

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY VOLUNTEERING GUIDE



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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the editors of this Guide: TULS Social Justice and Equity Officers, Allie Davies-Knight and Gloria Jeziel: justice@tuls.com.au.

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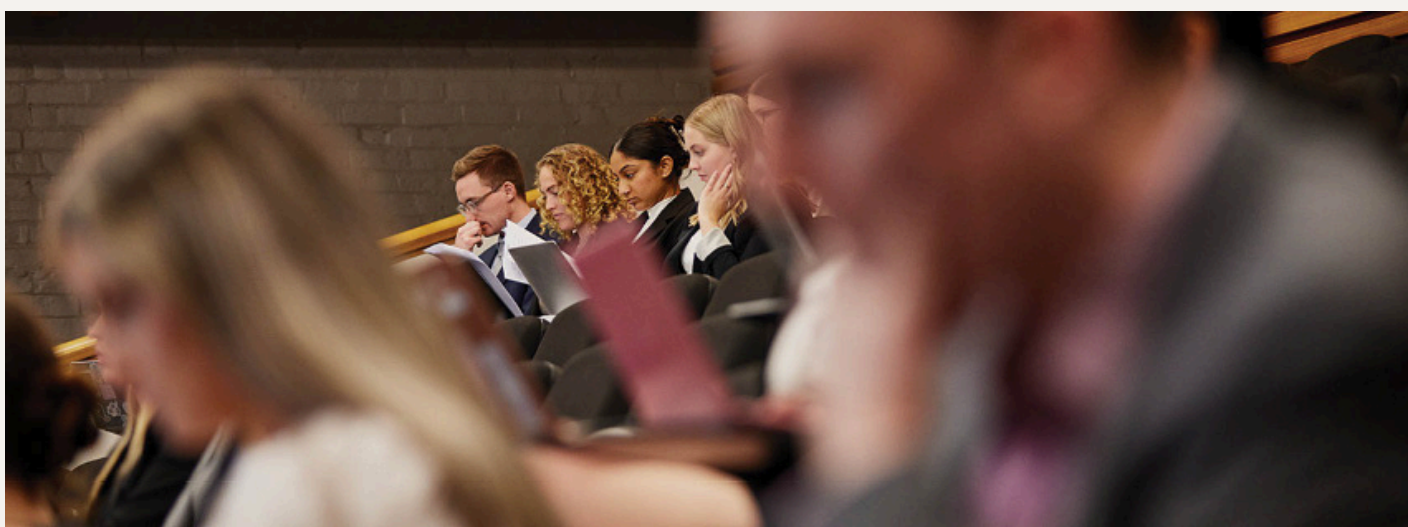
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTIONS

DEAN'S WELCOME

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DEAN'S WELCOME

Dear Law students,

Welcome to the University of Tasmania's Law School, whether it's your first year, or you are returning for another year. The Law School is very much a happening place for the undergraduate student body. There are manifold pursuits, beyond the purely academic, in which you can engage during your studies. And these often prove the most memorable experiences you will have while at Law School. It is with pleasure, to this end, that I pen this welcome to the 2024 TULS Social Justice and Volunteering Guide. This document provides a wealth of information about volunteering and other community legal opportunities. TULS is one of the most active student organisations on campus and facilitates many excellent ways in which you can participate in the Law School and beyond. It is perhaps unsurprising that law students display considerable interest in social justice activities; after all, the law is a crucial vehicle to promote social justice, in all its forms. In response, TULS have developed this Guide.

In perusing the Guide, I am struck by the extent and breadth of social justice and volunteering activities fostered by a small and close-knit Law School. Under the Law banner, there are opportunities to assist and mentor other students, as well as to support the disadvantaged. The latter include volunteering for the Student Legal Service; the Prisoner Legal Service; the Refugee Legal Service; as well as volunteering opportunities with a range of public sector and not-for-profit organisations referred to in the Guide. I can speak from personal experience of the value of volunteering, having sat on multiple not-for-profit boards over the years and, in doing so, witnessing positive contributions to an aspect of society.

Recall also that the Law School houses the Tasmania Law Reform Institute, the State's law reform body. Our unique role, in this respect, helps to keep law reform and social justice issues at the forefront of what we do - both in terms of research and teaching.

Note also that every year since its inception in 2011, our Law School hosts the Sandy Duncanson Social Justice Lecture with inspiring speakers to honour the memory of social justice campaigner, Sandy Duncanson (in 2023, the two speakers were the respective Tasmanian and National Children's Commissioners). Attaching to this is the Sandy Duncanson Social Justice Scholarship open to UTAS students who are interested in pursuing a social justice initiative:

https://www.utas.edu.au/study/scholarships-fees-and-costs/domestic-scholarships/a-z?code=SCH_SDB

I would encourage you to be proactive and get involved in these activities. In addition to enhancing your CVs and employability, our experience is that such engagement helps you see purpose in your law studies and promotes wellbeing. Wishing you all the best for 2024,

Gino Dal Pont
Interim Dean |
UTAS Law Faculty



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 Social Justice and Equity Volunteering Guide. Congratulations to Allie Davies-Knight and Gloria Jeziel for their efforts in creating this high-quality guide. Volunteering opportunities and social justice initiatives are an important part of the practice of law, and it is crucial that such initiatives are offered and undertaken by law students.

All students, regardless of year level, should consider the various opportunities outlined within this guide. Many of you may have decided to study the law to make change, and tackle injustices within our community. There is no better time to get involved in such change than now.

Volunteering your time and effort at this stage in your studies is extremely valuable to the various organisations outlined within this guide. I have been impressed by many students with their dedication to social justice, those who selflessly give up their valuable time to assist the broader community.

PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

I would like to thank the faculty and in particular, Anja Hilkmeyer, for their support of the Social Justice & Equity Officers. I would also like to express my gratitude to the sponsors of this guide: Centre for Legal Studies, Blumers, Murdoch Clarke, Gilbert + Tobin, Arnold Bloch Leibler, and Tremayne Fay Rheinberger.

There are many opportunities both within the Law Faculty and in the broader community contained in this guide. I trust it will provide a useful resource for finding a cause which you are passionate about and to ignite your passion in social justice and equity.



Best wishes,
Mia Grant
President | Tasmania University
Law Society



SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY OFFICERS' FOREWORD

As the Social Justice and Equity Officers for the Tasmanian University Law Society in 2024, it brings us great joy to present the latest edition of the Social Justice and Volunteering Guide. We hope this Guide inspires law students to start volunteering and make connections in the area of social justice and equity.

The Guide aims to unite law students and community organisations. As we face unprecedented challenges globally, the importance of social justice and equity cannot be overstated. As such, approaching the area of social justice can feel daunting. This Guide serves as a roadmap to get involved, providing law students with a diverse array of opportunities to engage with pressing issues and make a meaningful impact. Whether you are passionate about human rights, LGBTQIA+ rights, environmental welfare, tackling violence against women, or removing discrimination in all its forms, there is a volunteering opportunity tailored to your interests.

Volunteering holds significant value for law students. By participating in internships and volunteering opportunities, students gain unique and practical experiences, deepening their knowledge of various legal fields. Volunteering, therefore, enriches a law student's professional journey by providing an avenue to foster unique connections within the legal community and open doors to future career opportunities.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated volunteers who have contributed to this Guide. Thank you for your time and happy volunteering.

Please reach out to justice@tuls.com.au if you have any questions or ideas for the Social Justice and Equity portfolio.

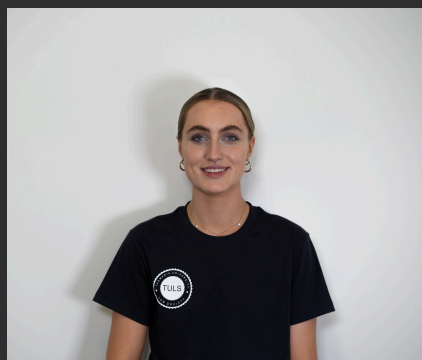
Best wishes,

Allie Davies-Knight and Gloria Jeziel

Social Justice and Equity Officers | Tasmanian University Law Society



Gloria Jeziel



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SOCIETIES

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TASMANIA SOCIETY (COMET)

COMET is a social justice project which aims to support and empower disadvantaged youth. COMET provides an opportunity for current law students at the University of Tasmania to run workshops at various schools in the greater Hobart area discussing key concepts and responsibilities under the Tasmanian Criminal Law.

