

WLECN Work Experience 2025

FAQs

1. How will I know that I have a place on the programme?

You will receive confirmation of your place by 7 April 2025. You must send your application to us by end of May 2025. We are able to offer approx. 20 places per week.

2. When is the work experience placement taking place?

30 June – 3 July 2025 –Southampton across 4 different firms.

3. Where will my work experience placement be?

Every day will be different- you will spend a day at different law firms in Southampton throughout your week. Please see the full list of participating firms & Universities here:

- Clarke Willmott
- Foot Anstey
- Moore Barlow
- Womble Bond Dickinson

Your schedule will be provided to you before your placement week so you will have plenty of time to arrange transport.

The daily sessions will be 10am – 1pm.

4. What will I be doing during the week?

You will be completing exercises based on real life scenarios. The exercises have been designed to give you an insight in to the work of a lawyer. You will go on to hear from practising solicitors about their own journey in to law as well as from key support staff about their role in law firms. Not only this but we will spend time helping you write a CV, give you the opportunity to practice an interview and get you thinking about your own career in law.

5. Will you pay for my travel expenses?

We are unable to cover travel expenses for all students. However, if you are unable to attend the scheme for financial reasons, please get in touch to find out how we can help.

6. What do I need to wear?

You don't need to wear a suit but you need to dress appropriately for work in a professional office environment. If you would prefer, you can wear your school uniform. If you are not sure, speak to your tutor or careers advisor for help.

7. Will I be with pupils from other schools?

Yes, the scheme is open to pupils from schools across Southampton.

8. Do I need to bring anything?

Most firms will provide you with paper, pens and equipment. However, it would be a good idea to bring a notepad if you have one, to keep all of your notes in one place!

9. Will I get lunch provided?

Light refreshments will be provided mid-morning.

10. Who do I contact with any questions and who are “WLECN”?

In the first instance, please speak to your School Careers Advisor / Tutor. You can also use the email address admin@wlecn.com for any questions/queries. One of the team will get back to you ASAP.

WLECN stands for West of England Legal Early Careers Network. This is a collaborative project across the legal sector in the West of England. Key contacts are Ellen Marsh (Foot Anstey), Sarah Cook (VWV), Sam Lee (WBD).