



The Legal Education Foundation

Review of the First Period of Operation

to 30th June 2014

The
Legal
Education
Foundation

Our charitable objective:

***“To promote the advancement of
legal education and the study of law
in all its branches.”***



In April we held a reception at the Civil Justice Centre in Manchester to present the Foundation to the local legal and advice sectors and profile organisations funded by the Foundation

Welcome to The Legal Education Foundation's Review. This will become an annual publication although our first edition covers a longer period, taking us from our creation in December 2012 to the end of our financial year in June 2014. Last year was one of making the major transition from being an organisation that delivered academic and professional legal education to one that supported a range of initiatives in the broad area of legal education. We have now completed this transition and, as can be seen from the information in this review, have taken a number of steps to set in place a long term strategy to deliver our charitable objective in the new structure of the organisation.



Scenes from the Manchester Reception

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The first period of the Foundation has seen:

- Investment of the proceeds from the sale of The College of Law
- Appointment of Chief Executive
- Mission, Vision & Values defined
- Strategic objectives to 2020 agreed
- Awards of first grants, totalling £2.2 million
- Launch of Justice First Fellowship



Guy Beringer
Chairman of Governors

The most pleasing aspect of our work is that since creation of the new structure the Governors have made grant offers totalling £2.2 million to 23 organisations. A further £1.3 million of grant offers were made just after the year end as a result of work undertaken during the year. A summary of the grants made during the period is given on page 36 of this Review.

“the Governors have undertaken a comprehensive Strategic Review”

As well as continuing the work of grant making the Governors have undertaken a comprehensive Strategic Review. This gave greater clarity to what we are trying to do. We have also agreed our Objectives for the period to 2020 and these are set out in a separate section of this Review. This will not only assist our focus but also, we hope, guide others who work with us or seek grants or advice from us. This last is particularly important as we have found that there is considerable scope in furthering our objectives by providing opportunities to bring together organisations and people working in a sector to discuss the best ways of tackling particular issues.

“we have agreed our Objectives for the period to 2020”

Chairman's Foreword

Guy Beringer

An initiative which we are delighted to launch is the Justice First Fellowship programme. The legal advice sector has been particularly hard hit by the revised levels of public funding. One of the results is that the sector has had to reduce significantly the number of trainee lawyers that it takes. This in turn has meant that there is a danger that the leaders of the future are not being recruited into the sector. Having discussed this matter with a number of advice organisations and some funders we have designed a programme called the Justice First Fellowship which in the first year will fund eight trainee solicitor positions in advice organisations in the United Kingdom. During the time they are with their host organisation each Fellow will agree and undertake a project designed to enhance in some way the service offered by the host organisation. We are hopeful that two other Foundations who have expressed interest in the programme will join in the funding of these initial Fellowships.

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Last year it was reported that the Foundation had recruited its first Chief Executive, Matthew Smerdon, who joined us from Baring Foundation. Although only joining us full-time as from October, Matthew has already made a major contribution to our work. In particular he played a key role in helping us to formulate our Vision, Mission and Values and to set our Objectives for the period to 2020. He has also been responsible, as a result of his reputation in the sector, for bringing together other funders who have asked the Foundation to coordinate the Future Advice Programme and who have invited the Foundation to bid for funds for the Justice First Fellowship programme.

The Future

We have already started the new year well. The first eight Justice First Fellows have been appointed, a further 15 grants have been agreed and three Foundations have decided to make some £800k of grants to the Foundation to spend in areas of its expertise. I look forward to reporting further progress in next year's Review.

We would also like to place on record the Governors' thanks to Allen & Overy LLP, Ashurst LLP, Cambridge Associates and Fountain Court Chambers for their generous provision of meeting facilities during the year. Although there is much left for us to do we believe we have made good progress in meeting what we initially set out to do. This is as a result of the hard work of the staff of the Foundation and we would like to put on record our thanks to them.

Establishing the objectives of the Foundation and the key areas in which it is to make an impact is an important first step in putting to use the monies available.



Matthew Smerdon
Chief Executive

It was a great pleasure to join the Foundation in October 2013 following the organisation's successful transition from The College of Law to an exciting new life as a grant making trust.

A first task was to work with the Governors, colleagues and the wider field to develop the Vision, Mission, Values and Strategic Objectives that will drive our work over the coming years. These conversations revealed a strong consensus that the conduct of the legal system and the ability of people both to use the law and to understand its obligations is core to a democratic society. The rule of law is often talked of as a universal "good thing" although the phrase can be over-used. However, concern was shared that it is essential to be vigilant that the changes occurring in the funding of legal services should not lead to a permanent diminution of legal remedies but that access to justice should be provided in new ways which the Foundation could help to facilitate.

"It is important for everyone to have an understanding of the law and the legal process"

This means that it is important for everyone to have an understanding of the law and the legal process. And it is important for there to be a well trained legal sector capable of providing good quality, accessible, affordable and sustainable services to support people when they need access to the law and legal remedies. Contained in this is the importance of gathering evidence of legal needs and of what works in responding to these needs and why. The potential for technology to drive efficiency and effectiveness is also critical and the Foundation is keen to help to explore new ideas and to harness the opportunities.

Chief Executive's Report

Matthew Smerdon

We recognise that technology is not a magic bullet but we want to understand more about how it is currently being used, how it could be used better and how the legal processes can benefit from future developments. I enjoyed Professor Richard Susskind's advice on this topic, quoting the legendary Canadian ice hockey player Wayne Gretsky who, when asked how he got so good replied "I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where its been."