Young people are at high risk of becoming offenders or victims of crime, particularly those experiencing homelessness. This is partly because young people find it difficult to understand the law and, as a result, do not understand what their rights and obligations are. COMET runs engaging, accessible and informative education sessions to assist youth to make informed decisions.

Participants are encouraged to consider the legal consequences of actions, and are afforded the opportunity to gain some basic legal insight.

COMET aims to make a positive societal impact at a grassroots level by providing youth with an informal support network, and directing session participants towards appropriate services when necessary.



Our workshops focus on a variety of criminal and civil law topics including: police powers, sexual offences, drug offences, employment, and communications and technology. COMET is available to students entering their 2nd year and above.

COMET is available to students entering their 2nd year and above. Please see our website (<https://www.utas.edu.au/law/study/community-engagement-tasmania-society-comet>) or facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CommunityEngagementTasmaniaSociety/>) for more information.

STUDENT ENVIRONMENT AND ANIMAL LAW SOCIETY (SEALS)

The Student Environment and Animal Law Society ('SEALS') is a law student society at the University of Tasmania.

SEALS is dedicated to using the law to protect the environment and animals, as well as raise awareness of both national and international concerns. SEALS provides legal and professional skills development, networking opportunities, and community legal education.

It achieves these aims through public panels, workshops, seminars and social events.



Recently we have made a submission to the state government on amendments to the National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002 (Tas) and have provided information about the position of various parties on the issues of environmental importance at the recent state election.

I encourage anyone who's interested to get in touch and get behind a great initiative in the law school.

William Heddle - SEALS President



For more information, contact: Email: utas.seals@gmail.com. Facebook: www.facebook.com/utas.seals Instagram at www.instagram.com/utas_seals/.

LAW UNDERGRADUATE MENTOR PROGRAM (LUMP)

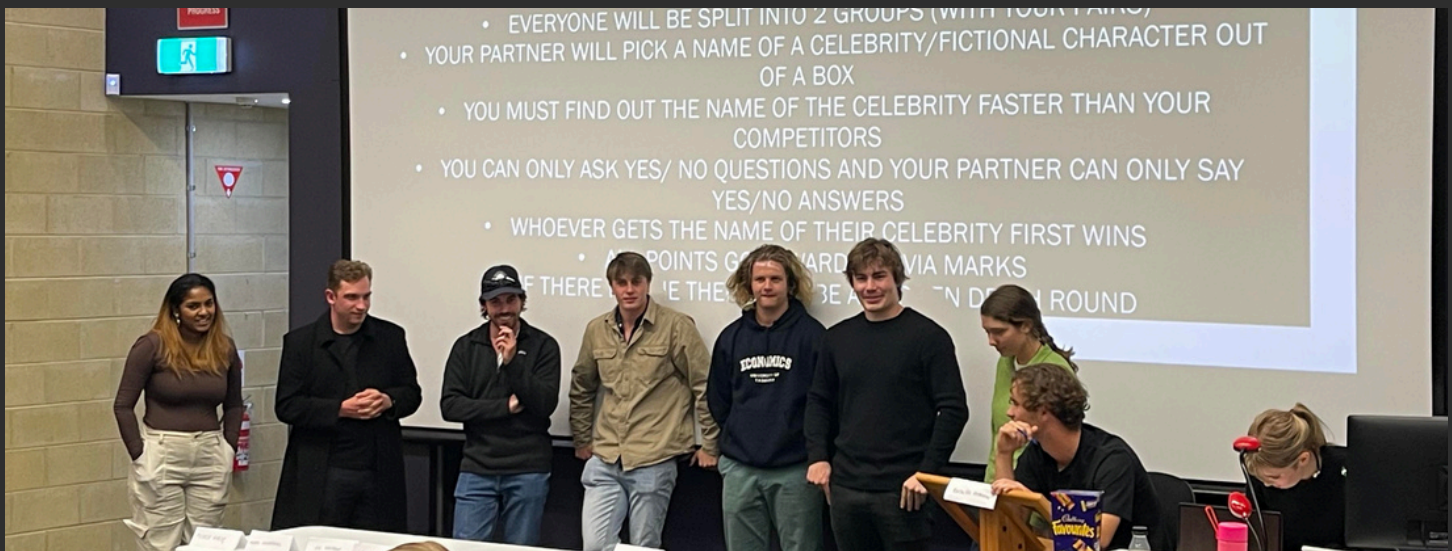
The Law Undergraduate Mentor Program (LUMP) is a casual mentoring program facilitated by TULS, but primarily run by the students themselves.

First and second year mentees are paired up with third, fourth and fifth year mentors and pairs are then able to decide how they want to foster their mentor relationship throughout the year - whether its over a cup of coffee or zoom!

The program is run on an entirely casual basis, and provides a great opportunity for mentees to learn more about life at law school and widen their networks.

For mentors, this program provides an opportunity to impart wisdom to those in younger years, assisting them with integration into and their time at law school. LUMP is ideal for anyone seeking to enhance their experience at our law school and widen their networks but we encourage all students to get involved!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Sarah Adkins at: fourth@tuls.com.au.



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STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE (SLS)

The Student Legal Service (SLS) is an independent body funded by TUSA and Youth Law Australia to provide free legal advice to all UTAS students. The SLS Committee's role is to maintain and promote these services. We do this by hosting legal education events on legal issues such as tenancy and permanent residency for the UTAS community.

As well as fundraising events to assist the service and spread awareness such as our annual quiz night.

We assist the SLS lawyer in anyway we can, particularly by increasing awareness of the SLS on campus. This includes social media promotion or referring students to the service.

I have been on the SLS committee since 2023, first as their Sponsorship Officer and now as the 2024 President.

I would recommend law students who have an interest in social justice and volunteering to apply for our 2025 committee positions in October this year. It's a great way to give back to the UTAS community, while also gaining experience in how free legal services operate. I would also really recommend attending our fundraising events to support the service or our information sessions if the legal issues are relevant to you."

SLS - President Ruby Burling

I believe that access to justice is integral to a fair legal system and university students are often at a disadvantage due to their financial position.



Ruby Burling

During this role I have seen how impactful the SLS can be for students and how it addresses the barriers university students face in accessing legal advice.

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

The International Justice Initiative (IJI) enables students to experience the practice of international law and policy first-hand, through legal research, analysis and service in the public interest.

It empowers a group of UTAS law students to tackle diverse issues of justice in the international arena, by contributing to the work of influential organisations and alumni on contemporary issues of international law.

Applications for 2025 open in November 2024 and are open to law students in third year or above who have an interest in international law and justice issues.

IJI has four objectives:

- Advancing the practice of international law in the public interest
- Providing students with opportunities in international law and policy
- Supporting poor and vulnerable countries and groups with pro-bono advice
- Further strengthening the University of Tasmania Law School's international profile

For more information, interested students should contact: iii.utas@gmail.com.

MOOTING OPPORTUNITIES

ALSA RED CROSS INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW MOOT

The Australian Red Cross and ALSA host the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Mooting Competition during the annual ALSA Conference. The IHL Moot's purpose is to raise awareness of international humanitarian law issues within the Australian university community. The Moot assists students in understanding and appreciating the growing importance of international humanitarian law, its nature as a system of protection during times of armed conflict and its role as fundamental part of international law.

Interested students, please visit: <https://alsa.asn.au/competitions/red-cross-international-humanitarian-law-moot>.

BAKER MCKENZIE NATIONAL WOMEN'S MOOT

The National Intersarsity Women's Mooting Tournament was first introduced in 2011 by the Sydney University Law Society ("SULS") in conjunction with the NSW Young Lawyers Special Committee of Law Students' Societies ("SCLSS"). It is aimed at addressing the equity issues facing women at the Bar and is the first established national moot in which all competitors must self-identify as women or non-binary.

Interested students, please visit: <http://www.womensmoot.com/>.

SIR HARRY GIBBS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT

The Gibbs Moot is of high calibre, bringing together Australia's best constitutional law mooters to compete in Melbourne. This prestigious moot focuses on issues of constitutional law which impact on individuals rights in society. The moot is ideal for students who enjoy constitutional law. This is a challenging but rewarding moot, with the final often being judged by a current or former member of the High Court.

