Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law Experiential Learning Street Law Swansea Autumn Term 2022

Street Law at Swansea Law Clinic

This term Swansea Law Clinic's extra-curricular projects included Street Law, led by Professor Jane Williams and supported by Eve Haynes (Manager, Swansea Law Clinic) and Hannah Bussicott (Manager, Children's Legal Centre Wales).

Street Law Recruitment

Recruitment of student volunteers was done via the Swansea Law Clinic's recruitment session on 5 October 2022. Following that session, eleven students signed up for the selected project.

Diversity

Data is not formally collected. This is under review. However, a strength of the group was diversity of the students' country of origin, which included Italy, Ghana, Jordan, Canada, the Cayman Islands, England and Wales. Eight students were from level 5 and three from level 6.

Delivery

Two introductory training sessions were held on consecutive Wednesdays following the recruitment. Thereafter students continued to meet on Wednesdays throughout the term, with support from Jane, Eve and Hannah, to prepare a session for delivery.

Audiences were arranged in collaboration with HRC SoL Recruitment and Marketing team (Heather Harvey) and with Swansea's Seren network team (Professor Simon Bott). 4 sessions were delivered by student teams to different audiences. 2 sessions were delivered to a mixed audience of prospective students and parents at an Open Day on 19 November. Two sessions were delivered at Neath Port Talbot College to 6th form students from 4 local schools and tertiary colleges participating in the Seren scheme. The session delivered on each occasion was 'No vehicles in the park'.

Feedback was entirely positive, with some useful suggestions for future sessions.





Reflection

The Street Law volunteers took the exercise 'No Vehicles in the Park' and developed it in their own way, producing 4 well-timed, varied sessions of different lengths to different audiences. The sessions were very well-received and in turn have taken on suggestions for a new session. The diversity of the group is a strength: they have been able to share and draw on each others' different experiences.

Engagement with outreach teams (Recruitment and Marketing, and Seren) was highly beneficial with great economies of communication. Support from Eve and Hannah for student sessions was crucial.

Next Steps

The volunteers are now working to create an original session for delivery next semester. The session will be called 'How To Get Away With Murder Theft' and will inform their audience about the ingredients of the crime of theft and the adversarial process, allowing audience participation for prosecution and defence.