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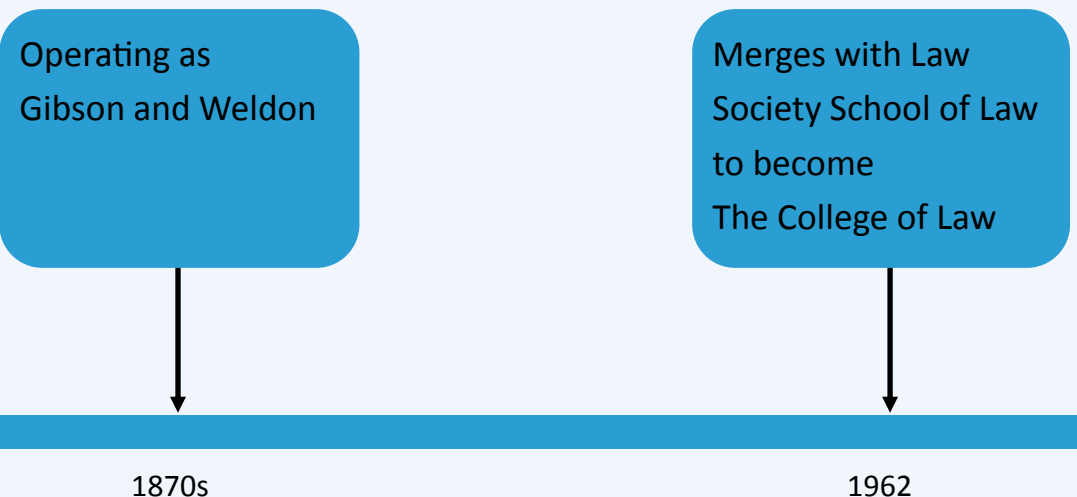
We are supporting practical work and research as well as looking more widely at reform to systems for legal education, legal services, what drives demand for legal services and how people access the law. As we do this work, we are hugely conscious of the importance of the Foundation's roots in The College of Law. The financial assets of the Foundation are the product of that history and we will use these responsibly and effectively. This year we have begun building partnerships with others in the field. We are also working with grant making trusts who share our belief in the important role of the law and are hopeful that a number of joint funding initiatives will grow out of these discussions. Thank you to all these individuals and organisations without whom we could not do our work. Finally, many thanks to my colleagues at the Foundation for their generous welcome, hard work, wise advice and good company.

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History of the College

The origins of The Legal Education Foundation date back to the 1870s. Originally operating as a law tutorial firm under the name Gibson and Weldon, in 1962 the business was merged with The Law Society School of Law to become a charity, The College of Law. In 1975, the College was awarded a Royal Charter.

Over the years, the College developed its law courses for the Solicitors and Barristers professional examinations, an undergraduate law degree, a master's degree and post qualification training for lawyers. It opened Centres throughout England to meet the demand for its courses and also created a number of distance learning courses. By 2011, the College was delivering a full range of legal education courses to over 7,500 students a year at eight Centres across England.



and Creation of the Foundation

Following a major strategic review concluding in 2011, the Governors of the College decided to sell the education and training business and to devote the monies generated by the sale to endow the organisation as a foundation. The £200 million net proceeds from the sale have been invested with the aim of funding annual expenditure of some £7 million by 2017.

At the time of the sale the charity received permission from the Privy Council to change its name from The College of Law to The Legal Education Foundation. Its purpose remains,

“to promote the advancement of legal education and the study of the law in all its branches”.

The Foundation does this by making grants to a wide variety of mostly charitable organisations working in different social, professional and academic settings and by commissioning research.