Interested students, please visit: <https://www.mulss.com/sir-harry-gibbs-constitutional-moot>.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

ZOE EWART MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW

OVERVIEW

This scholarship was established by Rhonda Ewart, a member of the University community, to honour the memory of her mother, Zoe Ewart. The scholarship encourages talented students to explore legal and social justice issues at tertiary level.

ELIGIBILITY

Available to a student who is:

- Enrolling in their second year of study in Semester 1, 2025 and intending to complete a law degree.
- Applicants should have completed the first year of a degree including the units:
 - 'Foundations of Law' and
 - 'Legal Reasoning and Technological Change'
- Students must also address their interest in legal and social justice issues in their application.
- Preference is for a student who was educated in the Tasmanian school system. The award cannot be held with another University of Tasmania scholarship.

Amount: \$7,000 per year.

Duration: Up to four years.

For further information, please contact Scholarships and Prizes - U.Connect@utas.edu.au.

SANDY DUNCANSON SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP

OVERVIEW

Alexander (Sandy) Duncanson passed away in June 2010 at the age of 37, following a sixteen-year battle with cancer. Sandy was a graduate of the Faculty of Law at the University of Tasmania. Strongly influenced by his experience as a law student visiting asylum seekers at Woomera Detention Centre in 2002, Sandy's professional life was dedicated to advancing social justice. Sandy was widely respected for his work in the community legal and housing sectors, where he acted as an advocate for the vulnerable. In honour of Sandy's legacy, his family and friends have collaborated with University staff to establish an endowed fund in his name, to provide support to students who share Sandy's passion for social justice.

ELIGIBILITY

- Available to a student in any area of study with a demonstrated commitment to social justice. Social justice is based on the concepts of human rights and equality.
- Scholarship applicants must outline a social justice project or activity, and explain how they would use the scholarship to implement the project or activity.
- The project or activity can involve working with an established organisation on a recognised issue, or involve an entirely new initiative.
- Applicants are required to submit an outline of their proposal a budget outline, the timeframe for the project and to describe the difference they hope the project will make to their life and in a broader social context.
- The Sandy Duncanson Social Justice Fund links closely with the annual Sandy Duncanson Social Justice Lecture which invites eminent speakers to address the subject of social justice and related matters.
- The successful applicants for this scholarship will be expected to provide a short written project update report half way through their project and make a short (5 minute) presentation at the 2024 Lecture.

Ongoing-Eligibility: Achieve a minimum Pass result in all units studied each semester.

Amount: \$8,000.

Duration: One year.

For further information, please contact Scholarships and Prizes - U.Connect@utas.edu.au.

DR VANESSA GOODWIN LAW REFORM SCHOLARSHIP

OVERVIEW

Dr Vanessa Goodwin was a criminologist, lawyer and former Attorney-General of Tasmania. She held a PhD in Law from the University of Tasmania, a Master of Philosophy (Criminology) from the University of Cambridge, and a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from the University of Tasmania.

Prior to her election in 2009, she worked as an Associate to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Tasmania, and as a research assistant for the Tasmanian Governor. Dr Goodwin passed away in March 2018 following a short battle with cancer.

Throughout her esteemed career, Dr Goodwin maintained a commitment to law reform, legal research, and social justice. Dr Goodwin's family, the University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government have established this scholarship in her honour.

ELIGIBILITY

- Available to a student entering final year of a Bachelor of Laws or combined Law degree, or final year of a Criminology major in Semester 1, 2025.
- Selection will be based on academic merit, quality of written application and demonstrated commitment to law reform and social justice.
- A research internship with the Tasmania Law Reform Institute will be undertaken by the successful applicant.

On-going Eligibility: Achieve a minimum Pass result in all units studied each semester.

Amount: \$5,000.

Duration: One year.

For further information, please contact Scholarships and Prizes - U.Connect@utas.edu.au.

JOHN KABLE MEMORIAL TASMANIA UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW

OVERVIEW

This scholarship is provided by the estate of the late John Kable QC, a noted Tasmanian barrister, and was significantly supplemented by Bess Kable.

ELIGIBILITY

- Available to a student who will have successfully completed first year of full-time study in 2024 and will be enrolling full-time in second year of the Bachelor of Laws, or a combined degree that includes Bachelor of Laws in 2025 at the University of Tasmania.
- Eligible students must have completed the units International Law, Torts, Foundations of Law, and Legal Reasoning and Technological Change.
- The successful student must have also been educated in the Tasmanian state school system and wishes to practise law.

On-going Eligibility: Maintain a GPA of 5 or above.

Amount: \$8,000 per year (either as cash or paid towards HECS fees).

Duration: Up to four years.

For further information, please contact Scholarships and Prizes - U.Connect@utas.edu.au.

TIM HAWKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

OVERVIEW

This scholarship is provided annually in memory of Tim Hawkins, a commerce/law graduate of the University who was tragically killed in the Bali Bombing in 2002. Previously the scholarship allowed the recipient to take up a position as Legal Assistant in the Prosecutor's Office for 10-12 Months at the International Criminal Court in The Hague but that position will not continue. The Scholarship Committee is currently engaged in consultations about the placement of future Tim Hawkins Memorial Scholars and will make an announcement as soon as the matter is clarified.

ELIGIBILITY

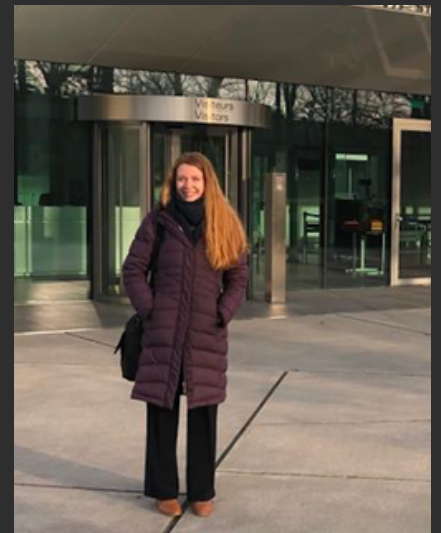
Available to a recent University of Tasmania law graduate who has completed an international law unit. The recipient must be available to take up the designated position for a period of ten to twelve months.

Amount: Up to \$25,000 (plus the cost of a return economy airfare from the nearest Australian capital city to the placement location up to \$3,000).

Duration: Ten to twelve months.

STUDENT TESTIMONY - GABRIELLE GEE

"At the end of 2022 I was awarded the Tim Hawkins memorial scholarship, alongside Chun Yu who is currently in the Netherlands. This scholarship provided me with the opportunity in 2023 to work at the International Criminal Court in the Hague as a legal assistant to Professor Tim McCormack, the Special Advisor to the Prosecutor on War Crimes. In this role, I would work with Professor McCormack to research questions different prosecution teams had on War Crimes, governed by Article 8 of the Rome Statute."



Pictured: Gabby at the International Criminal Court!

TAKAMUNA ROSIE SMITH LAW SCHOLARSHIP

OVERVIEW

Rosie Smith is a well-respected Aboriginal leader and holds a law degree from UTAS. She is one of the first Aboriginal people to be admitted as a Solicitor/Barrister in Tasmania.

Rosie's educational journey started at Adult Education classes at her local Neighbourhood House, before enrolling in Welfare Studies at TAFE. While working on public housing issues as a Family Support and Legal Aid Field Officer at the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, Rosie decided to enroll in a law/arts degree. During her final year of study in 1994, Rosie was awarded the State NAIDOC Aboriginal Scholar of the Year award and the National NAIDOC Aboriginal Scholar of the Year.

Rosie played a key role in the establishment of the Koori Courts of Victoria, holding senior positions from 2003 to 2016. She completed a Master of Public Health in 2005, while working at the Koori Courts. Rosie returned to nipaluna in 2016 to a position in the Medical School at the University of Tasmania as the Aboriginal Health Careers Promotion Officer until her retirement in 2021.

The scholarship is awarded to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander commencing their first year of a law or combined law degree. The scholarship provides financial support and internships and clinical placements at Tasmania Legal Aid over the four years of the law degree. This will build practice knowledge and understanding of the legal system and introduce them to the Tasmanian legal profession, helping to create employment pathways.

