



Annual Review 2015

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2014–15 in numbers

105

Number of applications



69

Number of grants

13

Number of grants with a technology focus

Personal Support Unit	SEAP
Advicenow	Justice
Just for Kids Law	British Institute of Human Rights
Islington Law Centre	Fair Trails
Women’s Resource Centre	International x2
Global Dialogue	Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Awards
LawWorks	

£3.7m

Total amount awarded



17

Number of funding partners

Unbound Philanthropy	TLT
Comic Relief	Osborne Clarke
Baring Foundation	Burges Salmon
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	DAC Beachcroft
Barrow Cadbury Trust	Royal Bank of Scotland
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation	BPP
City Bridge Trust	Open Society Foundations
Allen & Overy	International Development Research Centre
Herbert Smith Freehills	

7

Number of partnerships with other funders

9

Number of Fellows appointed under the Justice First Fellowship scheme

(and recruitment for another 9 underway)

Chairman's Foreword



Guy Beringer
Chairman

In this Annual Review we have set out the work that we have undertaken at the Foundation in order to meet our objectives. Please do contact us if you would like further information or to discuss a project you feel we would be interested in.

This year has seen the Foundation build on the work it undertook last year and in particular:

- Prepare a Business Plan for the period to 2020 that sets out how we aim to achieve progress to meeting our objectives.
- Expand the grants programme with an increased number and value of grants.
- Grow the Justice First Fellowship Scheme to cover all countries in the United Kingdom and also gaining law firm and corporate support.
- Commence the development of a structured research and learning ability with the appointment of a Director of Research and Learning.
- Further develop a number of relationships with other organisations where our Strategic Objectives coincide.

More detail on each of these areas as well our plans for the next year are set out in this Review.

Expanded grants programme

In total 69 grants to the value of £ 3,745k have been made over the year to 30th June 2015. This compares to 28 grants to a value of £1,624k in 2014. A note of each grant and recipient is given on pages 30–39 and further details can be found on our web site www.thelegaleducationfoundation.org.

Research Reports

In addition to grants we commissioned reports into three areas:

- 1** Digital delivery of legal service to people on low Incomes.
- 2** The viability of law firms using charitable structures to provide legal services (jointly funded with the Law Society of England and Wales).
- 3** Analysis of Civil and Social Justice Panel survey on understanding capability and experience of civil legal problems.

The first of the above was so well received that we have commissioned further regular update reports on this subject area as we believe that the use of information technology will be central to the provision of low cost legal service to those on low incomes.

Pathways to Law Programme

Our longest standing programme remains the Pathways to Law Scheme, which was started in 2007 and is currently delivered by twelve universities, each of whom devotes resources to the programme. It is also supported by a number of leading law firms. Over 1200 young people from less advantaged backgrounds have benefited from the scheme over the last three years.

The Justice First Fellowship Scheme

Under this Scheme, which the Foundation established last year, eight trainee solicitor posts were fully funded in advice organisations that were seen as the leaders in the sector. We will be funding a further eight in the next year and are delighted that the scheme has attracted law firms and corporate sponsors.

Research and Learning

The Governors believe that to use the funds available to us most effectively to meet our Strategic Objectives we need to have a good evidence base to show where we are starting from and good quality data on the impact of initiatives. We also need to ensure that we capture the lessons from each of our grants and of those made by other organisations whether directly or through joint initiatives with us. To this end we appointed our first Director of Research and Learning in early 2015.

Grant Applications

The Governors have agreed that as in the year to 30th June 2015 there will be two grant application windows over the next twelve months. The first requires applicants to submit proposals by 2nd October 2015 and the second by 3rd May 2016. The main criteria that the Governors follow when considering grant applications are set out under Strategic Objectives 2015 to 2020 on our website under the Section "About Us".

Details are also published on the website regarding the process and timetable for grant applications.

Plans for the Future

The Governors have four main areas of focus planned for the next year.

- Refining our Business Plan to set out how we aim to measure the impact of our work.
- The continued development and focus of the grants programmes and initiatives to bring groups together to share best practice. We will also be continuing our programme of regional receptions.
- Working to attract further support from the legal and corporate sectors to jointly support the Justice First Fellowship Scheme.
- A programme of research and learning initiatives and reports to underpin our grants programme and develop methods to measure the effectiveness of our programmes and identify how we can best direct our resources to meet our objectives.

Guy Beringer

Chairman

Chief Executive's introduction



Matthew Smerdon
Chief Executive

Amongst the work supported by the Foundation this year has been analysis of the Civil and Social Justice Panel Survey. The resulting report, called *Understanding, Capability and Experience of Civil Legal Problems*, identifies the low levels of legal understanding amongst the UK population and, in many ways, captures the challenges that the Foundation has set itself.

This evidence sits in the context of daily examples of people and organisations unable to enjoy the law's protection, from people in private rented housing facing mistreatment by rogue landlords, to young people experiencing everyday social welfare legal problems and who are five times more likely to report mental health

problems. The law has a crucial role to play. Left unresolved, problems that have a legal dimension can last for years and, without increasing legal understanding or ensuring access to legal help, they will hold people back in many parts of their lives. The urgency of the Foundation's agenda is clear.

Over the year to 30th June 2015 the Foundation awarded 69 grants, to a total of £3.7 million and since the launch of the Foundation in June 2013 to the end of 2015, the Governors have awarded 149 grants, totalling just under £8.5 million. As the scale of our grant making continues to increase, the year 2015–16 will see the Foundation reach the milestone of awarding its first £10 million. As we work towards this, we continue to develop our approach:

- We are **open and responsive** to proposals from expert organisations that identify ways to address the Foundation's three programme objectives. We have raised awareness of these objectives amongst the field and we devote considerable time to working one-to-one with organisations to discuss the proposals they would like to put to the Governors.
- We are **increasingly proactive**, reaching out to organisations in response to evidence of needs and gaps, or where support from the Foundation could help work that has potential to develop further.

- We have **created our own initiatives**. For example, the Justice First Fellowship is our response to concern about opportunities to develop careers in areas of law that deliver justice for communities. The first nine Fellows were recruited and appointed in 2015.
- A strong feature of our work is **collaboration** and we are involved in a number of funding partnerships. Our work on social mobility continues with the Pathways to Law scheme, now in its ninth year. We are delighted that this scheme has gained the support of a dozen universities as well as a number of leading law firms. We are hoping to expand this scheme to continue supporting these young people through their university years with a new initiative to be announced next year. This year, our Justice First Fellowship has increased its reach with 13 external organisations now providing financial support to the scheme. The Foundation is also a founding member of the Early Action Funders Alliance, now a group of over 60 organisations committed to acting earlier to prevent problems from occurring rather than waiting to deal with the consequences.

