

Grampian Community Law Centre.

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Grampian Community Law Centre



Community Clinic

Designed to provide support to the local community during the cost of living crisis.

- In partnership with Torry Medical Practice, Aberdeen;
- First in Scotland embedded in the community;
- Offers assistance to local residents in relation to a wide range of social welfare law matters;
- Proactively works in association with the Bridge Centre, Torry, Aberdeen, to present to clients on hot legal topics including Wills, Powers of Attorney, checking title deeds and any other current legal affairs to attempt to address issues before they arise.

Climate Clinic

Designed to provide support during the Climate and Biodiversity Crises.

- Operates in association with the Environmental Law Foundation;
- First of its kind in Scotland;
- Focuses on grassroots issues involving planning law, development, environmental law and animal law, to give people a voice and access to justice;
- Collaboratively works with: Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland, Planning Democracy, Stop Ecocide International, Aberdeen Climate Action & UK Centre for Animal Law (A-Law).

Student Engagement

- The development of essential legal skills to assist with future employment prospects;
- Growth in confidence and development of interpersonal skills;
- The opportunity to cement theoretical learning and use this in practice;
- Team working with peers;
- Understanding how law firms work in advance to assist in career decisions.

Community Engagement

- Access to free legal advice and assistance;
- The option to learn about legal topics before they may become an issue;
- A non-judgemental quiet ear to listen and provide help wherever possible;
- Signposting to external organisations where the Centre cannot assist.

Grampian Community Law Centre did an excellent piece of research for us on the subject of retrospective decision-making in environmental matters. We plan to use their research in our future advocacy work in this area.

Without the clinic intervention, I keep wondering what my situation would look like at the moment. When all hope seems to be fading away, GCLC came to my rescue. They sourced not just one but two firms who have since accepted to take my case through legal aid. Their patience with me cannot go without notice. I pray for more resources and funds for the RGU GCLC to keep up the good work they are doing in the lives of members of the community.