



Young Legal Aid Lawyers (YLAL) is a group of lawyers who are committed to practising in those areas of law, both criminal and civil, that have traditionally been publicly funded. YLAL members include students, paralegals, trainee solicitors, pupil barristers and qualified junior lawyers based throughout England and Wales. We believe that the provision of good quality publicly funded legal help is essential to protecting the interests of the vulnerable in society and upholding the rule of law.

YLAL's objectives are:

- To campaign for a sustainable legal aid system which provides good quality legal help to those who could not otherwise afford to pay for it.
- To increase social mobility and diversity within the legal aid sector.
- To promote the interests of new entrants and junior lawyers and provide a network for likeminded people beginning their careers in the legal aid sector.

We want to make sure our voices are heard. Membership is free & open to all ages. This group is for people at the start of their careers. We welcome those concerned about or committed to legal aid up to 10 years qualification or call. To find out more or join YLAL, visit [www.younglegalaidlawyers.org](http://www.younglegalaidlawyers.org).

We meet in London on every second Wednesday of each month. Outside London we have groups in in Birmingham, Bristol, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield. Please see our [Meetings](#) page for more information.

You can also contribute remotely by writing articles, responding to consultations and participating in various subgroups that work on specific projects to further YLAL's aims.

Over the last year our work has included:

- Organising and promoting protest action against legal aid cuts with other campaigners
- Conducting training on legal aid for our members
- Releasing our updated report on Social Mobility in the legal aid profession
- Crowd funding for our social mobility report and The Secret Barrister's book to be given to every single MP
- Helping organise meetings of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on legal aid <http://www.apg-legalaid.org>.
- Attending University law fairs across the country
- Reviewing legal aid news <http://www.younglegalaidlawyers.org/news>
- YLAL is working on its response to the Government review of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act. We will continue to lobby against the cuts to the legal aid budget, and raise awareness about the affects of the cuts. We will work around the cuts and campaign to ensure that a sustainable service is maintained and a good quality legal service can still be provided to those who need it most.

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