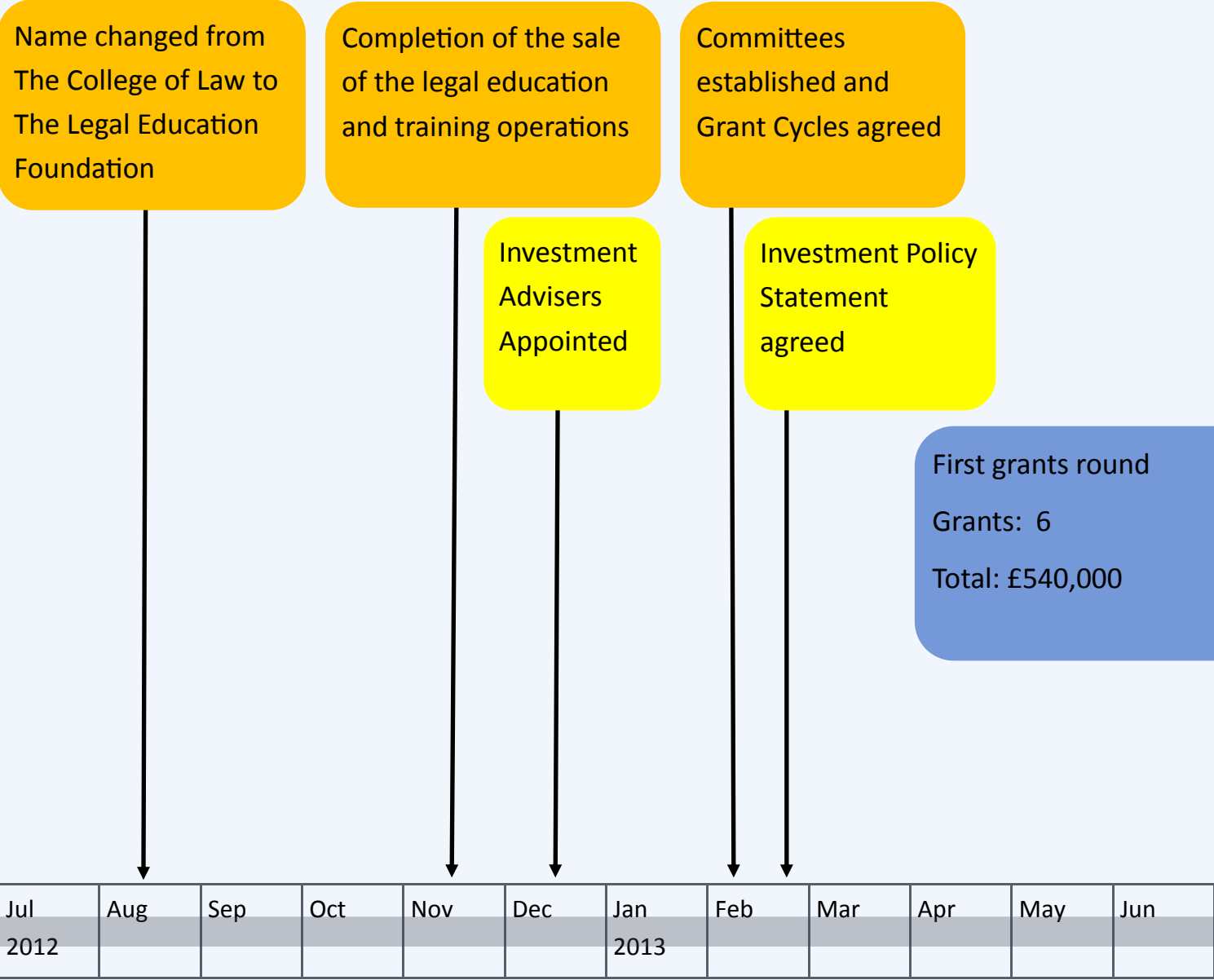
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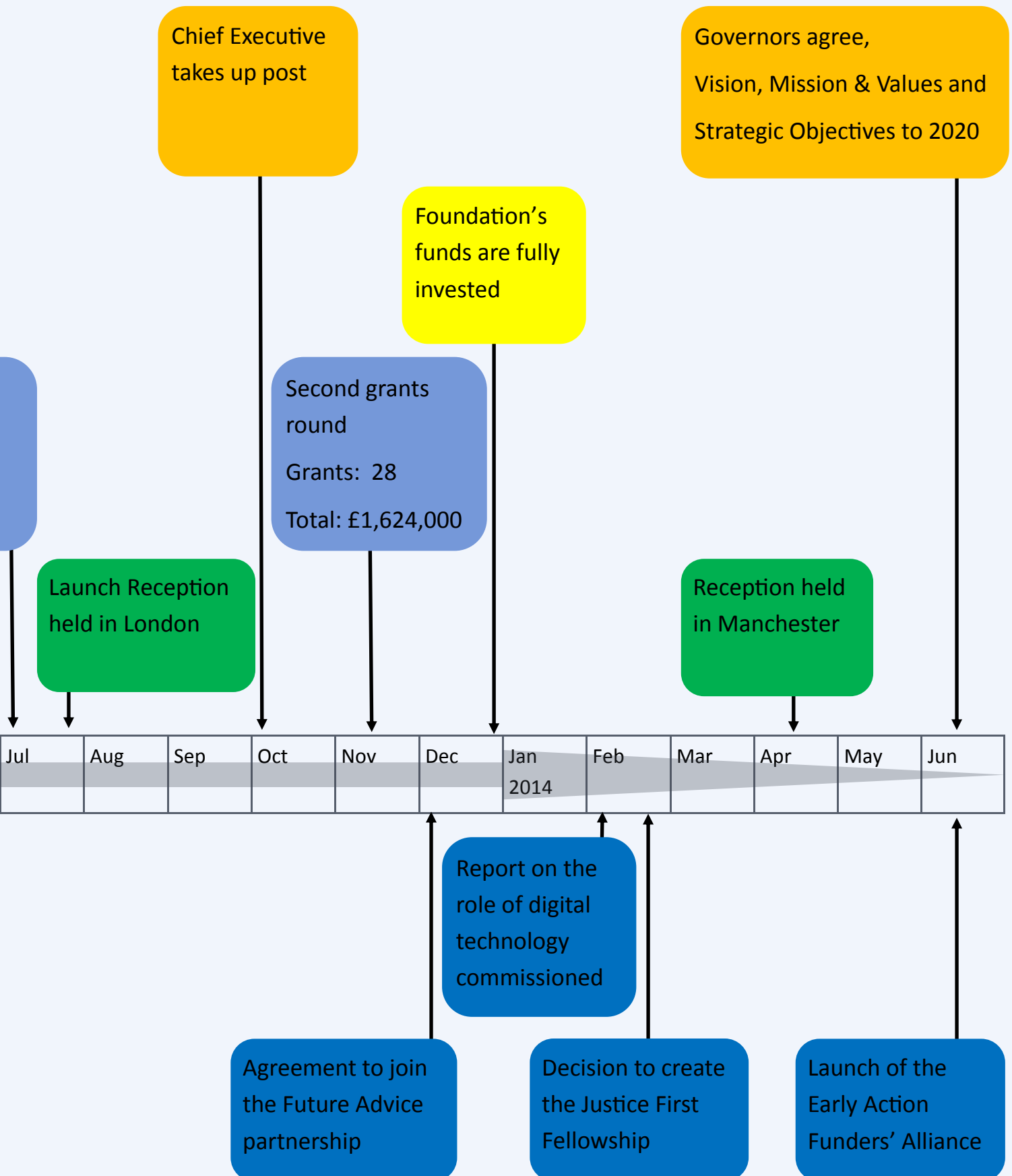
Sale of The College of
Law and creation of
The Legal Education
Foundation

2012

The Foundation:



The First Two Years





Our Vision

We believe that the law plays an essential role in supporting civil society, economic development and democracy. Our vision is of a society where everyone understands the role and value of the law and has the capability and opportunity to use it to ensure their rights and to fulfil the obligations that accompany these rights.

