2014/2015 Impact Report
Contents

- The problem we are helping to solve
- What we do
- Our clients
- Our holistic representation
- Our work in 2014-2015
- What success looks like
- Our outcomes
- What our clients say
- Youth Justice Legal Centre
- Let Us Learn Campaign
- Merger with Children’s Rights Alliance for England
- Our awards
## Costs of Vulnerability

The cost of preventable health and social outcomes faced by young people over a 20-year period has been put at **£4 trillion**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Excluded from school</strong></td>
<td>£15,000 pa for Pupil Referral Unit, vs. £4000 pa for mainstream school</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Estimated lifetime cost of permanent exclusions from school <strong>£650 million</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Mental health problems</strong></td>
<td><strong>One in ten</strong> children and young people aged 5 to 16 has a clinically recognisable mental disorder</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The cost to society of adult mental health problems is currently estimated at more than <strong>£100 billion</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Unstable accommodation</strong></td>
<td><strong>80,000</strong> under 25s become homeless each year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>£1 billion</strong> spent annually on dealing with homelessness</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>In care or a care leaver</strong></td>
<td>Estimated <strong>£2.5 billion</strong> was spent on services for looked after children in England in 2013/14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Asylum seeker, refugee or migrant</strong></td>
<td>Many wait ‘in limbo’ for <strong>5-8 years</strong> for a decision on their application, unable to continue into education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Estimated <strong>120,000</strong> migrant children live in irregular situations the UK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Contact with youth justice system</strong></td>
<td>Costs <strong>£19 billion a year</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Early intervention and prevention for 10% of the young people sentenced to prison could save over <strong>£100 million annually</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
VISION: To help transform the lives of children and young people from crisis, to stability, towards independence using the rule of law and child centered advocacy.

HOLISTIC REPRESENTATION
- Youth Justice Law
- Education law
- Community care law
- Youth advocacy
- Youth opportunities
- Young parents
- Ambassadors
- Hardship fund

ENSURING RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
- Litigation
- Policy work
- Lobbying
- Campaigning
- Direct advocacy
- Advice

BRINGING ABOUT SYSTEMIC CHANGE
- Youth Justice Legal Centre
- Strategic litigation
- Training
- Policy work
- Campaigning
- Youth participation

YOUNG PEOPLE

ORGANISATIONAL STABILITY

OUR VALUES
Our clients

Number of clients accessing the direct support:
- 50% female
- 49% Male
- 1% Transgender

Issues faced by our clients

On average each client has 3.31 issues

- 22% Immigration/Nationality
- 40% Housing/Homelessness
- 50% Health/Social care
- 26% Unemployment
- 21% Youth Justice
- 37% Education

AGE
- 17-19 79%
- 15-16 11%
- 11-14 7%
- 6-10 3%
- 0-5 1%
Our Holistic Representation

- Legal Advice & Representation
- Independent Youth Advocacy
- Social Engagement: Youth Ambassadors Programme
- Support into education & employment

We also work for structural change:

- Strategic Litigation
- Policy Reform
- Legal Training & Resources
- Campaigns
We look at the whole person

Just for Kids Law

- Police
- Immigration
- Positive Activities
- Health
- Family
- Court
- Finance
- Housing/Homelessness
- Social Services
Our Work in 2014-15

Handled 868 CASES

20% INCREASE from 2013-14

DECREASED annual cost of support by 9%

We worked in 31 Greater London Boroughs

33 volunteers delivered 3164 hours of support to our organisation

In kind support to the value of £190,000

• Flamingo Communications
• Hodge, Jones and Allen
• Pro Brono legal support
• GT Stewart
• Saga Centre
• Adjust your set
What success looks like

By 2018 we will...

...have helped an additional 3,000 young people

...have reached a new area in East London

...see the situation of 95% of our clients improve, primarily through support with legal representation, tailored support, and help with immigration or physical and mental health issues

...ensure 90% of our clients feel more positive about their future
Our Outcomes

- **EDUCATION**: position improved 92%
- **EMPLOYMENT**: position improved 83%
- **FINANCIAL**: position improved 72%
- **IMMIGRATION**: position improved 77%
- **HOUSING**: position improved 77%
- **HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**: position improved 84%
What our clients say

96% were “happy” or “very happy” with our services

98% state Just For kids Law made a positive difference to their situation

98% said they would use Just for Kids Law again

Before contacting Just for Kids Law

83% of young people knew “Not much” or “Nothing at all” about their rights

After contacting Just for Kids Law

94% of young people knew “Some” or “A lot” about their rights

74% stated the situation was affecting their life “a lot”

this is reduced to 19% after Just for Kids intervention.