- Being **driven by evidence** means we are both funding and commissioning research relating to our areas of interest. This year, we significantly increased our capacity in this area by appointing Natalie Byrom as our first Director of Research and Learning.
- Exploring how to **harness digital technology** is a strong element of grants awarded, with nearly a third of grants so far having some digital technology component. Our law and technology consultant, Roger Smith, has continued to capture and report on how technology is being used globally to deliver legal services to people on low incomes.
- **Looking to other countries** has provided good practice and new developments from which the UK can learn. Work with Open Society Foundations and the International Development Research Centre is helping us to examine how initiatives to promote legal empowerment in lower-income countries have moved to operate at scale, underpinned by innovative funding models and technology. The Foundation also supported a field trip, led by our valued partner Unbound Philanthropy, which took staff from eight of the UK's leading advice organisations to Washington DC.

- Our continued involvement in the Future Advice programme reflects our commitment to **investing in organisational development**, supporting organisations in the sector to develop new models, build new relationships and to replicate and scale up successful approaches.
- And we aim to show **how legal needs intertwine with other complex needs**. As part of this agenda, the Foundation has supported Advice Services Alliances and the Low Commission to examine the links between health outcomes and legal advice. In his Foreword to the report, Professor Sir Michael Marmot, Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at University College London and globally renowned for his work on the social determinants of health, noted 'This report reminds us that the patients who are seen in clinical settings may well have problems in their everyday lives that may be causing or exacerbating their mental and physical ill health or may be getting in the way of their recovery. If we do not tackle these everyday "practical health" issues then we are fighting the clinical fight with one hand tied behind our back.'

This review gives more detail on grants awarded this year and shares some examples of the work and partnerships that the Foundation has supported. Thank you to all these people and organisations. And thank you to the Governors of the Foundation and to my colleagues who work so hard to ensure that the Foundation uses its resources to best effect.


Matthew Smerdon
Chief Executive

Snapshot of the Year



Objective:

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



We seek 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.

Number of grants given

27



Average grant

£52,400

Total value

£1.4m

Funded organisations

Organisation	Amount £k
Amnesty International	39
British Institute of Human Rights	27
Citizenship Foundation	48
Community Links Trust	55
Egalitarian Trust – Galleries of Justice	47
Enabling Enterprise	25
Fair Trials International	9
Full Fact	150
Global Dialogue	68
Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit	29
Kirklees Citizens Advice and Law Centre	9
Law Commission	12
Law For Life	123
Law Society of Scotland	8
Legal Action Group	46
Legal Aid Practitioners Group	10
Legal Services Board	84
Oakgrove Integrated College	50
Pascoe Pleasence Limited	83
Personal Support Unit	125
Praxis Community Projects	66
Speakers Trust	10
SEAP Advocacy	61
Solicitors Pro Bono Group LawWorks	67
Women's Resource Centre	70
Youth Access	80
Other	13

*full descriptions of the funded activities can be found at the end of this report.



Citizenship Foundation

A grant of £48,000 supported the Citizenship Foundation to increase the impact and availability of new resources and extend links between its network of professional legal volunteers and schools and colleges in the United Kingdom

Grant

£48,000

INDIVIDUALS
ENGAGING IN
SOCIETY

CitizenshipFoundation

125,000

Animation of human rights viewed in the first month



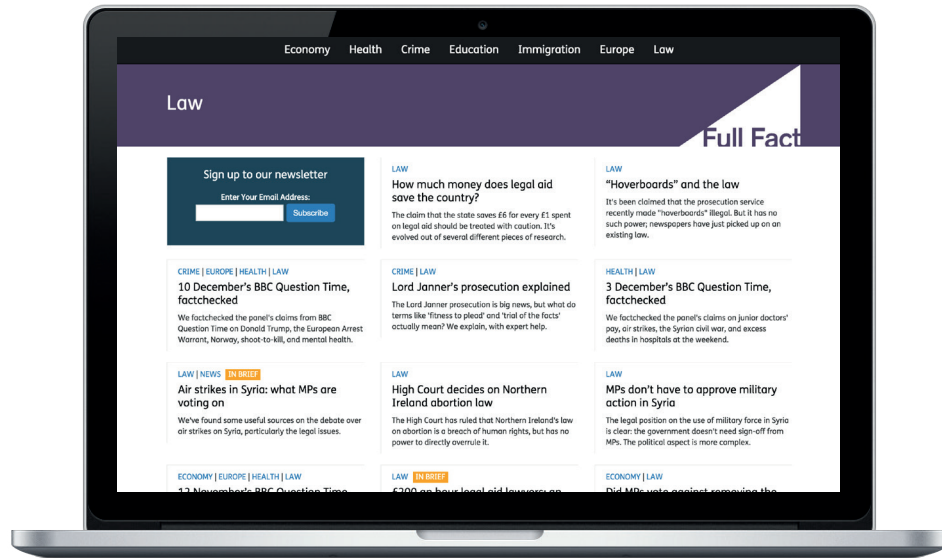
Rights Info

A grant of £68,000 supported Rights Info, a new project hosted by Global Dialogue, which develops innovative online resources to improve public understanding of human rights law. Part of the Foundation's grant supported the production of an animation on human rights which, within a month of launching, had been viewed 125,000 times, and counting...