Our Mission

Our charitable purpose, set out by Royal Charter, is to *“promote the advancement of legal education and the study of the law in all its branches”*.

We do this so that those working in legal services can be equipped to meet legal needs to the highest standards, and reflect the diversity of our society. We also do this so that individuals and organisations with legal needs can learn about how to use the law so as to secure fair treatment and protection.

Vision, Mission and Values

Our Values

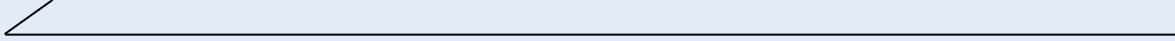

We see the Foundation as part of a mutual endeavour, establishing engaged and supportive relationships with others around our Vision and Mission, sharing expertise, building alliances and bringing people together.

We seek to listen and learn. We underpin our work with good information and analysis, continually building our knowledge of the field, helping those with whom we work to examine the results of their work robustly and assessing critically the aggregate impact of our work.

We seek to be a trusted voice, using our knowledge, networks and independence to influence those who can effect change.

We recognise that one of the greatest assets the Foundation has is freedom. This enables us to be bold, to support work that others cannot, or do not, and to take a long term view.

We recognise that the assets of the Foundation exist because of the historical efforts of many people and that we must use the opportunity this has created to best effect. This means marshalling and deploying our resources thoughtfully and, as an organisation, maintaining the highest standards of operational and administrative efficiency.



Our strategic review built on what we had funded so far and identified five objectives that will drive our work over the coming years. We will support all areas of legal education where this advances the following objectives:

1. To increase public understanding of the law and the capability to use it.
2. To advance high quality thinking, training and practice in legal education and legal services so as to ensure legal needs are met.
3. To increase access to employment in the legal profession and, in particular, to advance social mobility and diversity.

Two further objectives underpin those above and will be integral to taking each of them forward:

4. To develop a robust evidence base of needs in each of the areas above and of effective ways of meeting these needs.
5. To understand the role that technology can play in achieving each of these objectives.

Strategic Objectives

Increase public understanding of the law and the capability to use it

Advance high quality thinking, training and practice in legal education and legal services so as to ensure legal needs are met

Increase access to employment in the legal profession and, in particular, to advance social mobility and diversity

Develop a robust evidence base of needs in each of these objectives and of effective ways of meeting these needs

Understand the role that technology can play in achieving each of these objectives

Across these objectives, the following criteria are used in deciding what to prioritise:

- Degree of need:
Areas which are either under-resourced, underdeveloped or underestimated and where there is a clear need for external support.
- Degree of benefit:
Areas where an intervention can make a considerable difference and / or where the potential benefits are widespread and sustainable on a large scale either immediately or over time.



A grant of £84,000 to the Egalitarian Trust—Galleries of Justice is helping primary school children increase their knowledge and understanding of civil and criminal law



A grant of £10,000 helped the Lord Edmund-Davies Legal Education Trust work with young people from Wales to learn about the legal profession

Increase public understanding of the law and the capability to use it

We want to support people of all ages to build broader legal knowledge and capability. Helping people to learn about when problems may have a law-related solution and about how to be confident in pursuing this or securing help to do so means that beneficial opportunities to use the law are not missed. We recognise that having the capability to use legal knowledge inevitably involves tackling how people interact with the legal system and how the system can, in turn, learn about how to be accessible, efficient and effective.

Grants have addressed legal understanding amongst the following priority groups:

	Grants No.	Amount £
Young people	5	378k
Users of legal advice organisations / defined vulnerable groups	4	111k
General public	2	50k
Total	11	539k



Grants totalling £187,000 have helped the Advocacy Training Council to develop and deliver a range of new training courses



A grant of £45,000 supported Grapevine to develop resources to address problems with learning disabilities in accessing legal services

Advance high quality thinking, training and practice in legal education and legal services so as to ensure legal needs are met

We want to support work that explores effective ways of meeting legal needs in sustainable ways and at scale. This may involve a range of areas including clinical legal education, business structures, delivery models, income streams, uses of technology, collaboration between legal services organisations and with others outside the legal sector, early intervention and proactive use of the law as well as the replication of approaches that are working.

Grants have addressed the following priority groups:

	Grants No.	Amount £
Professionals working in the law - legal skills and knowledge	10	577k
Law students - legal skills and knowledge	2	79k
Related research / developing the evidence base	2	131k
Total	14	787k

60% of Pathways
students go on to
study Law at
university

100% of students meet the socio-economic criteria, and
83% of students have at least 5 A*s or As at GCSE

50% of students go
on to study at a Top 20
Law university

25% of students are
accepted to study at one of
the 12 partner university

20% of Pathways
alumni are now
working in the legal
profession

"Pathways to Law is a fantastic scheme and I would strongly recommend it to anyone interested in law as a subject or the legal profession more generally."

Charlotte Boylin, current trainee at Pinsent Masons

Grants totalling £800,000 over two years have allowed the Pathways to Law programme to help capable, young students from less advantaged backgrounds on the path to a career in the law

Increase access to
employment in the
legal profession and,
in particular, to
advance social mobility
and diversity

We want to ensure that people are attracted to, and are able to, pursue careers in legal services at all levels, particularly to reflect the diversity of the population. We believe that it is vital to support the next generation of skilled and committed people who will ensure that the law plays the role set out in our vision.

