



Trainee Solicitor
£21,769 pa + excellent benefits
Two year fixed term contract
Plymouth

How to apply: Please apply via the Legal Education Foundation via this [link](#)
Please DO NOT send applications directly to Shelter.

Closing date: Monday 14th September 2020 at 5 pm

Are you an adaptable and enthusiastic individual who has completed their LPC and is keen to learn and progress a career in social welfare law? Then join Shelter as a **Trainee Solicitor** and you could soon be providing a specialist casework service in Housing and Public law and related areas, including vital advice and litigation work.

A home is a fundamental human need, as essential as education or healthcare. Yet millions of people across Britain struggle on a daily basis with homelessness, bad housing conditions, soaring rents, discrimination and the threat of eviction. So, we are striving for change — with individuals, in communities, across society — and leading the way to a safe home. We need ambitious, best-in-class individuals who are passionate about our cause to join us at this exciting time. This is your chance to play a part in the fundamental change we are striving to achieve.

With an enviable national reputation for excellence in housing law and human rights and over 100 staff, including some of the country's leading housing lawyers, Legal Services at Shelter is a great place to start your law career. Our Devon Hub, located in Plymouth, is made up of highly skilled solicitors and advisers offering legal aid, and non legal aid, advice and guidance on housing rights related issues. The Hub provides a range of services to assist people facing homelessness or housing issues, including litigation and specialist advice. We also provide representation at court through the Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme where we help those at immediate risk of losing their home.

About the role

Funded by the Legal Education Foundation, this role offers a rare chance to join a thriving Legal team. As well as carrying a caseload of diverse housing cases, with the opportunity to provide advocacy at court, you will support strategic litigation within the team with a view to effecting wider systemic change for the people we work with on a national level. You will also have the opportunity to do at least one secondment which will provide a unique experience to cover a different area of law with another social justice organisation.

About you

Keen to succeed, and with a good intellectual aptitude and the ability to reason critically, you'll be commercially aware and customer-focused, with excellent listening and communication skills and a willingness to challenge the status quo and introduce new ideas when appropriate. Good IT skills, including proficiency using Microsoft Office Word and Excel, are also required.

Benefits

We offer a wide range of benefits, including 30 days of annual leave (pro rata), enhanced family friendly policies, pension and interest free travel loans. Our employees also have access to a tenancy deposit loan, payroll giving, cycle to work scheme and an employee assistance programme.

Shelter helps millions of people every year struggling with bad housing or homelessness through our advice, support and legal services. And we campaign to make sure that, one day, no one will have to turn to us for help. We're here so no one has to fight bad housing or homelessness on their own.

To find out more about the role and the benefits of working for Shelter please visit our website. Apply to be part of our legal team and be the change you want to see in society.

Safeguarding is everyone's business. Shelter is committed to protecting the health, wellbeing and human rights of those we support, and enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect. All our staff will be expected to observe professional standards of behaviour and conduct their work in line with our Safeguarding Policies.

At Shelter, we welcome and encourage applications from everyone regardless of age, disability, gender, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation. We also encourage applications from people, who have been homeless or have been at risk of homelessness. We are facing diverse problems, so need diverse people to tackle them. In addition to this, we encourage an approach to involving people with personal insight of housing issues and homelessness in our recruitment processes.

Shelter does not accept unsolicited CVs from external recruitment agencies nor accept the fees associated with them.