ELIGIBILITY

- Funding for the Takamuna Rosie Smith Law Scholarship is provided by the Federal Government to assist Indigenous students with costs associated with university study.
- For Government reporting purposes, the scholarship is considered by the Government to be an Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship (ICECS).
- The general eligibility for the scholarship is that recipients must:
 - be an Australian citizen;
 - be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
 - be from a low socio-economic background;
 - be studying a minimum of 12.5 credit points per semester at UTAS;
 - and not be in receipt of a Centrelink Start-up Loan or Centrelink Start-up Scholarship.
- As part of the Takamuna Scholarships for Educational Costs x 1 student will be awarded the Takumuna Rosie Smith Law Scholarship.
- The scholarship is awarded to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander commencing their first year of a law or combined law degree.
- The recipient will be required to participate in supervised placements.

Students wishing to apply for this scholarship should apply for the [University of Tasmania Indigenous Scholarships](#).

TAKAMUNA ROSIE SMITH LAW SCHOLARSHIP

On-going Eligibility: Achieve a minimum Pass result in all units studied each semester.

Amount: Up to \$5,000 (\$625 per 12.5 credit points).

Duration: One year.

For further information, please contact Scholarships and Prizes - U.Connect@utas.edu.au.

LEAH BROWN ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW

OVERVIEW

It is expected that this new scholarship will be awarded for the first time in 2025. The scholarship has been established in honour of Leah Brown, a Tasmanian Aboriginal graduate in Law from UTas who established Australia's first all-Aboriginal law firm Marrawah Law. Leah is the Hobart-based managing partner of the firm with offices in Cairns, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Hobart. Leah will provide work experience and mentoring at Marrawah Law to the successful recipient of the scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY

Available to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students currently studying Law (or a combined degree with Law) at the University of Tasmania.

Amount: \$5,000 per year for the duration of the student's undergraduate study.

For further information, please contact Scholarships and Prizes - U.Connect@utas.edu.au.

FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW

OVERVIEW

The Federation Scholarships are available to current University of Tasmania law students to encourage them to study abroad. The number and value of scholarships may vary each year.

ELIGIBILITY

- Available to assist with the costs associated with travel for study in an approved international exchange program.
- Students must have completed a certain component of the law degree before being eligible to go on exchange.
- Assessment will be based on academic standing, leadership, and details provided in relation to the overseas study the applicant wishes to undertake.

Amount: Up to \$1,500.

Duration: One semester.

For further information, please contact Scholarships and Prizes - U.Connect@utas.edu.au.

E H THOMPSON ANNUAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

OVERVIEW

This scholarship was endowed by the late Edmund Harvie Thompson to support students entering the Tasmanian School of Business and Economics or the Faculty of Law.

ELIGIBILITY

- Available to a full-time student commencing study in an undergraduate degree in Business, Economics or Law in the first half of 2025.
- Selection will be based on the applicant's TCE/ATAR results in mathematics and humanities subjects.

Amount: \$2,500 per year.

Duration: For the duration of the degree.

For further information, please contact Scholarships and Prizes - U.Connect@utas.edu.au.

RJ HAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW

OVERVIEW

This scholarship is generously provided by the family of the late Robert James Hand whose gift will support a student in financial need to study Law at the University of Tasmania.

Robert James Hand received a Bachelor of Laws with Honours from the University of Tasmania in 1964. Robert practised law in Hobart until his retirement due to illness in 1998. He understood the necessity and had enormous capacity for an in-depth understanding of the companies with which he worked. His attention to detail helped him to become, in his time, one of the most highly respected commercial lawyers in Australia.

The award is offered as part of the University of Tasmania Access Scholarship scheme.

ELIGIBILITY

- Available to students commencing a Bachelor of Laws or combined Law degree at the University of Tasmania in the first half of 2025.
- Selection will be based on the applicant's demonstration of financial need and potential to succeed in their studies.
- Preference will be given to students who can demonstrate that they have career aspirations and have given back to the community (voluntary work and community involvement).

On-going Eligibility: Achieve a minimum Pass result in all units studied each semester.

Amount: \$5,000 per year.

Duration: Up to four years (does not include separate one-year Honours course).

For further information, please contact Scholarships and Prizes - U.Connect@utas.edu.au.

CHAPTER 3

EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

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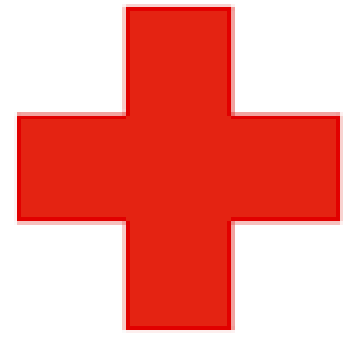
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HUMAN RIGHTS

RED CROSS



**Australian
Red Cross**

Red Cross Australia is a member of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement - the world's largest humanitarian network. Neutral and impartial, the Movement prevents and alleviates human suffering.

Red Cross is continually developing ways to engage the skills and knowledge of volunteers across the whole organisation. The focus of other Australian Red Cross initiatives includes providing mental health support and education and assisting people in aged care.

Find more information regarding volunteering opportunities here:

<https://www.redcross.org.au/volunteer/>

See a testimony from Gabrielle Gee, who worked part-time with the Hobart branch for the Red Cross in their Migration Support programs. In this role, Gabby coordinated a school program called 'in Search of Safety', which sought to dispel common misunderstandings about people seeking asylum.



"While studying at UTAS I began volunteering with the Australian Red Cross. Initially, I did several shifts at their op shop in the city, and got to meet their diverse range of volunteers. I later began volunteering in school presentations they ran as part of their migration support programs. Their upper primary sessions were called "In Search of Safety", and high school sessions were "Pathways to Protection". In these sessions we would teach students about refugees and people seeking asylum, often with someone who had lived experience of being a refugee. Through my volunteering with this program, I ended up working as a project officer delivering and coordinating these important programs."



TASMANIAN REFUGEE LEGAL SERVICE (TRLS)

A DEDICATED REFUGEE, ASYLUM SEEKER & HUMANITARIAN ENTRANT LEGAL SERVICE IN TASMANIA

A free legal advice and representation for Tasmanian residents regarding protection visa applications for asylum seekers and legal advice for humanitarian entrants who are Tasmanian residents. They further assist asylum seekers as they navigate the visa application and appeals process, their pathways to permanent residency and where unsuccessful we provide representation all the way through to Ministerial Intervention requests.

To register your interest as to become a volunteer, email your CV and a summary of your capacity to info@trls.org.au.

Visit <https://trls.org.au/> for more information.

“My time volunteering at the Tasmanian Refugee Legal Service has been one of the most rewarding opportunities of my legal education so far. For someone who learns through application, the work I do at TRLS not only cements what I’ve already learned but refines skills such as legal writing and research. I’ve had the opportunity more recently to specialise in cases of Family Reunification, aiding clients’ families with acquiring their humanitarian visas, and moving to Australia. I find speaking with my clients to be the most rewarding part of my position at TRLS, however often confronting. While language barriers and speaking through translators is challenging, the position as a whole is incredibly rewarding, and I consider myself incredibly lucky to be receiving such interesting work experience in both my law and psychological science degrees!”

Kira Waters





YOUTH NETWORK OF TASMANIA

The Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) is the peak body for young people aged 12-25 years and the youth sector in Tasmania. YNOT's vision is a Tasmania where all young people are valued and can achieve anything. YNOT works with young people, the youth sector, the community and all levels of government to increase the participation and contribution of young people in the State.

As an independent not-for-profit organisation, YNOT provides a strong voice and support to young people and the youth sector through youth participation and engagement, policy advice, advocacy and representation and sector development support.

YNOT provide volunteer opportunities and student placements, to provide practical experience throughout their University studies. For further information and to enquire, contact: Tania Hunt, CEO (media enquiries) | 0427 466 189 or ceo@ynot.org.au
Joanne Horton, Project Manager | 0488 235 511 or tyf@ynot.org.au
General enquiries email: admin@ynot.org.au or visit: <https://www.ynot.org.au/who-we-are/contact>.

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Amnesty International Australia is a proud 'People Powered' movement founded on the work of volunteers and activists all around the country. Amnesty fosters passionate and dedicated individuals who refuse to stand by when human rights are at threat and who demand dignity, freedom, justice and equality for all. By refusing to stay silent in the face of injustice, Amnesty's volunteers and activists have helped change the lives of people whose human rights have been denied.