Our activity under this objective addresses the following two main groups:

	Grants No.	Amount £m
Law Students	1	36k
Young people from less advantaged backgrounds	2	803k
Total	3	839k

Develop a robust evidence base of needs in each of these objectives and of effective ways of meeting these needs

We want to build robust evidence of needs and of effective legal education and legal services that meet these needs. This will include understanding more about nature of needs amongst individuals and organisations and the environment in which these needs exist; finding existing good practice and examining how it works; rigorously examining the outcomes of our own work and capturing and sharing evidence so that it is widely acted upon.

In time, we will build our understanding of these needs across all our strategic objectives so that we can best target available funds in each area.

	Grants No.	Amount £
Advance high quality thinking, training and practice in legal education and legal services so as to ensure legal needs are met	2	131k
Total	2	131k

Two research projects are being funded by the Foundation:

The Scope and Teaching of Professional Ethics applicable to the Practice of Advocacy

This will be carried out by the Advocacy Training Council and aims to:

- explore the ethical decision making capacities of new advocates across the Bar, CILEX and solicitor's professions;
- examine the influence of principles, rules and values on their ethical decision-making.

Do Values and Professionalism Change During Law School?

This will be an international study conducted by researchers from UCL, Harvard, Tulsa and Cardiff. It will examine:

- the values of law students
- the impact of the idea of being a professional has on them
- how personal values and the idea of professionalism impacts on their ethical decision making

Understand the role that technology can play in achieving each of these objectives

We recognise that technology is not the magic bullet for achieving our vision and mission but that it has a major role to play. We want to understand more about how technology is currently being used across each of our areas of interest, how it could be used to greater effect and how to harness future developments.

Analysis of our grants to date demonstrates that the Foundation is already funding a range of work using different technologies to improve the way in which people learn about and use the law.

	Grants No.	Amount £
Web-based	10	522k
Video-based	6	263k
Mobile phone app	1	49k
Total	17	834k

This is important at a time when legal services organisations have to think radically about how to meet challenges such as identifying and understanding the need for legal advice, meeting the demand for legal help efficiently and effectively, developing new models of delivery, finding new ways to attract income and building public understanding and commitment to the rule of law.

The Foundation has commissioned Roger Smith, former Director of the legal charity Justice, to continue work that he began with Professor Alan Paterson to survey digital delivery in the law. A first set of findings was published in *Face to Face Legal Services and their Alternatives: Global lessons*, funded by the Nuffield Foundation. The new report will capture further developments in the use of digital technology to deliver legal information, support, advice and services in the private sector in England and Wales, in the not-for-profit and public sector in the United Kingdom and internationally in countries that have already addressed the issue of providing legal advice to those on low income. The work will focus on how the use of digital technology might increase access to the law and legal remedies for the most vulnerable, the affordability of legal services and the quality of services and outcomes. It will also make recommendations about how digital technology might be taken up by others as part of helping to create an agenda for further action, including by the Foundation. The project will launch its findings in December 2014.

Major Initiatives

The Foundation is engaged in a series of initiatives where we have identified needs or areas with potential. These initiatives enable the Foundation to explore particular themes in more detail, to build partnerships with other organisations and to leverage support around our areas of interest.

Future Advice

The Future Advice Fund originated as a collaboration between The Baring Foundation, Comic Relief, The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund (until its closure in 2012) and Unbound Philanthropy. In February 2014, the Foundation joined this partnership and took on the coordinating role. The programme was developed as a response to the impact of the changes to legal aid and local authority funding on not-for-profit providers of social welfare legal advice. It aims to:

- help frontline legal advice providers to establish more sustainable footings;
- capture and share tools, resources and lessons on the future sustainability of advice services that are of benefit to the wider legal advice sector; and
- support strategic and influencing work that will bring about a more supportive policy and funding environment for advice.

The funders share a vision of an effective system of quality social welfare legal advice and representation for vulnerable people that is delivered, in part, through robust not for profit organisations that are able to innovate and secure funding from a range of sources. The Fund is providing seed funding for a range of ideas and assistance to help those with most potential to become sustainable and to bring about wider change. As the Fund develops, we are increasingly exploring how successful experiments can be helped to replicate and scale up.



The Baring Foundation

Justice First Fellowship

The Foundation became concerned about the lack of opportunities for graduating law students to complete their compulsory period of practical training in law firms. There has been a large drop in the number of these training contracts with the result that whilst more people have been taking and completing the Legal Practice Course there have been fewer opportunities for them as trainees. This decrease is especially marked in the social welfare legal sector following the reduction in public funding. Law Centres and legal aid firms that routinely took on trainees in the past are now no longer able to do so. The change in the business structures of law firms and the changes to legal aid all point to there being fewer opportunities for some time to come. This has implications for access to the law both for people seeking to work in the law and for people who need the law's protection.

In response, the Foundation has established the Justice First Fellowship to attract and support new recruits who can deliver legal services and drive the innovation needed to ensure the future of these organisations. In the first year, the scheme will provide opportunities for those who have completed the Legal Practice Course to secure their training contract in areas of law that receive no, or reduced, public funding. In future rounds we will explore expanding the scheme to trainee barristers and those coming through the paralegal route. We hope the scheme will become a recognised and valued route into this area of the law, with Fellows going on to become the leaders of their profession and advocates for the role of the law in supporting people who experience vulnerability.

One source of the inspiration for this scheme derived from a field trip by the Chief Executive to the US organised by Unbound Philanthropy. We visited Skadden Foundation and Equal Justice Works and spent part of the trip planning how a similar scheme might be brought to the UK. The Foundation is now excited to be in discussion with Unbound Philanthropy and Esmée Fairbairn Foundation about funding contributions to the Fellowship.



