



**\*Training contract opportunity with Suffolk Law Centre, applications open\***

**Trainee Solicitor (under the SRA standard terms of contract)**

**Salary: Year 1: £21,000 per annum Year 2: £22,000 per annum**

**Fixed-Term Contract (Two Years)  
Full Time (37 hours per week)**

**This post is funded by the Justice First Fellowship  
for two years from January 2022**

Suffolk Law Centre are delighted to be partnering with **The Legal Education Foundation's Justice First Fellowship**, offering a training contract to an aspiring solicitor to work with us at **Suffolk Law Centre**.

We have worked with The Legal Education Foundation since 2017 and look forward to once again welcoming a talented aspiring lawyer who will gain invaluable hands-on experience alongside our team.

This is a two-year Trainee Solicitor post involving in-house training under the supervision of both experienced advisers and qualified lawyers in areas of social welfare law including employment and discrimination, housing (both legal aided and grant funded), and family, together with opportunities in other areas we work in. At Suffolk Law Centre, we focus on the provision of legal advice to vulnerable people, including those unable to access legal advice due to gaps in provision, including those living in rural areas of Suffolk. We also, in conjunction primarily with our parent charity ISCRE, undertake social policy and community scrutiny work.

The role is based primarily at our Ipswich offices for face-to-face advice provision, with some remote working.

Candidates will need to demonstrate a strong interest in the work we do at Suffolk Law Centre, as well as the following qualities:

- An evidenced interest in social justice, human rights, social welfare, asylum and immigration, civil liberties, family law, or public and administrative law.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to be diplomatic, compassionate, and empathetic. Willingness to take opportunities to build the skills and networks for a long career in social welfare law.
- The desire to build a career using law as a tool for social justice.

Applications are open until September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Fellows can apply via the portal on the Justice First Fellowship website, by completing the application form at <https://jff.thelegaleducationfoundation.org/how-to-apply/application-form/>.

The Justice First Fellowship has funded 120 training contracts since 2014, developing a network of exceptional social justice lawyers. As a testament to the quality of Fellows

and host organisations, 98% of graduated fellows are currently in paid employment with 91% working as lawyers using law for the public benefit to achieve a social good.

Suffolk Law Centre is a part of the Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCRE) Group of Charities and works very closely with the other parts of ISCRE.

**Further information:**

Applications for the trainee position must be made via TLEF:

<https://jff.thelegaleducationfoundation.org/how-to-apply/application-form/>

And all information about the process, including the timeline here:

<https://jff.thelegaleducationfoundation.org/current-opportunities/>

**Contact:**

Any questions regarding this organisation or the position should be directed to [sophie@suffolklawcentre.org.uk](mailto:sophie@suffolklawcentre.org.uk)

**Deadline for applications:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Interviews:** Dates to be confirmed

**Start Date:** January 2022

**We are an Equal Opportunities employer**