Grant

£68,000



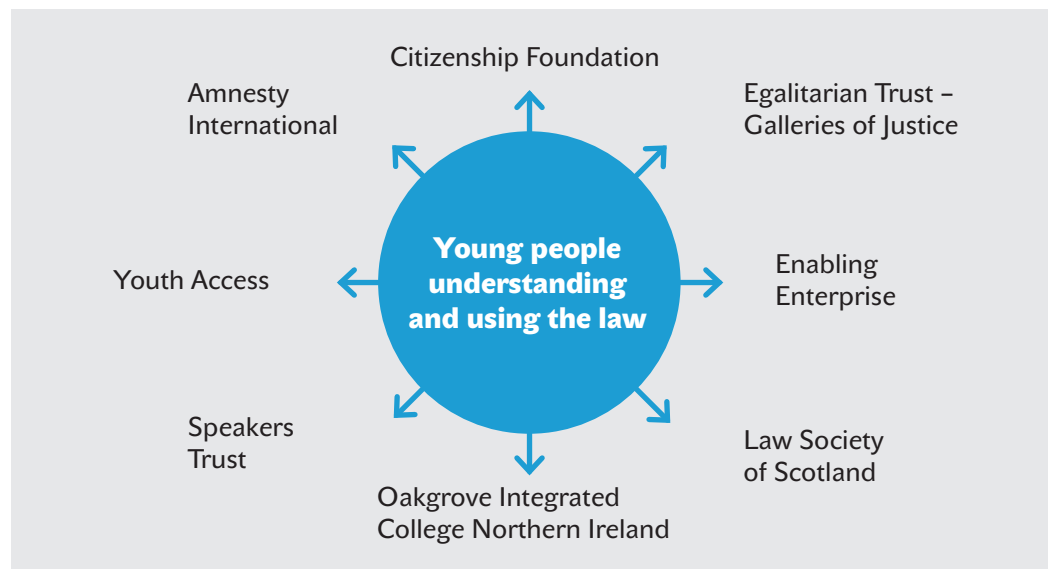


Full Fact

A grant of £150,000 supported fact-checking organisation Full Fact to develop a new project to check, and if necessary correct, public statements about the law. Leading legal commentator Joshua Rozenberg agreed to become Full Fact Law's legal adviser.

Grant

£150,000



Women's Resource Centre

A grant of £70,000 supported Women's Resource Centre to develop an on-line learning resource that helps women's organisations to use Equalities and Human Rights law.


Grant

£70,000



Objective:

To 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.

Number of grants given

21



Average grant
£39,620

Total value

£832,000

Funded organisations

Organisation	Amount £k
Advice Services Alliance	22
Anti-trafficking and Labour Exploitation Unit	50
Avon and Bristol Law Centre	50
Bingham Centre (BIICL)	44
Campaign for Freedom of Information	38
Centre for Criminal Appeals	40
Clinical Legal Education Organisation	19
Council of the Inns of Court (COIC)	54
Fair Finance	30
Fair Trials International	20
Global Dialogue	24
Islington Law Centre	81
Just for Kids Law Limited	86
Justice	40
Law Centres Network	34
Law Centres Network	150
Law Commission	9
Legal Aid Practitioners Group	20
Pro Bono Community	60
Queen Mary University of London/qlegal	90
University of Ulster	27

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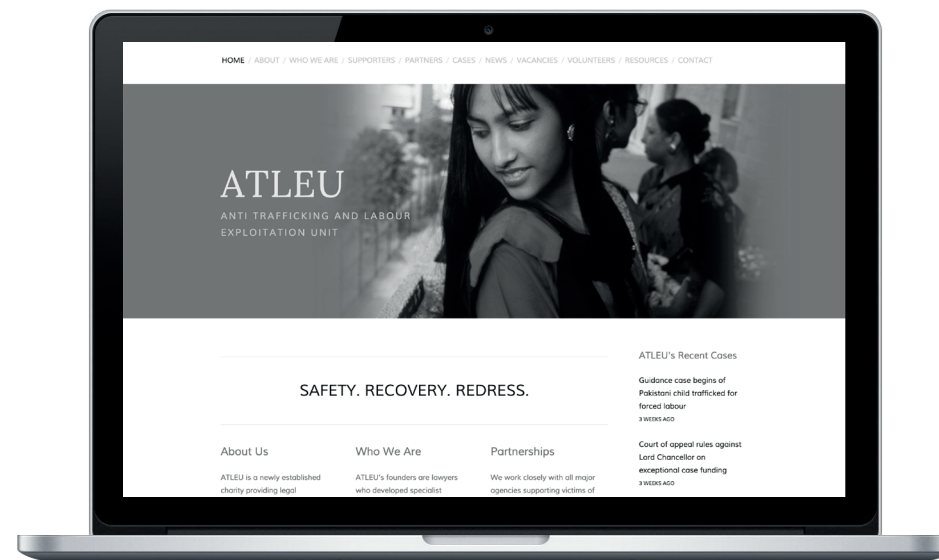


Queen Mary University of London qLegal

A grant of £90,000 supported Queen Mary University of London Centre to expand qLegal, a project that enables postgraduate students from the Commercial Law Studies course to provide legal services to technology start-ups and entrepreneurs.

Grant

£90,000



Anti-Trafficking and Labour Exploitation Unit

A grant of £50,000 funded Anti Trafficking and Labour Exploitation Unit to produce eight training modules to build the capacity of support providers and legal practitioners to assist victims of trafficking across the UK.

Grant

£50,000

 **Assisting victims to obtain safety, recovery and redress.**

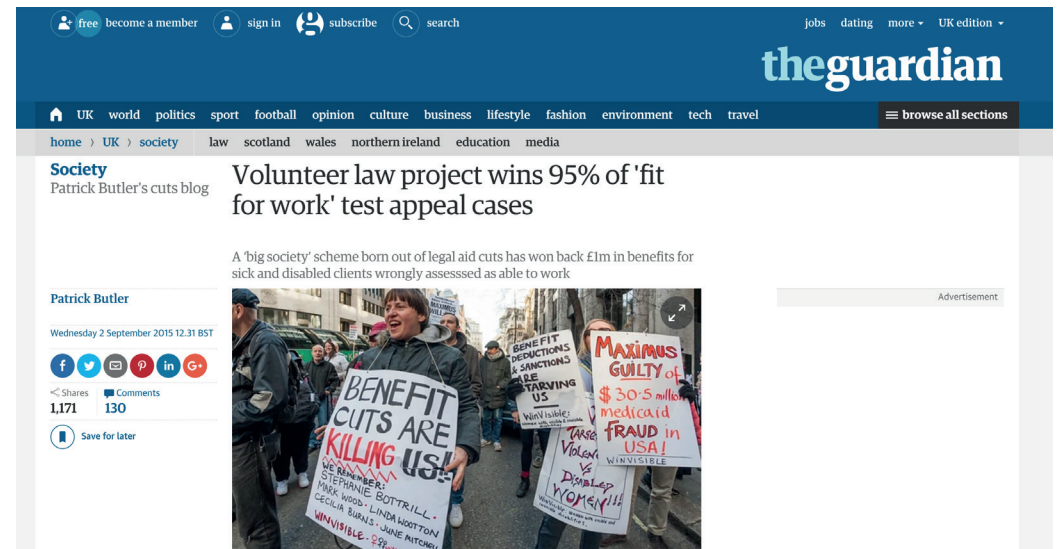


Youth Justice Legal Centre

A grant of £86,000 supported Just for Kids Law to develop the Youth Justice Legal Centre, a centre of excellence providing information, legal advice and training for those working with children in the criminal justice system, intervening directly in key cases, and lobbying for improvements in youth justice.



