



Lawyers working free for the public good

Does your community group need FREE legal advice?

LawWorks for Community Groups was launched in 2002. Our purpose is to act as a referral agency,

matching small **community groups, charities and social enterprises** who cannot afford to pay for legal advice, with lawyers who will provide the legal assistance on a pro bono (free) basis. We are focused towards helping community groups that benefit deprived communities.

We have helped over 1700 community groups to date, throughout England & Wales, in areas of law that do not involve court or employment tribunal proceedings, such as:

Employment

Drafting employment contracts and staff handbooks; advising on staff issues

Property

Advice on leases; commercial property tenancies and rental queries

Intellectual Property

Advice on how to register and protect your trademark or logo; how to deal with copyright matters

Commercial Contracts

Help with reviewing contracts; advising on the terms & conditions of contracts

Constitutions

Reviewing constitutional documents; advising on directors' duties and Companies House requirements; advice on registering with the Charity Commission

Some quotes from community groups we have helped:

"It is very gratifying to know that organisations such as yours exist to help smaller organisations such as ours"
Burton Shopmobility

"A very friendly, professional service. LawWorks provided us with a very confident service. It was hassle free, which we needed as we are all voluntary workers"
Autism Networks

"Really straightforward process to apply – excellent service. Very professional, friendly & helpful"
East Nottingham Women's Aid

"I would like to thank you for the invaluable service you have provided. The outcome was far better than I had expected"
Stockwell Community Resource Centre

"Excellent – easy to register, friendly and communicative – found solicitor for us very quickly"
North Devon Mental Health Service Users Forum

"The response was timely & LawWorks delivered"
Solihull Leisure Opportunities

"Easy to contact and process was relatively straightforward"
Stafford District Voluntary Council

"LawWorks responded very quickly and were very clear in what they could do and time frames. This was very good as we knew what to expect and how it would work"
Inter-Action MK



How do you apply for help? If you:

- are a small not-for-profit community group, charity or social enterprise, based in England or Wales
- have no funds to pay for legal fees¹
- are in need of non-urgent² legal advice that does not involve court or employment tribunal representation³

then please visit our website at: www.lawworks.org.uk
At the home page, go to the tab that says 'Charities' and choose 'Getting Help' from the drop-down list. The online application form can be found by choosing the [click here](#) link on this page.

If you would like further information or to speak to someone initially, please contact us:

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¹ We aim to help those community organisations most in need of help. As part of the assessment process we will ask to see the latest financial information for the organisation (details on the online application form)

² Preferably, we do like at least one month to be able to find suitable assistance.

³ We can often help with other contentious matters, but not with representation at court proceedings. Please contact us for more information.