



**Trainee Solicitor**  
**£21,026 pa + excellent benefits**  
**Two year fixed term contract**  
**Manchester**

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

**Closing date: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 5pm**

Are you an adaptable and enthusiastic individual who has completed their LPC and is keen to learn and progress? 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.

Our Strategic Legal Team (SLT) is a small team within Shelter Legal Services and is linked with Shelter's advice centres and lawyers from all areas of England, and this network gives a good insight into housing issues across the country. The team engages in strategic litigation on a national level concerning homelessness and bad housing and we're also a resource for Shelter solicitors across the country to help them to engage the law strategically on a local level. This

#### **About the role**

Funded by the Legal Education Foundation, this role offers a rare chance to join Shelter's Strategic Legal team. Working under the housing and public law legal aid contracts, you will have the opportunity to support a variety of Shelter's test cases and interventions. As well as carrying a caseload of strategically focused cases, in particular challenging poor conditions in temporary accommodation, you'll work to promote strategic litigation within the Shelter Legal team and regional offices. We'll also rely on you to provide support on legislation and policy development to Shelter's Communications, Policy and Campaigns (CPC) teams and proactively seek out housing and welfare test cases that will influence change as part of our campaigning strategy. And, when it comes to exploring different ways of funding our strategic litigation work, including legal aid, crowdfunding, grant applications and pro bono, again, we'll count on you.

#### **About you**

Keen to succeed, and with a good intellectual aptitude and the ability to reason critically, you're 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 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.**