Pathways to Law

This scheme came with the Foundation in its transition from The College of Law, having been established with the Sutton Trust in 2007. It aims to help people from less-advantaged backgrounds to gain access to universities and a career in the law. Hundreds of aspiring lawyers have benefited from the programme. This year saw the launch of the third phase, when three further cohorts of 400 students will be supported through the programme. Twelve universities have been chosen to run this phase, Bristol, Essex, Exeter, Leeds, LSE, Manchester, Southampton, Oxford, UCL, Warwick, with Nottingham and Nottingham Trent working in partnership.



We continue to look at the broader picture of supporting social mobility and our next objective is to help students during their university studies and also to assist them with the challenge of finding jobs in the legal services field which will enable them to finish their training. Now these initiatives are producing excellent graduates, we need to ensure that they can take part in and influence our justice system.

Early Action Funders' Alliance

The Foundation has been part of a group of funders collaborating to create the Early Action Funders' Alliance. The Alliance is a meeting place for funders interested in “building fences at the top of the cliff instead of running ambulances at the bottom”. The Alliance was launched at an event in June and attended by around forty independent and public funders. It has three aims. To:

- Demonstrate the public case for early action to other funders and service providers.
- Provide opportunities and guidance for other funders to embed early action in their work.
- Help the shift to early action through proactive initiatives.

Membership is open to all funders (or potential funders) of early action, including trusts and foundations, corporate funders and statutory agencies.

Early action describes timely interventions that avoid or arrest the development of problems throughout people's lives and help them, instead, to be ready to take advantage of opportunities. For the Foundation, the concept is useful in understanding and promoting citizens' ability to avoid or overcome law-related problems. Particularly relevant to legal services are the benefits of early action as a principle for service delivery. At a time when legal services face large-scale funding cuts and greatly increased needs, early action offers a way to alleviate pressure in a range of practical ways, from helping people to deal better with the early stages of problems by themselves to identifying and addressing system failures that generate preventable demand.

Many of the principles and qualities of early action already exist in the best legal advice providers and they will be the key to driving the sector to work in new ways, seeking out the optimum points at which to intervene to resolve clients' problems, making use of technology, delivering services in different ways and with different partners.

The Foundation is currently in discussion with Barrow Cadbury Trust, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and City Bridge Trust about joint funding of a Secretariat to support the Alliance's work. The Alliance is chaired by the Chief Executive of The Legal Education Foundation.

“How do we build a society that prevents problems from occurring rather than one that, as now, copes with the consequences”

David Robinson, Early Action Taskforce



A grant of £135,000 to the Citizenship Foundation has helped create a network which will link every school and college in the UK with the legal profession (The Law Society, Regional Law Societies, The Bar Council etc). Over 80% of UK secondary schools have accessed this network

A grant of £84,000 allows the Egalitarian Trust/Galleries of Justice to help children understand the Rule of Law - here a class of children take part in a mock trial



A grant of £29,000 to the Mary Ward Legal Clinic helped produce training materials on Welfare Law

A grant of £20,000 to enable City Legal Education Clinic to establish two more university law clinics to support entrepreneurs and start-ups



Financial Summary

The financial information set out below is taken from the full Audited Annual Report and Accounts of the Foundation for the period to 30th June 2014. The figures below are unaudited.

	£ Million
Investment Fund	211.9
Incoming Resources	1.5
Resources Expended	
• Grant making and research	2.4
• Other Expenditure	0.4
Grants Received	0.06

The full Audited Annual Report and Accounts for the period to 30th June 2014 can be seen by entering the Foundation's charity number, 271297, on the Charity Commission website at:

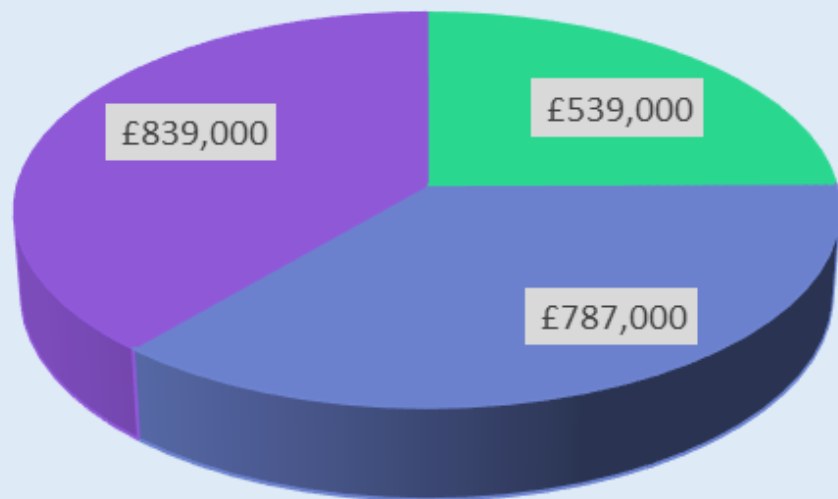
<http://apps.charitycommission.gov.uk/showcharity/registerofcharities/RegisterHomePage.aspx>

The Investment Fund was created from the net proceeds, after meeting all costs and commitments, of the sale of The College of Law training operations at the end of November 2012. The intention is to take a sum of £5 million in the year to June 2015 for grant making and research and other expenditure. This is the next step of a strategy to reach a position of taking 3.5% of the Fund each year for grant, research and other on-going expenditure.

In addition to the above the Foundation is responsible for The College of Law Pension & Assurance Scheme. It also manages the Legal Practice Course and Graduate Diploma in Law Central Applications Board.