Whether you're ready to volunteer on a regular basis or you can only commit once in a while, whether you're new to the world of activism and volunteering or are a veteran volunteer with a host of skills you can bring to the table, there's lots of different ways to get involved with Amnesty and make an impact!

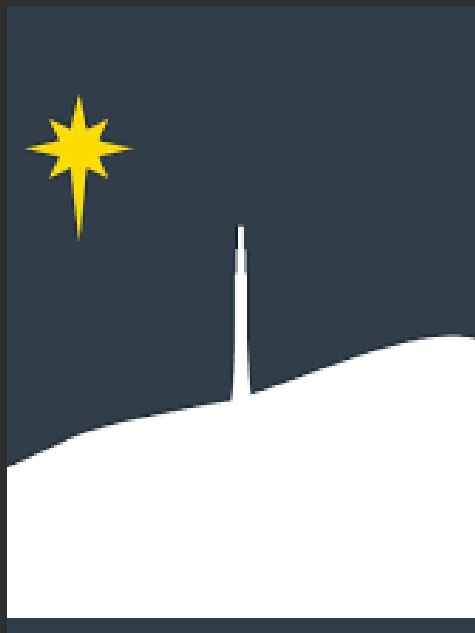
Amnesty regularly posts about volunteer roles that they are recruiting for on the website.



In addition, Amnesty holds regular 'Get Active: Intro to Activism' webinars about the work they do and how to get more involved as an activist. Sessions are relaxed and informal that will give you a good sense of the different options available. Details of the Get Active sessions (and all other great webinars) can be found on their Activism Planner.

More information, visit: <https://www.amnesty.org.au/act-now/#>.

HOBART CITY MISSION



Hobart City Mission is a well-respected organisation with over 400 employees and volunteers. City Mission seeks to provide assistance to all who have a physical, emotional, social or spiritual need, through a variety of services and programs. City Mission has a variety of volunteering opportunities which are on an ongoing basis. Such opportunities are great for students over semester breaks.

"Hobart City Mission meets people facing hardship and homelessness where they are, when help is most needed."

For more information, students interested in volunteering can email volunteering@hobartcitymission.org.au or visit <https://hobartcitymission.org.au/volunteering/>.



CITIZEN TASMANIA

Citizen Tasmania is a not-for-profit cultural organisation that partners with people from migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking backgrounds to tackle human rights challenges facing their communities and overcome them through education, economic empowerment and social connection.

Current projects are:

- Women's Literacy.
- Culture Shapers.
- Community Legal Education.
- Ethic of Thriving.

To get involved in these projects or volunteer generally please visit:

<https://citzentas.org.au/projects/> or email: contact@citzentas.org.au.

COLONY 47

"SUPPORTING YOUNG TASMANIANS FOR 50 YEARS TO BE HEALTHY, HOUSED, LEARNING, EMPLOYED AND EMPOWERED."

Colony 47 is a not-for-profit Tasmanian organisation that provides support to over 20,000 Tasmanian children, young people and families every year.

They have many programs that arise throughout the year with a need for volunteer assistance—these could be anything from assisting young people with homework projects to cooking with members in their drop in centre kitchen.

All applications are assessed for suitability against vacant positions.



For further information, interested students can email: reception@colony47.com.au or visit:

<https://colony47.com.au/>.

OAKTREE AUSTRALIA

Oaktree is a youth-led international development organisation, leading a global vision to see a just and sustainable world by investing in young, grassroots changemakers and the power of youth solidarity. Oaktree achieves this in three ways: shift resources and capacity to grassroots youth-and-community-led movements through their Oaktree Youth Solidarity Fund annually; organise campaigns and advocate to politicians to increase federal aid to empower young people across the Asia-Pacific, and; are entirely youth-led and largely volunteer-driven.

Powered entirely by people under the age of 27. Over the last 18 years, they have upskilled a generation of changemakers in Australia with the knowledge to champion sustainable development. Their young volunteers and staff have run large fundraising initiatives like their annual Live Below the Line campaign. They have led political movements, which saw the government increase our foreign aid budget. They have been upskilled in advocacy, fundraising, financial management and every other aspect of effective social change.



Oaktree

Interested students can express their interest, by filling out a form here:

<https://www.oaktree.org/join-our-team>.

MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE

Migrant Resource Centre Tasmania (MRC) is a not-for-profit organisation that supports and empowers migrants and refugees to settle and live fulfilling lives in Tasmania. MRC's focus is on meeting the needs of migrants, humanitarian entrants, and refugees through effective, targeted, and meaningful services. MRC provides services in Hobart and Launceston. Current available volunteer roles: Client Support - Humanitarian Settlement Program

Humanitarian Settlement Program Client Support
Volunteers meet with clients to provide settlement, orientation, social and cultural support in the initial stages of the client's settlement in Tasmania. It may be for a couple of weeks or even longer, depending on the client's needs. Volunteers will work closely with the client's case manager.



To volunteer in this program or generally, students must provide:

- National Police Check.
- Working with Vulnerable People Registration.
- Statutory Declaration.

For more information or to apply please visit:

<https://app.betterimpact.com/Public/Organization/1e154632-de1f-44fd-834f-f2753d41f0b5/Activity/b5f1ea5a-6b3c-4ad5-a3c3-c3dc2a90b6f0/1>.



PRISONERS LEGAL
SERVICE
Tasmania

PRISONER'S LEGAL SERVICE

The Prisoners Legal Service (PLS) offers free of charge advisory service for inmates of the Risdon Prison Complex and support for their families and carers, carries out research into relevant legal and procedural issues relating to prisoners and prison operations, and conducts a preventative lawyering project aimed at preparing prisoners for release and reducing recidivism.

The Prisoners Legal Service frequently conducts programs, such as the Preventive Lawyering Program, which provides opportunities for students to participate in the PLS's general work.

For further information, students can forward expressions of interest to prisonerslegalservicetas@gmail.com.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT JUSTICE PROJECT

Capital Punishment Justice Project (CPJP) - formerly Reprieve Australia - stands for a world without the death penalty- in all circumstances for all people. CPJP works with partner organisations, volunteers, the Australian public, and key stakeholders to develop legal and policy solutions that help save lives. CPJP help people who are facing the death penalty access legal expertise, humanitarian assistance, diplomatic guidance, and support for their family members. This is achieved through strong relationships with anti-death penalty organisations, lawyers and advocates, to best support them in the work they do.

In addition, CPJP works to ensure that Australia's well-documented policy against the death penalty is upheld, always, and conducts advocacy to raise awareness of issues concerning the death penalty. One of the most effective and immediate ways to assist those on death row is through the allocation of practical resources, including dedicated and skilled volunteers. Since CPJP began in 2001, they have sent volunteers to work at capital defence offices, where they conduct research, manage and file materials, visit prisons and meet with witnesses and families.

Since 2023, CPJP has been calling for expressions of interest for volunteers from Australia to be placed with organisations in the United States. However, CPJP will also be seeking expressions of interest from volunteers to assist in countries in Asia in due course.

Interested students should send their enquiries to: contact@cpjp.org.au.



UN YOUTH AUSTRALIA



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UN Youth Australia (UNYA) is a national youth-led organisation that aims to educate and empower young Australians on global issues. UNYA's work is rooted in the belief that young people can and do make a difference in their communities. As such, UNYA fosters ideas and innovation, and gives young people the inspiration and support they need to create change.

Current volunteering opportunities:

- Chief Development Officer.
- Chief Financial Officer.
- National Secretary.
- Communications & Public Relations Officer.

Please find further information here: <https://volunteer.unyouth.org.au/opportunities/>.

If students are interested, please email: tashr@unyouth.org.au.

Facilitator Opportunity:

If you want to start getting involved in their state branch, UN Youth Tasmania, you can apply to be a facilitator at one of their State events, organise school visits and summits, and have the opportunity to meet hundreds of like-minded people nationwide. Please find further information here:

<https://volunteer.unyouth.org.au/become-a-facilitator/>.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



The St Vincent de Paul Society is comprised of members and volunteers who work actively in the community to combat systemic poverty, inequality and crippling isolation. Members meet regularly with fellow members and seek to live out the mission of the Society by taking part in the work of the Society in service to people in need in their local community. As a volunteer-run organisation, the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society is largely carried out by members of the community who generously give their time to help others.

For example, Loui's Van is an after-hours mobile service providing food, information and support to those in need. Volunteers are involved in all aspects of the Van's operation from making the soup to operating on the street.

