

Clinical Legal Education Organisation Trustees Annual Report: April 2020 - April 2021

Charity Name:	Clinical Legal Education Organisation
Charity Address:	70 Blenheim Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9TZ
Charity Registration Number:	1161457

Set out below is a summary of the key events and initiatives organised by the Clinical Legal Education Organisation between 6 April 2020 and 5 April 2021.

Trustee changes

The following trustee stood down in 2020-21:

- Alan East of Coventry University

The trustees note their thanks to Alan.

The following trustees were appointed:

- Mathew Gray of University of Law
- Louise Hewitt of University of Greenwich
- Omar Madhloom of Bristol University
- Francine Ryan of The Open University
- Andrea Todd of University of Chester

As at April 2021, Lucy Yeatman and Linden Thomas remained co-Chairs of CLEO and Victoria Roper continued in the role of treasurer.

Membership:

Membership of CLEO remains healthy and continues to increase steadily with almost 270 members across around 80 academic institutions

Events:

CLEO organised a number of events between April 2020 and April 2021, many of which were in partnership with other organisations. Due to the pandemic, all events have been conducted virtually:

- 12th May 2020 – Family law clinics virtual roundtable
- 20th May 2020 – Virtual clinics roundtable discussion (an extension of the North West Clinics meet up)
- 2nd July 2020 – Mediation clinics virtual meet up, hosted jointly with the Open University
- 3rd July 2020 – Family law clinics virtual roundtable
- 16th July 2020 – Virtual law clinics workshop, in partnership with LawWorks
- 17th September 2020 – Qualifying Work Experience and Clinics, UCLAN, followed by AGM
- 10th December 2020 – Virtual Christmas Gathering

We also continue to advertise events that are likely to be of interest to our members, such as LawWorks events, the Streetlaw Best Practices events and so on.

Regional networking hubs:

Clinics in the North-West of the country have continued to hold regular meet ups to share good practice, discuss latest clinic developments and catch up with fellow clinicians. These are relatively informal and are held approximately twice a year.

CLEO has continued to offer to facilitate these hubs in other parts of the country.

Qualifying Work Experience (QWE):

CLEO trustees established a working group to liaise with the Solicitors' Regulation Authority (SRA) on the development of guidance on the new 'Qualifying Work Experience' (QWE) which will come into force with the introduction of the Solicitors' Qualifying Examination.

The SRA invited CLEO to submit comments on draft guidance on QWE. CLEO sought members' views at a virtual event on 20 May 2020 and the CLEO working group on QWE prepared a response.

Following discussions with the SRA and following QWE events held by both CLEO and LawWorks during 2021, CLEO commenced work on the development of its own guidance which will assist pro bono supervisors in deciding whether the work undertaken in their university clinics/pro bono centres can be counted as QWE. Development of case studies will provide support for those in whose hands this decision lies and enable consistency across institutions, in as far as this is possible.

CLEO and LawWorks Survey

In 2020, CLEO partnered with LawWorks on its latest survey of pro bono undertaken by University law schools and law students. CLEO trustees provided feedback on the survey questions and promoted the survey to its members.

The final report, which was published in December 2020, can be found here:

https://www.lawworks.org.uk/sites/default/files/files/LawWorks%20Law%20Schools%20Report%202020_0.pdf

The Website:

Work on redevelopment of the website continued and CLEO has a working group of trustees allocated to this project. The priority to date has been resolving and streamlining background functions, such as the processes to registering new membership applications. Work in the coming year will focus on the website content.

CLEO also has a Twitter account (@ClinicalLegal) which provides updates on clinical legal education.

Clinical Legal Education Handbook

The Clinical Legal Education Handbook, which was developed following a discussion at a CLEO conference in 2016 and which contains contributions from over 20 CLEO members was published as a free, open access online resource in May 2020. It has been downloaded more than 2500 times since publication and has been adopted by The Law Society of England & Wales as its recommended text on Clinical Legal Education. Content from the book has also led to the Solicitors Regulation Authority adapting some of its guidance on pro bono work.

The book has also been translated into Persian through The Roya Institute for Global Justice.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the creation of this resource.

The Handbook is available at: <https://humanities-digital-library.org/index.php/hdl/catalog/book/clinical-legal-education>

Response to COVID-19:

Between April 2020 and April 2021, all CLEO events have been held remotely and a decision was taken not to charge for events during that period. Several events focussed on how to adapt clinics for a lockdown world.

The delayed 2020 AGM took place virtually in accordance with Charity Commission guidance on 17 September 2020.

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	6.4.2020	To	05.04.2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bank interest	3	-	-	3	-
LERN income	387	-	-	387	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	390	-	-	390	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	390	-	-	390	-
A3 Payments					
Bank charges	1	-	-	1	-
Website maintenance fees	971	-	-	971	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	972	-	-	972	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	972	-	-	972	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 582	-	-	- 582	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,012	-	-	6,012	-
Cash funds this year end	5,430	-	-	5,430	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	6,392	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,392	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>L Bengtsson</i>	Lyndsey Bengtsson	09.10.2021
<i>Francine Ryan</i>	Francine Ryan	30.01.2022