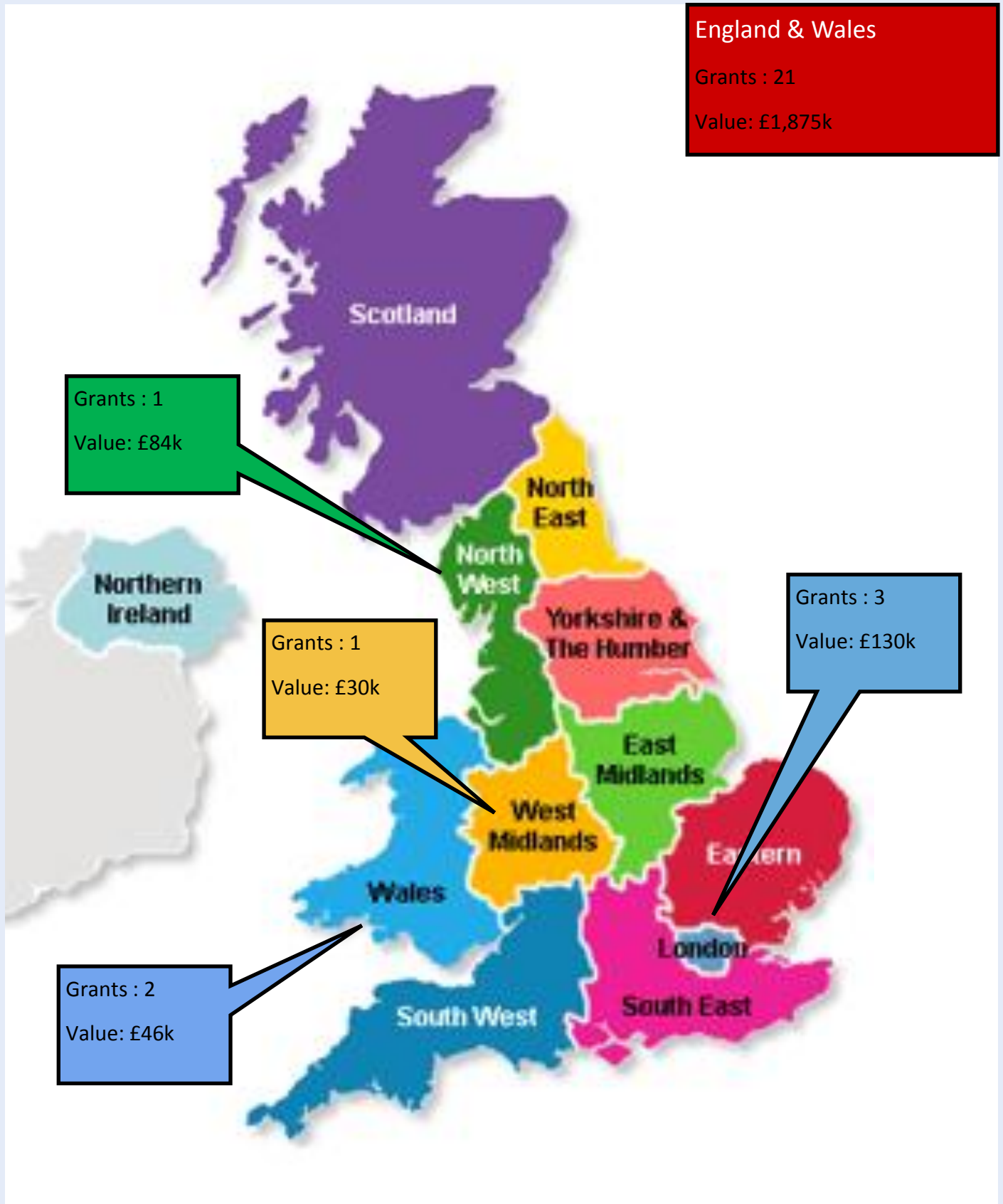
Grants Analysis

Grants Awarded by Objective



- Increase Public Understanding of the Law
- Advance High Quality Thinking, Training and Practice
- Increase Access to Employment in the Legal Profession

Grants Distribution



Increase public understanding of the law and the capability to use it

Organisation	Website	Area Covered
Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law	www.binghamcentre.biicl.org	England & Wales
Citizenship Foundation	www.citizenshipfoundation.org.uk	England & Wales
Citizenship Foundation	www.citizenshipfoundation.org.uk	England & Wales
Egalitarian Trust – Galleries of Justice	www.galleriesofjustice.org.uk	North West
Lord Edmund-Davies Legal Education Trust	www.ledlet.org.uk	Wales
Subtotal		

Grants Awarded

Young People

Grant Description	Amount (£k)
Pilot a scheme in 10 schools engaging 14 year old students in complex contemporary debates that inform the ways they think about the status, rights and obligations of being a citizen.	100
Develop a free mobile phone app called Smartlaw to educate young people about their legal rights and responsibilities using scenarios, quizzes and games and access to an eBook version of the "Young Citizens' Passport 17" for detailed information on their legal rights and responsibilities.	49
Develop the Public and Civil Legal Education Gateway to use technology to create a network which links every school and college in the UK with the legal profession.	135
Provide public legal education to children from schools in disadvantaged areas to increase children's knowledge and understanding of civil and criminal law, of professions relating to the justice system and on how to pursue a related career. Includes creating a sustainable funding model.	42 42
Bring eight Welsh GCSE and first year sixth form students from less advantaged backgrounds to London for a week to learn about the legal profession to stimulate their interest in becoming lawyers.	10
	378

Increase public understanding of the law and the capability to use it

Organisation	Website	Area Covered
Birmingham CAB	www.bcabs.org.uk	West Midlands
Mary Ward Legal Centre	www.marywardlegal.org.uk	London
Royal Courts of Justice Citizens Advice Bureau	www.rcjadvise.org.uk	London
Legal Action Group	www.lag.org.uk	England & Wales
Subtotal		