To volunteer, please call (03) 6333 0822 or email admin@vinniestas.org.au. Interested students should visit the website for more information: <https://www.vinnies.org.au/tas/about-us/make-an-impact-as-a-vinnies-volunteer>.



TENANTS UNION OF TASMANIA

The Tenants' Union of Tasmania is a not-for-profit community legal service providing information, advice and representation to residential tenants living throughout Tasmania. The Tenant's Union also offers community legal education and training and advocates for the improvement of residential tenants' rights.

The Union has volunteers, mainly law students who provide legal advice to tenants on the telephone. Volunteers commit to one shift per week of around 2.5 hours. Training is provided and there is always a friendly lawyer around if you don't know the answer. The Union asks that volunteers commit to at least one Semester.

For more information please contact Benedict Bartl, Principal Solicitor, Tenants' Union of Tasmania on ben@tenantstas.org.au or visit <https://tutas.org.au/>.

TEACH FOR AUSTRALIA

Teach For Australia is a truly unique and challenging opportunity for top students at the University of Tasmania. Educational inequality is unfair and unacceptable, but outstanding graduates like you can make a real difference. No matter the background or future pathway, each individual wants an opportunity to make an impact while experiencing significant personal development. Associates are placed in regions and communities that are in need of teachers and by offering development programs for teachers in schools facing educational disadvantage.

In 2022, 75% of their partner schools are in regional, rural and remote locations. They attempt to place multiple Associates in the same school or schools within a close drive of one another, which means many Associates are able to live and study together. This has created buzzing Associate and Alumni communities right across Australia; from Horsham, Shepparton, Gippsland and Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory, Kalgoorlie and the Pilbara in Western Australia, and across Tasmania's north coast.



For further information and to apply: <https://teachforaustralia.org/leadership-development-program/>.

WORKERS' ASSIST

Worker Assist provides assistance, information and advice to injured Tasmanian workers in the following areas:

- Workers Compensation Claims under the Tasmanian scheme;
- Return to Work and Rehabilitation following a workplace injury;
- Claims under the Asbestos Related Diseases Compensation Fund.

Worker Assist seeks enthusiastic volunteers to assist them with their call back program.

The aim of this program is to help bridge the gap between injured workers and the workers compensation scheme.

Worker Assist aim to call back all clients who have enquired about lodging a claim and touch base to determine how their claim has progressed and whether they are able to offer further assistance.

"I have been volunteering at Worker Assist for over a year. It has provided me with real life experiences through their call back program and speaking to clients has helped me understand the law surrounding workers rights. I go into the office once or twice a week where I answer client calls, call clients to check on the progression of their claim, and sit in with case officers giving legal advice to clients.

Worker Assist has provided me with invaluable experience and allowed me to even get a short-term job there. It has been a privilege to help clients get back on their feet after a workers compensation injury and it is rewarding seeing their positive outcomes. With Worker Assist being a free service to clients, it is easy to see why volunteering at Worker Assist is worth doing."

Ella Harrison (she/her)



Worker Assist is also seeking volunteers to help with general admin tasks, intake calls, preparing for community education events and social media content.

If you are interested in applying for a volunteer position, please contact: workerassist@workerassist.org.au.

For more information, visit <https://workerassist.org.au/>.



Ella Harrison

ENVIRONMENTAL WELFARE

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS OFFICE

Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) is the largest environmental legal centre in the Australia Pacific, a not-for-profit community legal centre dedicated to protecting our climate, communities and shared environment. EDO's team of expert lawyers run powerful legal cases on behalf of clients that build stronger environmental laws, as well as helping everyday Australians protect the places they love by offering free, or low cost, legal advice about community environmental matters. The EDO has a volunteer registry for people who want to assist on an ad-lib basis.

Students can contact EDO's Hobart office at Hobart@edo.org.au to be placed on our volunteer register and be notified as to opportunities to help out.

"On appreciation of the practice of environmental law in Tasmania, and in Australia more broadly. I was able to develop my knowledge of not only administrative law, but also other practice areas such as civil procedure, civil law and planning law. I also believe my internship allowed me to improve my real-world legal research and communication skills. I was often asked by the EDO's lawyers to research case law, legislation and relevant policy and apply my research in written memos of advice in relation to a given case. As an intern, I was also tasked with helping research, write and edit law reform submission and initiatives in relation to water resource management, planning policy, right to information reform and other environmental law-related topics."

George Grover (he/him)

Types of volunteering positions at EDO include:

- Practical Legal Training (PLT) Placement Volunteer. PLT placements are an opportunity for those wishing to gain admission to practice.
- Legal student or Graduate Volunteer, which is an ideal opportunity for legal students or newly graduated individuals who have demonstrated interest in environmental law.

AUSTRALIAN EARTH LAWS ALLIANCE



For further information, please visit the website:

<https://www.earthlaws.org.au/> or contact aela@earthlaws.org.au.

The Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA) is a national not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to increase the understanding and practical implementation of Earth-centred governance in Australia, with a focus on law, economics, education, ethics and the arts.

AELA's work is inspired by the theory and practice of Earth jurisprudence, which is a governance philosophy and growing social movement. Earth jurisprudence proposes that we rethink our legal, political, economic and governance systems so that they support, rather than undermine, the integrity and health of the Earth.

AUSTRALIA YOUTH CLIMATE COALITION

"The Australian Youth Climate Coalition is Australia's largest youth-run organisation, with a mission to build a movement of young people leading solutions to the climate crisis."

Interested students can join the movement of young change makers today at <http://www.aycc.org.au/volunteer>

AYCC is building a generation-wide movement to solve the climate crisis. This is done by educating, empowering, inspiring and mobilising young people across the country. The AYCC works with a sister organisational called the Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network who are building a movement of young indigenous people for climate justice. AYCC Tasmania has organised rallies, fundraisers for solar panels, met with politicians and much more!



"We know that the climate crisis is happening now. Our generation is stepping up."

CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS AUSTRALIA

Conservation volunteers Australia conservation in the hands of everyone. They understand that nature stewardship strengthens the health of communities and ecosystems for mutual benefit.

By restoring and safeguarding ecosystems on land and under water, they contribute to increased wellbeing, healthier environment while building climate resilience and adaption.

"Our theory of change illustrates how CVA's actions work to achieve our vision (of a world where people and nature thrive, together) and articulates the interrelationship between human wellbeing and healthier environments."



They have a range of events in the Tasmanian Region - all events on their website are listed, under the "Criteria" section select TAS, and this will narrow the search to only the Tasmania Region: <https://volunteerportal.conservativolunteers.com.au/s/make-booking>.

LGBTQIA+



TAS PRIDE

Taspride organises an array of events annually, including the Taspride Festival in February, dedicated to celebrating and supporting the LGBTQIA+ community in Tasmania. The success of Taspride's events hinges on the invaluable assistance of those who volunteer.

For interested students, please consider signing up to volunteer at this link: <https://www.taspride.com/about-3>.



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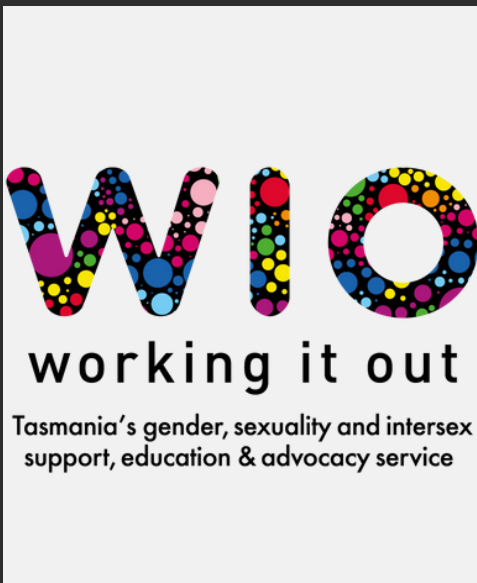


Equality Tasmania, formerly known as Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group, has been a steadfast advocate for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) individuals since 1988.

Equality Tasmania seeks volunteers interested in contributing to legislative drafting, law reform advocacy, legal education and legal assistance for LGBTQIA+ Tasmanians.

For more information, interested students can visit:
<https://equalitytasmania.org.au/campaigns/>.

WORKING IT OUT



Working It Out (WIO) is Tasmania's sexuality, gender and intersex status support and education service.