Grant
£86,000



Avon and Bristol Law Centre

A grant of £50,000 supported the Legal Advice Support Project at Avon and Bristol Law Centre, an initiative which provides law students with valuable client facing experience, including drafting, collation of evidence, hearing preparation and advocacy for clients with Employment and Support Allowance Work Capability Assessment appeals.



Grant
£50,000

95%
of the 200 'fit for work' test appeals undertaken by a students have been won.

Future Advice

Future Advice is a grants programme run in collaboration with the Baring Foundation, Comic Relief and Unbound Philanthropy. It supports work to develop and test effective and sustainable ways of providing social welfare legal advice services. It has funded a range of experiments in the advice sector, from supporting the first attempts by Law Centres to develop fee charging services, to supporting Coventry Law Centre to embed a welfare rights worker in Coventry

City Council's Troubled Families team. Evaluation of this scheme carried out by the University of Warwick found that 100% of the over 750 families in Coventry being supported by the scheme had at least one justiciable problem, with 95% having more than one. The fund also supported the Low Commission on the future of social welfare legal advice, and this year has helped the Commission to develop its work looking at the health outcomes of legal advice.

100%

of the over 750 families in Coventry being supported by the scheme had at least one justiciable problem, with **95%** having more than one



Early Action Funders Alliance

The Foundation is a founding member of the Early Action Funders Alliance and currently chairs its Steering Committee. The Alliance grew out of the work of the Early Action Taskforce and is now a network of 60 foundations and public funders who share a vision of a society that prevents problems from occurring rather than one that, as now, copes with the consequences. The Alliance seeks to create an active community of funders from across different sectors who use, or would like to

use, early action approaches in their work, aiming for an annual increase in membership and in the funds committed to early action. The Alliance holds regular meetings to bring the field together to discuss the theory and practice of early action funding, and carries out other research, convening and advocacy activities.

It's better to build a fence at the top of the cliff rather than run an ambulance at the bottom.

Joseph Malines, 1895



Objective:

**To increase access to employment in the legal profession
and in particular to advance social mobility and diversity**

We seek 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.

3

Number of grants given

19



Average grant
£79,000

Total value

£1.5m

Funded organisations

Organisation	Amount £k
Main grants	
Lord Edmund-Davies Legal Education Trust	7
Pathways to Law	400
The Longford Trust	30
Justice First Fellowship – round 1	
Coventry Law Centre	510
Coram Children's Legal Centre	
Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit*	
Deighton Pierce Glynn	
Speakeasy Advice Centre	
Public Law Project	
Govan Law Centre	
North Staffordshire and Stoke Citizens Advice Bureau	
*GMIAU is hosting two Fellows, funding the second post from other sources	
Justice First Fellowship – round 2	
Avon and Bristol Law Centre	552
Ben Hoare Bell	
Child Poverty Action Group	
Coventry Law Centre	
Greenwich Housing Rights	
Law Centre Northern Ireland	
Legal Services Agency	
Shelter	

Pathways to Law

The Pathways to Law programme was set up in 2006 by The Sutton Trust and The Legal Education Foundation, in its previous incarnation as the College of Law, with support from major law firms. It aims to inspire and support academically-able students in year 12 and 13 from non-privileged backgrounds interested in a career in law.

The scheme aims to widen access to the legal profession. It followed research by the Sutton Trust which

showed that the top echelons of the profession were drawn from a narrow range of social backgrounds – and law firms were not making full use of the talents of students from non-privileged homes. Two thousand students have already benefitted from the programme, which is the largest access initiative of its type. Funding from the Legal Education Foundation has been matched by a further £1.2m from leading law firms and universities, and will enable another 1,200 students take part in Pathways over the next four years.

“My participation in Pathways has enabled me to network with some of the leading lawyers in the country, something that I would've had difficulty achieving without the programme. This has developed my knowledge of the profession, enhanced my experience and improved my future employability.

Brendan Collars,
Pathways to Law alumnus



67%

of Pathways
students go on
to study Law at
university

25%

of students are accepted to study at
one of the 12 partner universities



20%

of Pathways
alumni are now
working in the
legal profession

70%

of students go on
to study at a
Russell Group
university

100%

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

Justice First Fellowship

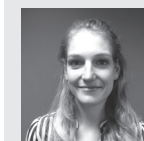
In 2014, the Foundation opened applications to the first round of the Justice First Fellowship – a scheme to provide fully-funded training contracts and wider development opportunities to the next generation of specialist social welfare lawyers. Fellows spend two years working in leading UK organisations, which act as host and enable Fellows to learn alongside the best in the profession. In partnership with a growing number of sponsors and host organisations, the scheme has now placed nine Fellows who are already meeting legal needs in communities across the UK and laying the foundations for long and effective careers in this vital area of law. A further nine Fellows will be appointed in 2015.

In order to raise the profile, prestige and reach of the scheme, the Foundation has been working with sponsors in a variety of ways and is keen to develop these partnerships further. Sponsoring a Justice First Fellow is not just about helping promising lawyers to train in their chosen field. Through supporting a



Fellow's work, sponsors are directly helping the hundreds of people that the Fellows serve in the course of the training contract.

More information on how to get involved in the Fellowship scheme is available here <http://jff.thelegaleducationfoundation.org>



Becoming a Fellow was so important to me because it was an opportunity to work on cases that change the lives of vulnerable people – at the same time as completing my training contract at an organisation I really admired. At Coram Children's Legal Centre we operate a pro bono service together with partner law firms. This service provides quality, free-of-charge legal representation so that children with a right in law to become British citizens can exercise that right. This is an aspect of law where no legal aid is available. Being involved in this groundbreaking service and learning how to develop the project is very inspiring!

Amber Rowsell

Fellow at Coram Children's Legal Centre, Colchester



I have been employed by the Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit since 2005 and it is a privilege to have been selected as a Fellow to qualify here too. My work is predominantly with those subject to gender-based violence and deportation. The aim of our project is to provide vulnerable client groups with legal advice. The focus is on settings where access to legal advice is restricted – mental health institutions, hospitals and prisons.

Nadia Hussain

Fellow at Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit

Objective:

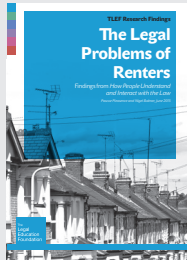
To develop a robust evidence base of needs and effective ways of meeting these needs under our three programme objectives.

The Foundation wants to build robust evidence of needs and of effective legal education and legal services that meet these needs.

This includes 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 and why it works; rigorously examining the outcomes of our own work and capturing and sharing evidence so that it is widely acted upon.