Grants Awarded

Users of legal advice organisations / vulnerable groups

Grant Description	Amount (£k)
Develop an online game to ensure claimants going through a social security appeal can learn exactly how the tribunal process works in an engaging and interesting way. The project will also offer follow up face-to-face informational group workshops. The game will be shared for free through the CAB network and other voluntary organisations for free and on subscription to not for-profit companies.	30
Develop public legal education materials on welfare rights to increase the skills and knowledge of people affected by welfare benefit changes and to equip them with the necessary tools to advocate on their own behalf and run their own cases. Materials will be made available online.	29
Develop a County Court module for CourtNav, an interactive online tool developed by the Royal Courts of Justice Citizens Advice Bureau in partnership with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP. The tool is designed to help Litigants in Person who cannot afford a solicitor to complete court forms and understand the procedure that they should follow.	42
Support the Low Implementation Project to carry out policy advocacy in support of the Low Commission's recommendations on the future of advice and legal support.	10
	111

Increase public understanding of the law and the capability to use it

Organisation	Website	Area Covered
Cans Trust	www.cans.org.uk	England & Wales
Law for Life	www.lawforlife.org.uk	England & Wales
Subtotal		

Total

Grants Awarded

General public

Grant Description	Amount (£k)
Create a single online portal for the London Libraries Consortium to jointly access up-to-date legal information on British and European law for anyone with a question about the rights and responsibilities associated with living, working or engaging in life in Britain. The project will also support training delivered to library authorities to ensure that reference libraries are available to the public in a useful and informative way.	25
Create an integrated series of e-learning modules for communities on common social welfare law with e-learning tools that are easy and intuitive to use with video and images, on-screen coaches / narrators, simulations and case-studies. The content will be trialed with community groups focusing on women, young people and black and minority ethnic learners.	25
	50
	539

Advance high quality thinking, training and practice in legal education and legal services so as to ensure legal needs are met

Organisation	Website	Area Covered
Advocacy Training Council	www.advocacytrainingcouncil.org	England & Wales
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British and Irish Legal Information Institute (BAILLI)	www.bailii.org	England & Wales
Fair Trials International	www.fairtrials.org	England & Wales
Grapevine	www.grapevinecovandwarks.org	England & Wales
LASA / Legal Action Group	www.lasa.org.uk & www.lag.org.uk	England & Wales
Law Centres Network	www.lawcentres.org.uk	England & Wales
Law Works	www.lawworks.org.uk	England & Wales
Subtotal		

Grants Awarded

Legal knowledge and skills of people working in the law

Grant Description	Amount (£k)
Develop and deliver three training courses relating to work with vulnerable witnesses.	20
	64
Develop a national training course on Sexual Offences and Child Cases.	18
Create a training film on The Advocate's Gateway – Treatment of Vulnerable Witnesses.	85
Appoint a fundraiser / administrator.	50
Design and disseminate three innovative e-training courses for UK for Lawyers.	20
Develop resources to address problems experienced by people with learning disabilities in accessing legal services. Educational material, practice notes and presentations on topics such as hate crime, discrimination and mental capacity will be distributed to 50,000 solicitors, every Law Centre and CAB in the country and other national providers. A second strand of work will provide material directly to people with learning disabilities.	45
Develop an on-line subscription service for housing advice support practitioners.	82
Design and deliver training courses for Law Centre staff.	25
Produce a suite of support tools to provide practical training and straightforward advice on the procedural elements of family law. Grants have been made for the following:	70
• Free talks	70
• Free law direct	25
• Pro-bono assistance module	3
• Training videos	
	577

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Organisation	Website	Area Covered
City Legal Education Clinic	www.city.ac.uk	England & Wales
Pro Bono Community	www.probonocommunity.org.uk	London
Subtotal		

Organisation	Website	Area Covered
Advocacy Training Council	www.advocacytrainingcouncil.org	England & Wales
University College London	www.ucl.ac.uk	England & Wales
Subtotal		

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Grants Awarded

Legal knowledge and skills of law students

Grant Description	Amount (£k)
Establish a nationwide network of university-centric law clinics based on an existing model which supports entrepreneurs and business start-ups. This process forms an innovative educational model for law students in commercial law and creates job opportunities for law students in start-ups.	20
Develop and support a training course for law students prior to joining a legal advice centre.	9
	79

Research related to this objective

Grant Description	Amount (£k)
Carry out research on the ethical decision making capabilities of new advocates.	110
Carry out research on whether values and professionalism change during law school?	21
	131
	787

Increase access to employment in the legal profession and, in particular, to advance social mobility and diversity

Organisation	Website	Area Covered
The Speakeasy Advice Centre	www.speakeasyadvice.co.uk	Scotland
Subtotal		

Organisation	Website	Area Covered
Kalisher Trust	www.thekalishertrust.org	England & Wales
Sutton Trust	www.suttontrust.com	England & Wales
Subtotal		

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Grants Awarded

Law Students

Grant Description	Amount (£k)
Contribute towards the cost of a trainee solicitor.	36
	36

Young people from less advantaged backgrounds

Grant Description	Amount (£k)
Support the costs of developing a business plan.	3
Support the Pathways to Law programme to inspire and support academically able students in years 12 and 13 from non-privileged backgrounds interested in a career in law.	400
	400
	803

839



Pathways to Law students taking part in a residential conference in the summer between years 12 and 13 to give students a taste of life at university and to take part in a range of workshops, debates and lectures



The Advocate's Gateway provides free access to practical, evidence-based guidance aimed at improving case management and advocacy in cases with vulnerable witnesses and defendants

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