WIO provides support and advocacy services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) Tasmanians and education and training programmes to schools, workplaces, government and non-government organisations.

WIO mission is about honouring people's diverse experiences to achieve inclusive understanding for LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians.

Current volunteering opportunities include:

Working It Out Together – volunteer buddy program for anyone over 18. For more details visit the [WIOT page](#) or email at WIOT@workingitout.org.au or contact Ceilidh at 0478 361 551 or call 6231 1200

Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme – volunteer visitors for socially isolated LGBTI elders receiving aged care residential or home care packages. Contact Worthy at Worthy@workingitout.org.au or call 6231 1200.

If you are interested in volunteering at WIO, please email:

info@workingitout.org.au.

For more information, interested students can visit:

<https://www.workingitout.org.au/members-and-allies/#volunteer>.

DISABILITY RIGHTS

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR DISABILITY LAW

Australian Centre For Disability Law (ACDL) relies on volunteers to manage the Advice Hotlines and support the legal staff in providing advice and undertaking case work.

In addition, volunteers are given opportunities to contribute to the Centre's policy work and participate in Community Legal Education and ACDL events.

The volunteer legal staff are responsible for assisting the ACDL staff in the management of the Centre and its legal practice.

Duties include providing legal advice and referral; strategic casework; legal and community education; legal policy analysis and advice.

Volunteering provides final year law students and graduates undertaking their PLT with a unique opportunity to put their studies into practice.

Volunteers must be able to commit to attending the Centre on two days per week for a period of at least 6 months.



Australian Centre for
Disability Law

Expressions of interest can be forwarded to:
recruitment@disabilitylaw.org.au.

Occasionally, ACDL may have non-legal volunteering opportunities. Expressions of interest can be emailed to the Administration Manager at recruitment@disabilitylaw.org.au.

DISABILITY ADVOCATE NETWORK AUSTRALIA



Disability Advocate Network Australia (DANA) is the national representative body for a network of advocacy organisations throughout Australia. DANA visions a nation that includes and values people with disabilities and respects human rights for all. As such, DANA's mission is to strengthen and support disability advocacy organisations across Australia.

The organisation provides employment and volunteer opportunities for law graduates in a wide variety of practices and locations.

"Effective disability advocacy promotes, protects and supports a person's, or group's, full and equal human rights. Advocates support or work on behalf of a person with disability to help them to speak out and defend their rights and interests."

For further information, please email ceo@dana.org.au or visit: <https://www.dana.org.au/contact/>.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

ANGLICARE

Anglicare Tasmania is the largest community service organisation in the state and relies heavily on volunteers to provide services such as mental health support, home care and community aged care, alcohol and other drug rehabilitation services, and more.



Given the various services provided by Anglicare, there are a number of opportunities for students to volunteer.

For further information, interested students can email: m.savage@anglicare-tas.org.au or call: 1800 243 232 or visit: <https://www.anglicare-tas.org.au/contact-us/>.

LIFELINE

Lifeline is a non-profit organisation that provides free, 24-hour telephone crisis support service in Australia.

Volunteer crisis supporters provide suicide prevention services, mental health support and emotional assistance, not only via telephone but face-to-face and online.

Lifeline's volunteers are the backbone of the organisation. With over 300 volunteers statewide across nearly all programs, volunteers provide the skills and support to drive a vision of a resilient Tasmania free of suicide.

"A single organisation providing local solutions to local issues."

Carolyn Pillans - Lifeline TAS President.

"We remain relevant and contemporary by engaging with the community, building key partnerships and evolving our programs to meet diverse needs. By working closely with sector partners and the state government, we strive to find answers to issues presented in the changing social and economic landscape of the Tasmanian community."

Debbie Evans - Lifeline CEO

Current volunteering positions include:

- Lifeline Shop Warehouse Assistant.
- Aged Cared Visitors.
- Chats Drivers.
- Volunteer Telephone Crisis Supporters.
- Retail Assistant.
- Student Crisis Supporter.
- Chats Volunteer Activity Host.
- Volunteer Admin Assistant
- Chats Calls Volunteer.

To apply, interested students should visit:

<https://www.lifelinetasmania.org.au/volunteer-positions>.



Lifeline



CANCER COUNCIL'S PRO BONO PROGRAM

The Cancer Council's Pro Bono Program offers volunteer opportunities to law students who have a passion for social justice.

The program's Volunteer Intake Officers generally work one-two days per week and get hands-on experience in the facilitation of pro bono legal and financial support services to disadvantaged clients.

Interested students should enquire and apply:

probono@cancerCouncil.org.au.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE HOBART

Ronald McDonald House Hobart is an independent charity and a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to providing vital programs for families with seriously ill children.

They have supported sick children and their families for over 30 years. Through their accommodation and support services, they strive to keep families together when life gets turned upside down due to a child's illness.

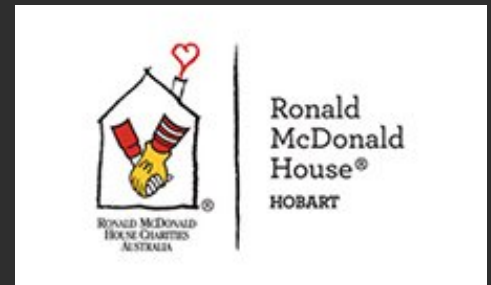
The Houses provides essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families and promote healing when children need healthcare.

The Ronald McDonald Houses and Programs are run by a tirelessly hard working team of staff and volunteers.

Volunteers are actively involved in a number of roles from housekeeping to administration and special events to cooking food for their families.

Alongside their Houses, Ronald McDonald House also provide Family Rooms which are exclusively for the families of children undergoing treatment in a nearby ward, and ran by volunteers.

They also provide learning programs, which assists school-aged children with serious illnesses and injuries to catch up on missed education following treatment and recovery. Providing a suite of educational support services, including therapy sessions and one-on-one tutorials with experienced teachers



The House is currently seeking volunteers in the following:

- House or Family Rooms Volunteer.
- Fundraising Events Volunteer.

To apply, interested students should visit:

<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicEnterprise/303f4fb2-dd02-4fb5-b5fb-61a68c28930d>.

TASMANIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL



The Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal is a specialised, state-wide Tribunal providing Tasmanians with fair and efficient dispute resolution services across a broad range of areas of the law.

The Tribunal is comprised of:

- Mental Health,
- Guardianship,
- Resources and Planning,
- Personal Compensation,
- Anti- Discrimination,
- Health Practitioners and
- Forestry Practices Streams.

For more information regarding volunteering opportunities visit:

www.tascat.tas.gov.au or email: tascat@tascat.tas.gov.au.

TASCAHRD

The Tasmanian Council on AIDS, Hepatitis, and Related Diseases (TasCAHRD) is the peak Tasmanian community organisation on HIV and viral hepatitis. TasCAHRD works towards the elimination of blood-borne viruses and associated stigma and discrimination, providing services that promote the health and well-being of people living with, affected by or at risk of HIV and hepatitis.

TasCAHRD has various different avenues, focusing on different aspects of their cause. The avenues include:

- TasCAHRD Education
- TasCAHRD Support
- TasCAHRD Outreach
- TasCAHRD Media

Volunteering Opportunities:

- Volunteers are always needed for individual events such as World AIDS Day, World Hepatitis Day and Taspride fundraisers.
- TasCAHRD offers volunteer opportunities in areas such as magazine and radio production, radio presentation, fundraising and administration.
- Volunteers can register for Bloodwise training to learn about blood borne viruses and associated stigma.



Interested students should apply and enquire:

ceo@tascahrd.org.au or visit www.tascahrd.org.au.



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TASMANIAN ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICE



In 2020, the Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service (TALS) was established, marking the return of ownership of Tasmanian Aboriginal legal services to our community and state. TALS specialises in criminal, civil, and family law for Aboriginal people in Tasmania. TALS provides culturally safe, holistic and appropriate services that are inclusive and open to all Aboriginal Tasmanians. TALS aims to advocate for justice, equality, and human rights for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Tasmania.

TALS has both legal and volunteering opportunities.

If you are interested in a volunteer opportunity, please send a copy of your resume/CV to: tals@tals.net.au.

Visit <https://tals.net.au/> for more information.