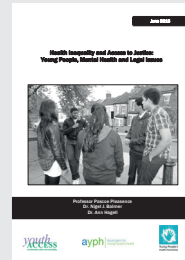
Rather than operating a stand-alone research budget, the Foundation funds work that directly contributes to delivering the three programme objectives set out above in this review. This year, we appointed Natalie Byrom as our first Director of Research and Learning to oversee this work. This has included working with grantees, particularly our Justice First Fellows, to evaluate the impact of their work.

Amongst the priorities for the Foundation's research agenda in 2015–16 is work to explore the viability of different approaches to gather population level data on legal understanding in England and Wales. The Foundation will also be exploring how to adopt an approach to evaluation that can be applied consistently across our grants for training. The Foundation will also take forward work on understanding when, how and why individuals come to characterise an issue as legal given the critical importance of this in designing early intervention projects that are effective in stopping legal problems from escalating.



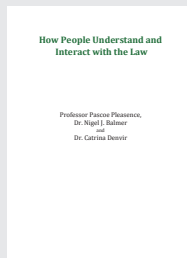
Understanding the Legal Problems of Renters

Study shows that people living in rented accommodation are twice as likely to experience some kinds of non-housing-related legal problems as those living in other types of housing.



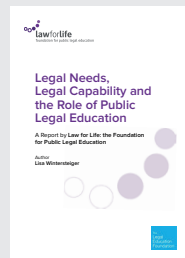
Social Determinants of Young People's Mental Health

Summary of new research on the links between mental health, 'everyday' social welfare law problems and inequality.



How People Understand and Interact with the Law

Groundbreaking national survey demonstrates worryingly low levels of legal understanding amongst the general population in England and Wales.



Legal Needs, Capability and Public Legal Education

Research strengthens the case for targeted, timely Public Legal Education and Information.

Professor Pascoe Pleasance

A grant of £83,000 supported Professor Pascoe Pleasance, Professor of Empirical Legal Studies and co-director of the Centre for Empirical Legal Studies in the UCL Faculty of Laws, to carry out analysis of the Civil and Social Justice Panel survey. A number of reports presenting findings will be published in 2015–16. Early conclusions are already driving our practical work with organisations in the sector, for example around areas of law where public understanding is especially low.

Grant

£83,000

Legal Services Board/ The Law Society/ The LEF

A grant of £84,000 is contributing to a project led by the Legal Services Board, along with The Law Society, to carry out an on-line panel survey of legal needs. The Foundation has led on incorporating an additional element in to this survey focusing on the legal needs of young people.

Grant

£84,000



The Law Society



Ulster University Law School

A grant of £27,000 supported Ulster University Law School to undertake a research project on the role of university law clinics in UK justice provision and how effective they are at reducing barriers to participative justice. The report was launched at a conference in Belfast called "The Future of Access to Justice."

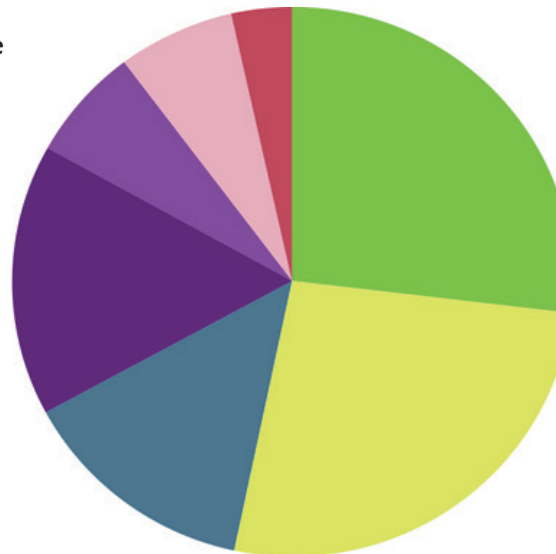


Grant

£27,000

Approximate number of cases clinics handle per ye

- 5–40 cases
- 50–90 cases
- 100 cases
- 120–200 cases
- 24–380 cases
- 400–500 cases
- 500+ cases

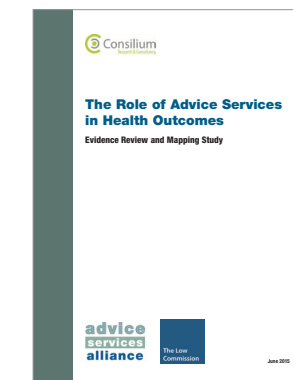


Advice Services Alliance/ The Low Commission

A grant of £22,400 supported Advice Services Alliance and The Low Commission to review available evidence on the health impacts of legal advice, including assessing the quality of this evidence and any gaps, and mapping existing projects that deliver advice in health settings to identify types of project, health outcomes, settings and funding sources.

Grant

£22,400



Objective:

To understand the role that technology can play in achieving each of these objectives.

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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.

This year, many of the Foundation's grants involved elements of digital technology, particularly in the on-line delivery of information and training. In addition to responding to applications, the Foundation has worked with law and technology consultant Roger Smith to carry out a global review of how digital technology is being used to deliver legal services to people on low incomes. This year, Roger produced a wide-scale review of initiatives which were published on the Foundation's web-site and captured the scale of creative efforts

underway around the world that will change how people resolve their legal disputes. The reports document how varied innovation is: video is being better integrated into websites; the presentation of information is being transformed by the introduction of guided pathways that lead the user interactively through difficult issues; the provision of information and advice is being transmuted into processes of Online Dispute Resolution; the potential of integrated document assembly programmes in advice provision is pushing courts and tribunals to update their online capabilities; websites are seeking to adapt to the rampant growth of mobile phones as primary means of access to the Internet, particularly amongst young people.

