

About the Choices project

The LawWorks Choices Project was created to enable unemployed solicitors to take part in pro bono work whilst seeking full time employment.

LawWorks Choices has also developed the Guaranteed Interview Scheme, which volunteers are eligible for once they have completed 40 hours of pro bono work. The scheme enables volunteers to obtain a guaranteed interview with a LawWorks member firm when a position is available for which they are qualified.

How Choices works

The opportunities available through the LawWorks Choices project include:

- Advising in LawWorks Clinics, providing free legal advice to those in need
- Acting as a legal advisor in LawWorks Mediations
- Providing one-off advice to Community Groups
- Placements within other charities
- Taking part in individual casework
- Writing factsheets for not-for-profit groups, which are available via the LawWorks website
- Supporting other Choices members in their pro bono work
- Supporting the development of new projects within an NGO
- Internships at Law Centres, and Tribunals

How Choices can help you

Benefits to volunteer solicitors include access to the free CPD accredited training, organised by LawWorks; access to the Legal Intelligence Network; Career Coaching Clinics designed for Choices Volunteers by Hays Legal; fortnightly copy of the Choices Chronicle, with the latest developments within the Project and also in the legal world; the LawWorks Newsletter; professional indemnity insurance for those who qualify; the potential of a practising certificate; the Guaranteed Interview Scheme once a volunteer has completed 40 hours of pro bono work.

LawWorks are working with the Law Society and the Solicitors Regulation Authority to provide practising certificates to 100 volunteers to allow them to carry out pro bono work through the project. These certificates are available to volunteers on committing to a pro bono opportunity.

Find out more

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