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WORKING WITH LEEDS LAW SCHOOL

For firms, organisations and employers.



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LEEDS LAW SCHOOL CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE

Who we are

Our Careers and Employability Team are here to bridge the gap between employers seeking the next generation of talented minds for their organisations and the bright students studying on any of our law degrees here at Leeds Law School, Leeds Beckett University.

We help students gain work experience, understand their options to make informed choices and develop employability skills for a smooth transition into a graduate career.

We have a long history of working closely with the legal community throughout West and North Yorkshire. There are many ways we can work in partnership to develop workplace talent and we look forward to forging valuable relationships with our colleagues in the local legal community.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED WITH LEEDS LAW SCHOOL

Leeds Law School Careers Fair

Our careers fair is designed to give you the opportunity to meet the students and promote part-time roles, vacation schemes, placement opportunities, training contracts and other jobs and opportunities for graduates.

Employability guest lectures

Guest lectures can boost the number of quality applications to your firm or in-house legal team through targeted presentations delivered to our law students who are keen to learn more about your organisation.

Pro bono activities and the Leeds Law School Law Clinic

We are committed to ensuring our students are equipped with the best possible skills for employment in the legal profession through our law clinic and other pro bono activities. We aim to provide our students with real opportunities and practical skills in law. We also recognise that our students benefit from involvement with legal firms outside the law clinic and would therefore be interested to hear from you about any pro bono activities our students could engage in.

Employers in focus pop-up stands

Increase awareness of your firm by booking a pop-up stand at Leeds Law School where you can speak to students, hand out information and take CVs from those students who impress you. You could then follow this up with one-to-one appointments with our students to allow for more focussed discussions. This is a great way to find the brightest talent first.

Applications workshops

Increase the number of quality applicants to your organisation by providing students with an insight into your recruitment process. Delivering a mini assessment centre, CV session, application or interview workshop can be a great way of boosting awareness of the opportunities you have available.

The Leeds Law School Mentoring Scheme

Our scheme offers the opportunity to mentor a student who is interested in your area of the legal sector. Students can gain real life insights into the legal profession, in order to help them make focused career decisions and get a head start. Many of our mentors are alumni and value the opportunity to contribute their time and energy in order to assist the next generation of legal professionals.

Insight events and open days

Many law firms offer open days or insight events for undergraduates and graduates to visit their offices and find out more about what they do. This usually includes a tour of the office and an opportunity for students to ask questions and interact with representatives and trainees. You could include group exercises designed to give students an insight into the kind of work they would carry out as a solicitor or paralegal or ask students to work on a negotiating task with their peers. These events help to focus career direction and increase commercial awareness of students early on in their degree as well as raise the profile of your organisation.

Promote your vacation scheme

Vacation schemes of typically one or two weeks are very valuable to students seeking a legal career and can help firms to identify potential paralegal or trainee solicitor recruits.

You may simply wish to offer hands-on work experience or combine this with talks, lunches and 'after hours' events. This is a great way to get to know the student, assess how they fit into the firm and if you are impressed, save on your recruitment costs and offer them a role on graduation.

Placements

We have a long history of supporting undergraduate students with work placements and have developed excellent links with legal firms and businesses in the region who are keen to recruit our students. A placement is an opportunity for students to acquire and evidence the skills employers want. For you as an employer, it presents an opportunity to spot talent and make job offers prior to graduation.

Advertising your vacancies

One of the advantages of working with Leeds Beckett University is that we can advertise your vacancies directly to our law students through targeted emails or our specialised vacancy system. This is a good way to gain maximum exposure for your vacancy and organisation. Additionally, we liaise with academic staff to identify talented students who would be a suitable match to your specific vacancy.

Sponsoring and endorsement

Sponsoring an event or offering awards or prizes to students raises your profile on campus and promotes awareness of your organisation. Incentivising students to maximise their potential is a great way to find talented individuals before they graduate.

Leeds Law School student newsletter and blog

Increase brand awareness for your organisation on campus through our newsletters and specialist blog. Share your news, career story or provide our students with tips for success.

READY TO WORK WITH THE LEEDS LAW SCHOOL CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE?

Email employers@leedsbeckett.ac.uk and mark the subject of your email as 'Leeds Law School'. We will get back to you within 3 working days to see how we can meet your business needs. Alternatively you can call us on **0113 8123190**.