LEGAL AID LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

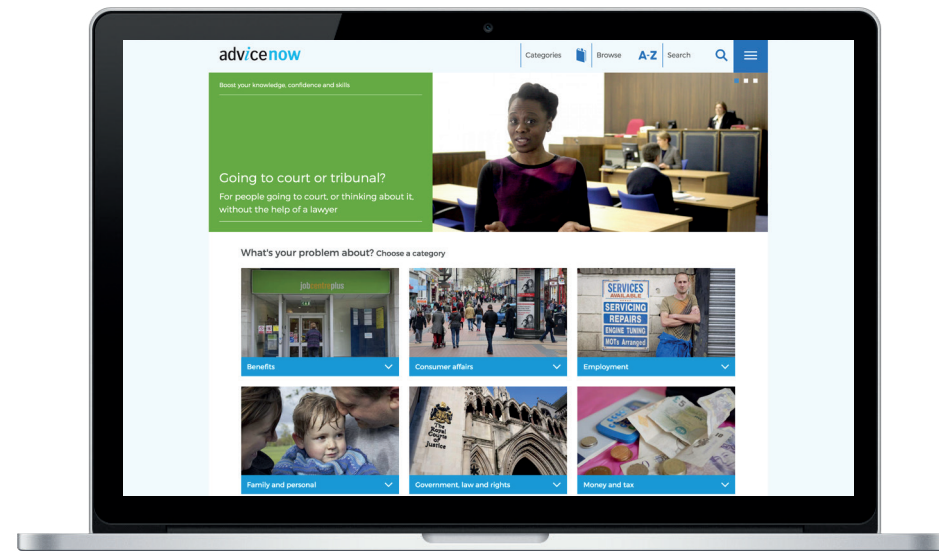
Access to Justice through IT Awards sponsored by The LEF



CourtNav

The Foundation also worked with the Legal Aid Practitioners Group to create and sponsor a new Access to Justice through IT award at the Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year. The award was won by CourtNav, an online tool developed by the RCJ Advice Bureau in partnership with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP. It is designed to help people that are going to a civil or family court without a lawyer.

Helping people that are going to a civil or family court without a lawyer.



Advicenow

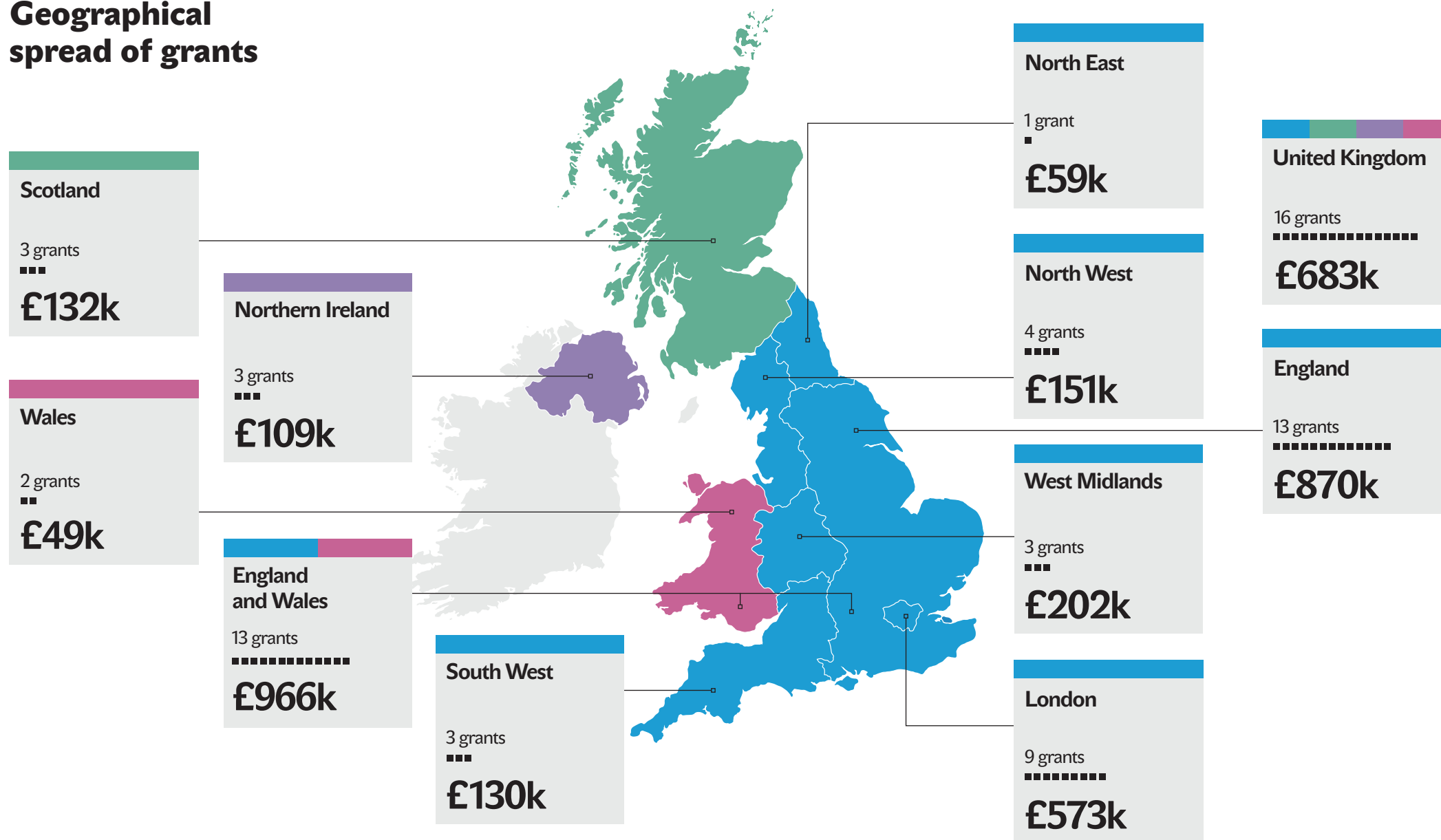
A grant of £123,000 supported Law for Life to remodel the Advicenow website on a new platform in order to integrate new media and technology. Advicenow's importance in helping people access information on the law was recognised through inclusion in the Litigants in Person Support Strategy, funded by the Ministry of Justice.

Grant

£123,000

advice**now**

Geographical spread of grants



Financial summary

The financial information set out in Table 1 is taken from the full Audited Annual Report and Accounts of the Foundation for the year to 30th June 2015. The figures are unaudited.

The full Audited Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 30th June 2015 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 of commitments, of the sale of The College of Law training operations at the end of November 2012. The intention is 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.

Table 1

	£m 2014	£m 2015
Investment Fund	208.8	214.1
Incoming Resources	1.6	3.0
Resources Expended		
– Grant making and research	2.4	4.7
– Other Expenditure	0.4	0.4
Grants Received	0.06	0.8

Investments

Investment Performance

Figure 1 shows the actual value of the Capital Fund at each quarter end compared to the sum that would maintain the real value of the Capital Fund. It should be noted that whilst the Capital Fund value at 30th June 2015 was slightly ahead of its target the period since its creation is very short and it is likely that there will be greater volatility in future years.

