

## Current Projects at the Legal Advice Centre

### COVID19 Research: The Impact on Vulnerable People



Royal Holloway, University of London and the Afghanistan and Central Asian Association (ACAA) are collaborating on a research project to examine the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable people within the Afghan community. This project is being led by the Director of our Legal Advice Centre, Ms Nicola Antoniou, Professor Jill Marshall (specialist in International human rights law), Dr Alexander Gilder (specialising in public international law), and Ms Rabia Nasimi (Strategic Development Manager at the award winning Charity, Afghanistan and Central Asian Association).

### University of London Refugee Law Clinic



Working in collaboration with 10 other institutions that are part of the University of London (UoL), students from Royal Holloway will assist the Refugee Law Clinic, which provides *pro bono* legal advice for refugee clients.

<https://rli.sas.ac.uk/refugee-law-clinic>

Dr Simon Behrman (Lecturer within the Department of Law and Criminology), and Ms Nicola Antoniou (Director of the Legal Advice Centre/Senior Lecturer) co-ordinate the recruitment of Royal Holloway students for this collaboration.

## **HMP Coldingley Law Clinic (Remote family law clinic)**

In partnership with Creighton and Partners Solicitors, we provide free legal advice to prisoners at HMP Coldingley on family law matters. These sessions run remotely.

### **"I see you" Project**

Student Volunteers write articles and produce legal information on the racial inequalities that may appear within our justice system. This project is in support of the Black Lives Matter Movement. Students are supported by the Director of our Legal Advice Centre, Ms Nicola Antoniou, **Red Lion Chambers** and **Legal Lifelines**, as well as mentored by Senior Lecturer, Dr Rita D'Alton-Harrison.

<https://www.redlionchambers.co.uk/>

<https://legallifelines.co.uk/member/michael-herford/>

## **Partnership with Citizens Advice (Runnymede & Spelthorne)**

Our Student Advisers interview clients referred by Citizens Advice on a wide range of Legal topics, including Family, Benefits, Housing and Contract / Consumer Law.

### **Staff:**

**Ms Nicola Antoniou:** Director / Supervising Solicitor (Ms Antoniou set up the Legal Advice Centre at Royal Holloway, which opened to the public in January 2020).

**Mr Greg Smith:** Legal Assistant (Mr Smith joined Ms Antoniou in January 2020 and has been an invaluable addition to the Legal Advice Centre).

**Sessions dates:**

**All sessions will take place remotely (via telephone or Skype), until further notice.**

**Wednesdays, 1.30pm – 3.30pm**

Wednesday 7 October 2020

Wednesday 14 October 2020

Wednesday 21 October 2020

Wednesday 28 October 2020

Wednesday 4 November 2020

Wednesday 11 November 2020

Wednesday 18 November 2020

Wednesday 25 November 2020

Wednesday 2 December 2020

**9 December 2020 – 6 January 2021: Closed for winter vacation period and summer examination.**