I look forward to seeing our Project become even better over the next few months.

Nicola Stewart
University of Leeds
Justice Project Manager.

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The University of Leeds Justice Project (previously the *Innocence Project*) is an educational project for our law students. The project investigates cases of suspected wrongful conviction. It provides free assistance to applicants, who maintain that they have suffered a wrongful conviction, in completing an application to the Criminal Cases Review Commission.



National Pro Bono Week 3-6 November 2014

This year was another fantastic week of events with over 60 student volunteering opportunities throughout the week – which engaged more than 200 visitors over 4 days.

We kicked off NPBW with a silent auction for Together Women Project. Sarah Brush, the Law Soc Pro Bono Secretary sourced a tantalising array of prizes from massages to rugby world cup tickets. In total, on the night we managed to raise £912. Together Women Project is an independent charity working across Yorkshire offering support services to women offenders and those at risk of offending. We would like to thank Addleshaw Goddard LLP – who kindly sponsored the evening; Pinsent Masons; Together Women Project and all those who generously donated prizes including Crabtree & Evelyn, Almost Famous, The Alchemist and Pryzzy.

The rest of the week was a whirlwind of debating, streetlaw and negotiating. The debating and negotiating Law Soc reps,

Harvey and Bren delivered interactive, thought provoking and extremely well received sessions to 149 visitors over the course of the three days. Attendees said "I liked the fact that we could apply these skills to a real life situation. I feel like I have had a real insight into university' and another '(the students) were a credit to The Law School'

My thanks go to all the students who made NPBW the roaring success it was –Sarah Jane Brush, Harvey Pare, Bren McCarthy, Patrick Keane, Gus De Haan, Helen Moxley, Jack Heward, Catherine and Vicky, all the student ambassadors who helped throughout the week.

Herabans Kaur
Educational and Community
Development Officer



Do you have news to share? Please let us know!

Contact Kate Spicer on k.e.spicer@leeds.ac.uk and you could feature in the next School newsletter.



A dream come true

Jun Tok and Min Chin, two of our undergraduates from Malaysia, determined to make the most of their time in England took a trip to Old Trafford. It is fair to say they enjoyed the experience!

“Old Trafford Stadium, the heart of the devils, a place where dreams are pursued and legends are made. When the tram arrived at Old Trafford Station, it would not be hard to find the way to the stadium, as tens and thousands of supporters rallied towards the same direction. The stadium was larger than we had expected, familiar names were carved on the pavement and the statues surrounded by supporters all around the world taking pictures of their heroes. You may have watch live matches on TV, but the degree of excitement is on a totally different level. The experience is like never before when you are in the stadium watching your favourite players showing their skills right in front of your eyes. You will be immersed by songs and chants throughout the whole match interweaving with cheers and boos. It is hard to describe the feelings we have had, but it was no doubt a wonderful and unforgettable experience. Watching a live match is like having a dream come true, a dream which we had longed for years.”

A 3-0 win no doubt helped to make it a great experience!

Congratulations to...

Pathways to Law student Warren Wellington who has secured a training contract with Herbert Smith.

Final year undergraduate James Mills who has launched a new website <http://mylawpath.com/> offering articles, key hints and focused tips for students wanting to enter the legal profession. Current articles cover choosing a law firm and using LinkedIn. James has also secured a training contract with commercial law firm Walker Morris LLP, starting 2016.

Amina Jamil who has been offered a training contract at Pinsett Masons. Amina will be based in the firm's Leeds office, starting September 2016.

Postgraduate Research Student Ella Holdsworth who came 3rd in the 3 minute thesis competition at the University of Leeds Annual Postgraduate Conference

Q&A

with a Law School Alum



Alexandra Iveson
(LLB Law 2011)
Trainee Solicitor, DWF LLP

Q. What does a typical day on my training contract involve?

A. Every day is different. My current seat is in the Real Estate department and I complete a variety of different tasks each day from preparing and providing advice to clients to completing Land Registry applications. I also regularly have the opportunity to attend business development events and network with other professionals.

Q. What in particular am I enjoying about my training contract?

A. I really enjoy the fact that I am constantly challenged. The work that I am given is very interesting and I find that I am given a lot of responsibility as a trainee solicitor.

Q. What would be my advice to current students?

A. My advice to students seeking training contracts would be that as there is a lot of competition for training contracts; it is important to have something on your applications that makes you stand out, in addition to your academic achievements, such as part-time work, extra-curricular activities and hobbies. As well as making your applications stand out, this will also provide you with additional talking points for interviews.

Alexandra is volunteering her time to be a mentor for our 2014/15 School Career Mentoring Scheme.

If you have an idea for a story, want to write an article or comment on this issue, please get in touch:

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