Our clients say

“JFK is like my second family. They have helped me so much.”

“You are a god-send... it really helps to know you are there to help.”

“I wouldn't have been able to access opportunities without you backing me 100%.”

Their parents say:

“There were times I don’t know which way to turn and am ever so grateful you were there for us.”

“Just for Kids Law is a brilliant organisation; once we contacted you we felt at ease and not alone anymore.”
I feel much more able to help 16/17 year olds myself without needing to pass work to JFK.

It was fantastic information and very relevant to my day to day practice.

Training participants said:

“I feel much more able to help 16/17 year olds myself without needing to pass work to JFK.”

“It was fantastic information and very relevant to my day to day practice.”
**Let Us Learn Campaign**

Campaigning for the right of all young people with limited or discretionary leave to go to university and to access student finance.

Directly Supported: 300 young people

Engaged with: 10 schools

Ran fortnightly Youth campaign meetings

**Media Coverage:** BBC Newsnight, the Guardian, the Daily Telegraph, the Daily Mail

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>July 2015: Successful intervention in the Supreme Court. Government amended policy as a result</th>
<th>Supported by UK Members of Parliament: Rupa Huq, David Lammy, Diane Abbott, Peter Kyle</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**Feedback:**

“Thank you soooo sooo much for all your support. Without Let us Learn and you I literally wouldn’t be where I am now.” - young person

“I am so pleased that there is an organised campaign to tackle this extremely unfair anomaly in the education system.” - Member of Parliament
Still a child @17 Campaign
Timeline on the progress of our work:

2012 Nick Herbert - Minister for Policing and Criminal Justice: ‘Having carefully weighed up the arguments on both sides, I have decided that it would not be appropriate to treat 17-year-olds held in police custody as children at the present time. I am sorry if my answer comes as something of a disappointment to you.’

2013 Lord Justice Moses in High Court: ‘I conclude that it is inconsistent with the rights of the claimant and his mother, enshrined in Article 8, for the Secretary of State to treat 17 year-olds as adults when in detention.’

October 2014 House of Lords: Lord Ashton on behalf of the Government: ‘This amendment is laudable in its aims but, in our opinion, represents a too-hurried and partial approach to the issue of how we treat young people at the age of 17 at the front end of the criminal justice system.’

November 2014 House of Lords: Lord Faulks on behalf of the Government: ‘I am pleased to inform the House that the Government have listened to his plea and the passionate collective voice of the families of loved ones who are tragically no longer with us. The Government have now concluded their review and have arrived at a very clear conclusion: the provisions in PACE that relate to the treatment of 17 year-olds should be amended as soon as possible so that they are treated as children.’

May 2015 Queens Speech: ‘The government is creating legislative consistency within the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) to ensure that 17 year olds are treated as children under all its provisions.’

October 2015
Definition of a 'juvenile' in police custody includes 17 year old children.
In August 2015, the Children’s Rights Alliance for England (CRAE) merged into Just for Kids Law.

CRAE seeks the full implementation of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child in England through strategic litigation, policy reform, public affairs, and research. CRAE believes human rights are a powerful tool to make life better for children.

The merger strengthens Just for Kids Law’s policy and public affairs work, giving a national and international presence.
CRAE worked in partnership to convince the Government to drop its plans for a giant children’s prison. Our campaign was jointly nominated for a Liberty Human Rights Award.

Represented the children’s sector at an oral evidence session at the UN on children’s rights and supported 17 children to attend.

Co-ordinated the civil society submission to the UN as part of the UK examination on its child rights obligations. 76 organisations endorsed it.

Successfully supported children to submit their own report to the UN. We engaged with 1,000 children through our child-led project See it, Say it, Change it.

Had a private meeting with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on child rights breaches in the UK youth justice system.

## Our Awards

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Award</th>
<th>Category / Individual</th>
<th>Status</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Power Part Time Awards</td>
<td>Aika Stephenson, Programmes Director</td>
<td>Winner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Award</td>
<td>Rachel Knowles, Senior Solicitor</td>
<td>Finalist</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Halsbury Legal Awards: Law in the community</td>
<td>Just for Kids Law</td>
<td>Winner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>London Legal Support Trust ‘centre of excellence’ kitemark</td>
<td>Just for Kids Law</td>
<td>Winner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eisenhower Fellowship</td>
<td>Shauneen Lambe, Executive Director</td>
<td>Winner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>London Leadership and Peace Awards</td>
<td>Chrisann Jarrett, Let us Learn</td>
<td>Winner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Change Makers: London Southbank Festival of Love 2015</td>
<td>Shauneen Lambe and Aika Stephenson</td>
<td>Winner</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>