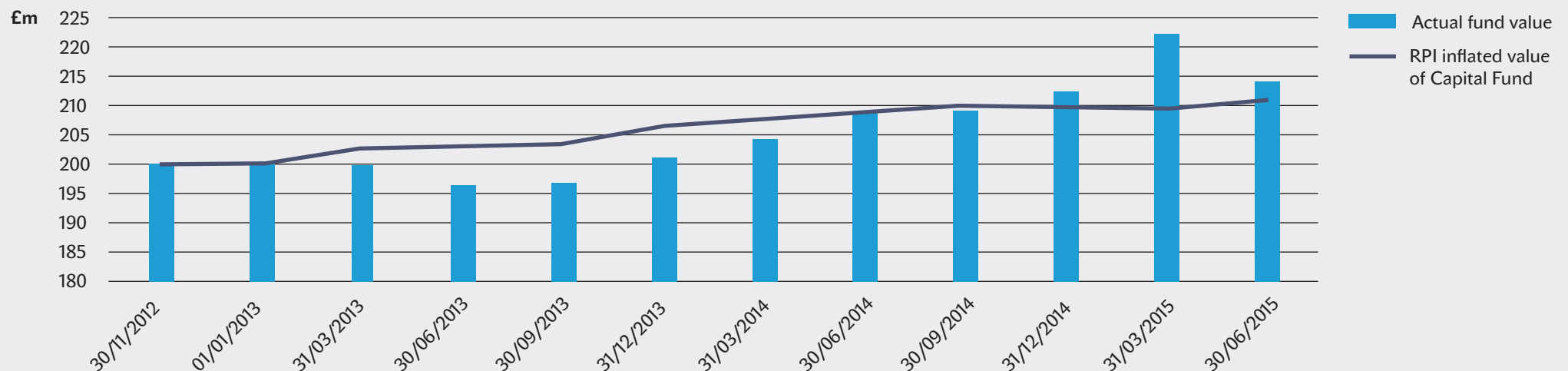
Socially Responsible Investment

The Governors have reviewed whether it was appropriate for the Foundation to adopt an ethical or Socially Responsible Investment Policy. After detailed consideration they decided not to define specific criteria as the Foundation only invests through funds and not directly in any equity. It has noted however that each of the equity funds in which it has holdings are signatories to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment.

Holdings

A detailed analysis of the Capital Fund holdings and a summary of the Investment Policy Statement is provided in our Annual Report and Accounts.

Figure 1
Investment valuations



2015 Grants awarded

Objective 1:

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

1.1 Young people

		2015 £000s	IT	Robust evidence base
Amnesty International	Develop a secure, engaging and fit for purpose online resource for Amnesty's network of School Speakers, supporting the organisation's Human Rights Education programme.	39	39	
Citizenship Foundation	Extend the scale and scope of Public and Civic Legal Education by (i) creating a quality assurance mark for PCLE resources; (ii) extending the Law in Schools portal so that it can provide a brokerage mechanism between secondary schools across the UK and legal professional volunteering programmes; (iii) creating the Law in Schools Writers' Group; and (iv) developing further resources for the Law in Schools portal.	36		
Citizenship Foundation	Fund a second regional heat in Northern Ireland of the existing Bar Mock Trials programme.	12		
Egalitarian Trust – Galleries of Justice	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 and create a sustainable funding model to underpin this.	47		
Enabling Enterprise	Develop a set of two lesson-time projects and two challenge days centred on legal issues for primary and secondary school students.	25		
Law Society of Scotland	Fund the first year of the Street Law programme developing lessons for school children covering the law, the legal process and the knowledge and skills that pupils can use to recognise, prevent and resolve legal problems.	8		
Oakgrove Integrated College	Identifying and engaging students in projects with peer leaders and research to empower them to challenge the negativity which denies others their rights and to increase confidence in legal mechanisms.	50		
Speakers Trust	Develop and test the 'Legally Speaking' pilot in Bristol to increase young people's knowledge of the law and the legal profession.	10		
		227	39	-

Objective 1:

continued

1.2 Users of advice organisations/vulnerable groups

		2015 £000s	IT	Robust evidence base
Community Links Trust	Develop tools and ideas about how to achieve locally-driven public legal education and provide access to legal advice	55		
Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit	Build on the successful Refugee Family Reunion Project to develop a service model for harnessing volunteer involvement in this area of law.	29		
Kirklees Citizens Advice and Law Centre	Work with partners in the North East and Yorkshire to identify gaps in provision of legal services to vulnerable people and to explore options for collaboration.	9		
Legal Action Group	Support the next phase of the Low Commission, in particular to engage additional public affairs and PR resources to raise the profile and engagement with the Low Implementation Project.	46		
Legal Aid Practitioners group	Fund the creation of a new category at the Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year awards on Access to Justice through IT.	10		
Praxis Community Projects	Support the development of Street Legal, a cross-sector partnership bringing together St Mungo's Broadway, Refugee Action and Praxis Community Projects to address the needs of non-EU migrant rough sleepers with immigration issues.	66		
SEAP Advocacy	Develop two mobile-enabled web-sites to help members of the public learn about and navigate assessment processes for Work Capability Assessment and Personal Independent Payments.	61	61	
		276	61	-

		2015 £000s	IT	Robust evidence base
Objective 1: continued	1.3 Staff in voluntary sector/community groups/local government			
	British Institute of Human Rights	27	27	
	Contract for the Arts CIC	13		
	Personal Support Unit	125	125	
	Solicitors Pro Bono Group (LawWorks)	67	67	
	Women's Resource Centre	70	70	
		302	289	-

			2015 £000s	IT	Robust evidence base
Objective 1: continued	1.4 General public				
	Fair Trials International	Expand the reach of public legal education materials for individual suspects and defendants arrested in countries across the globe, and their friends and relatives, and use this exercise as a case-study for other organisations providing online public legal education to identify and share examples of good practice in terms of effective dissemination.	9		
	Full Fact	Develop and launch Full Fact Legal, a new independent fact-checking service for issues relating to the law. Focussing on a number of key legal issues.	150	150	
	Global Dialogue	Produce an animation on 'Everything You Need to Know About Human Rights' and contribute to development of a communications plan for Rights Info, looking particularly at how to measure the impact of the project's materials on public attitudes to human rights.	68	68	
	Law Commission	Contribute to the costs of a Parliamentary Reception to engage with a wide range of stakeholders including legal practitioners, Parliamentary Counsel, Parliamentarians, and academics.	12		
	Law For Life	Update the Advicenow website on a new platform to enable the inclusion of new media and technology such as smart-forms, video, e-learning, infographics, process navigation charts and web apps. The update will bring Advicenow's problem-solving approach to a new audience and provide a potential revenue stream.	123	123	
			362	341	-

Objective 1:

continued

1.5 Related research

		2015 £000s	IT	Robust evidence base
Legal Services Board (LSB)	Jointly commission with LSB and the Law Society of England & Wales a large scale legal need survey of individuals in England and Wales, including a survey of legal need amongst young people.	84		84
Pascoe Pleasence Limited	Carry out detailed secondary analysis of the English and Welsh Civil and Social Justice Panel Survey, focusing on issues relating to capability, self-help and understanding of the law and legal services.	83		83
Youth Access	Scope a longer term project to work in partnership with a number of local frontline voluntary sector agencies to deliver a national programme of public legal education aimed at young people	80		80
		247	-	247
Total for Objective 1:		1,414	730	247

Objective 2:

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

2.1 Legal skills and knowledge of people working in the law

		2015 £000s	IT	Robust evidence base
Advocacy Training Council	Training film (grant cancelled)	(86)		
Anti Trafficking and Labour Exploitation Unit	Develop and deliver a programme of eight training modules to build the capacity of support providers and legal practitioners to assist victims of trafficking across the UK. This will be supported by developing an online 'Anti Trafficking Hub', where legal practitioners and support providers will have access to a library of written and video training resources, a second tier legal advice service, links to organisations operating within the anti-trafficking sector and a client referral mechanism.	50		
Bingham Centre (BIICL)	Increase understanding and application of the rule of law in the UK parliament by providing secretariat support for a new All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on the rule of law and building the evidence base and measuring impact by annual reviews of the way the rule of law is used in Parliament.	44		
Fair Trials International	Fund three courses covering recent developments in law relating to human rights in criminal proceedings; pre-trial detention, access to a lawyer and human rights/cross-border cases.	20	20	
Islington Law Centre	Assist a project to analyse, train and share knowledge on issues that affect children and young people subject to immigration control in the UK.	81	81	
Just for Kids Law Limited	Support the development of the Youth Justice Legal Centre, a centre of excellence for those working with children in the criminal justice system, by creating a website providing a body of clear and accessible online information explaining the law to professionals, lay people and young people themselves.	86	86	
Law Centres Network	Develop training programmes for law centre staff covering universal credit and personal independence payments, human rights, running a legal housing unit, public sector equality duty commissioning, preparing and writing tender responses.	34	34	
Law Commission	Contribute to the cost of the Scarman lecture, which will form part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Law Commission.	9		
Solicitors Pro Bono Group (LawWorks)	Free Law Direct grant cancelled	(70)		
		168	221	-

Objective 2:

continued

2.2 Legal skills and knowledge of law students

		2015 £000s	IT	Robust evidence base
Avon and Bristol Law Centre	Support the Legal Advice Support Project, an initiative which provides law students with valuable client facing experience, including drafting, collation of evidence, hearing preparation and advocacy for clients with Employment and Support Allowance Work Capability Assessment appeals.	50		
Campaign for Freedom of Information	Develop and publish free online training materials to enable bodies providing pro bono legal advice to make effective use of the Freedom of Information Act in their work. The materials will be available without charge on the CFI website.	38	38	
Centre for Criminal Appeals	Support the Criminal Justice Initiative, a partnership between The Centre for Criminal Appeals and a cohort of universities in England and Wales that aims to train the next generation of lawyers who will prosecute and defend people accused of crimes, and transform the way such cases are approached, both by the system and by individual lawyers.	40		
Clinical Legal Education Organisation (CLEO)	Support development of the network by funding an administrator.	19		
Justice	Develop the Justice Student Human Rights Network web-site so as to enhance the education, employability and careers of the students who participate in it.	40	40	
Pro Bono Community	Develop specialist training courses in employment and family law for law students, trainees and junior lawyers aimed at preparing them for volunteering in Law Centres and other advice agencies.	12		
Pro Bono Community	Provide support for a sales manager to expand a specialised training programme for law students, trainees and junior lawyers aimed at preparing them for volunteering in Law Centres and other advice agencies	48		
Queen Mary University of London/qlegal	Support roll out of a project for postgraduate law students to provide free legal services to technology start-ups and entrepreneurs.	90	0	
		337	90	-

Objective 2:

continued

2.3 Effective and sustainable legal services

		2015 £000s	IT	Robust evidence base
Law Centres Network	Create capacity within Law Centres Network and expertise in Law Centres to secure funds from the EU and to share good practice with the wider advice sector.	150		
Fair Finance	Develop the Secondary Creditors Pilot aimed at testing the viability of extending a Debt Advice service to secondary creditors.	30		
Global Dialogue	Establish and support the Secretariat of the Early Action Funders Alliance, a network of independent and public funders.	24		
Legal Aid Practitioners Group (LAPG)	Support the costs of running the All Party Parliamentary Group on Legal Aid.	20		
Advice Services Alliance	Undertake research to review available evidence on the health impacts of legal advice, including assessment of the quality of this evidence and gaps and mapping of existing projects that deliver advice in health settings to identify types of project, health outcomes, settings and funding sources.	22		22
		246	-	22

2.4 Related research

Council of the Inns of Court (COIC)	Carry out a feasibility study on possible reform of the Bar Professional Training Course and the provision of online BPTC resource by the Inns.	54		
University of Ulster	Undertake a research project on the role of university law clinics in UK justice provision and how effective they are at reducing barriers to participative justice.	27		27
		81	-	27

Total for Objective 2:

832	311	49
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		2015 £000s	IT	Robust evidence base
Objective 3: Increase access to employment in the legal profession and in particular advice social mobility and diversity	3.1 Increase in access to employment for Law Students			
	Justice First Fellowship	1,062		
	– Coram Children's Legal Centre			
	– Coventry Law Centre- 2			
	– Deighton Pierce Glynn Solicitors			
	– Govan Law Centre Trust- 2			
	– Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit			
	– Public law Project			
	– Staffordshire North and Stoke on Trent Citizens Advice Bureau			
	– Avon and Bristol Law Centre			
	– Ben Hoare Bell LLP			
	– Child Poverty Action Group			
	– Greenwich Housing Rights			
	– Law Centre Northern Ireland			
	– Legal Services Agency Glasgow			
	– Shelter			
		1,062	-	-

		2015 £000s	IT	Robust evidence base
Objective 3: continued	3.2 Increase in access to employment for those from less advantaged backgrounds			
	Lord Edmund Davies Legal Education Trust	7		
	Sutton Trust (as manager)	400		
	The Longford Trust	30		-
		437	-	-
	Total for Objective 3:	1,499	-	-
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED		3,745	1,041	296

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