"I was deeply grateful to have worked at the Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service (TALS) in 2022 and 2023 as a legal secretary. Part of my role was taking enquiries, which involved listening to members of the community, hearing their stories and helping them to get the assistance they needed. I learnt first hand about some of the many issues that Tasmania's Aboriginal communities still face today. I also was able to attend cultural awareness training at Flinders Island, where I was able to learn about the history and lived experiences of the community. This was a privilege to attend and to share, and this experience is one that I know I will carry with me for years to come. I also learnt ways of approaching legal work in a trauma-informed way, drafting court documents and about court processes in the criminal, family and civil sector. TALS as an organisation is fiercely committed to upholding and advocating for the rights of Tasmania's Aboriginal communities, they go above and beyond for their clients and working at TALS was an invaluable experience." - Georgie McDermott



AURORA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



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The Aurora Internship Program offers full time internships for 4-6 weeks or part-time equivalents at organisations working to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Aurora supports Indigenous and selected non-Indigenous interns to develop practical skills, gain real-world career experience and build professional networks.

The Internship conducts a summer and a winter round each year, with applications opening in March and August. Summer placements run from November through to the third week of December; and January through March, with flexibility through May.

Winter placements run from June through August, with flexibility through to October.

To apply, interested students should visit:

<https://aurorafoundation.com.au/our-work/internship-program/>

RIAWUNNA CENTRE

The Riawunna Centre at UTAS is focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student success, providing a culturally welcoming space for students to study. As part of their support, the centre runs a tutoring program for First Nations students.

Tutoring requires an availability of up to 3 hours per student (or group) per unit per week, and flexible schedules are desired, especially around exam time. Students who are of sound academic progress are encouraged to get involved. As well as making a difference for students, you will also be remunerated for your valuable time.

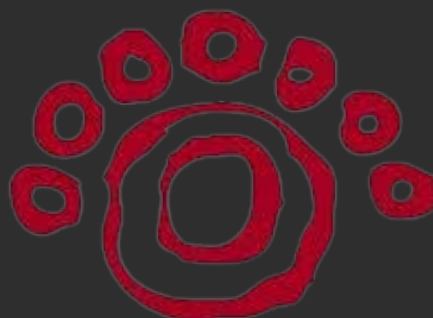
Riawunna is always on the lookout for new law tutors, so if you are looking to make a difference, support your peers, and advance your professional and leadership skills.

To apply, interested students should visit:

<https://tutoring.utas.edu.au/>

"I loved tutoring at Riawunna. You will be matched with a student studying units you have taken in the past, and you arrange a time each week to go over content, prepare for quizzes or exams, and tackle assignments. If you are doing well in your studies, tutoring is a great way to use your knowledge to help other students succeed. I found it really rewarding to support someone else to learn and see the spark of understanding in their eyes when it all comes together. I also developed hugely as a communicator, learning to be empathetic and patient, explain things in different ways and leave space for the student".

Laura Smith (she/her) | Former Riawunna Tutor



SEED INDIGENOUS YOUTH CLIMATE NETWORK

Seed is Australia's first Indigenous youth climate network. They are building a movement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people for climate justice with the Australian Youth Climate Coalition. Seed's vision is for a just and sustainable future with strong cultures and communities, powered by renewable energy.

Current volunteer positions include:

- Impact Support Volunteer (1-3 days per week).
- Fundraising Support Volunteer.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people are strongly encouraged to apply.



To apply, interested students should visit:

https://www.seedmob.org.au/work_with_us.



WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND WELFARE

ENGENDER EQUALITY



Engender Equality is a community-based organisation that specialises in providing quality professional counselling to victim-survivors of family and domestic violence. In addition, Engender Equality acts as a representative of gender-based violence which is achieved through attending policy and sector meetings, writing submissions and completing small targeted projects to raise awareness. Engender Equality has a wide range of flexible volunteering opportunities.

To enquire, interested students should visit:

<https://engenderequality.org.au/get-involved/>.

HOBART WOMEN'S SHELTER

The Hobart Women's Shelter core business is providing safe, emergency accommodation and support to women and children who are affected by all forms of violence and those who are homeless.

They provide support and a coordinated approach to address their housing, legal, emotional support, health, education, employment, financial support and other needs.

They have 25 emergency accommodation units for women and children, supported by an administrative centre located on the same site.

In addition, they have 7 units off site which are larger with 4 and 5 bedrooms for families.

The shelters are mixed bedroom units, fully furnished, private, secure, clean, and comfortable. Each unit has a private bathroom and kitchen. They also supply basic items to ensure families are adequately supported, i.e., bedding, towels, staple pantry items, and some toiletries.

Onsite there is a free communal laundry, a shared playground for children and an edible garden, and other areas where they run programs for women and children.

Interested students should email:

volunteer@hobartws.org.au.

WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICE TASMANIA

Women's Legal Service Tasmania operates a free and statewide legal service for women, with offices in Hobart, Burnie and Launceston.

Women's Legal Service Tasmania provides advice and referrals, representation, community legal education and outreach, as well as financial counselling and social support.

The Service aims to be trauma-informed, integrated, and client-focused. The Service's main areas of focus are family law, family violence, child safety, and legal issues that may cause unjust outcomes for women.

Limited volunteers are accepted from the University of Tasmania Practical Legal Training course annually, although applicants from other institutions will be considered. Other volunteer opportunities may be available upon enquiry.

Expressions of interest should be sent via email: admin@womenslegaltas.org.au or visit: <https://womenslegaltas.org.au/support-us/>.

"I was fortunate enough to volunteer at Women's Legal Service through the Public Interest Law Clinic (LAW344) last year. Throughout the semester, I was able to sit through court proceedings, attend meetings with clients, both in the office and out in rural clinics and help my primary solicitor prepare documents for court. Through this experience, I have come out appreciating the work it takes before a case gets presented in a courtroom. Although the work can be stressful and confronting, I received continuous support from the entire Women's Legal team, and from day one, I felt welcomed and supported. I was also able to have one-on-one time with my primary solicitor, and received so much guidance regarding my possible future pathways post-graduation. I am extremely grateful and appreciative that I got to do my legal placement at Women's Legal, and would recommend any students who want to further their breath of understanding into community legal services to enrol in the Public Interest Law Clinic (LAW344) for a unique and enjoyable experience."

Gloria Jeziel

CHAPTER 4

SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENTS

DIVERSITY IN LAW PANEL

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To celebrate the launch of our Social Justice and Equity Guide for 2024, we wanted to provide an opportunity for students to engage with some prominent experts in the field.

The Diversity in Law panel featured the four different members from the legal profession, including Gabrielle Gee, Trish Cameron, James Milligan, and Ben Bartl. Based on international labour day, the event had an overarching focus on representative lawyers from unions.

Our goal was to create an event that strikes a balance between a celebration of diversity, the ongoing awareness of social justice issues, and one that gives students an insight into a variety of perspectives. The panel was guided by a series of questions, focusing on the experiences of the panel members individually and collectively.

We wanted to both inspire and encourage students to realise that working in the area of social justice is an achievable goal by hearing from experts in various fields.

WOMEN IN LAW BREAKFAST

The TULS Social Justice and Equity team will host their annual Women in Law Breakfast on the 20th of September. The Breakfast aims to celebrate the women in our legal community, and highlight the challenge that women and non-binary people face when building a career in the legal sphere. As such, the Breakfast is a great opportunity for students to form connections with members of the legal community in Hobart. In the past we have had speaker such as Yvette Cehtel, Regina Weiss, Amanda Ripper and Jan McDonald.

More information will be available soon. Please ensure you keep up with TULS via our social media platforms.



CHAPTER 5

VOLUNTEERS' RIGHTS AND RESOURCES

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering Australia defines volunteering as time willingly given for the common good without financial gain'. The indicia to establish whether an activity can be regarded as voluntary work was mentioned in the State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011 and included:

- **Free will:** Any action made by an individual must be the product of their free will, not as an imposition stipulated by law, contract, or academic requirement; therefore, community service or custodial sentence for criminal offences, for example, is not in the scope of voluntary work.
- **Non-financial reward:** Voluntary work must be done without not the expectation of financial gain. However, some reimbursement for expenses or stipend-type payments, or payments in kind such as the provision of meals and transport, may be justified. This kind of payment can work as an incentive to make voluntary work more accessible and inclusive.
- **Common good:** It should directly or indirectly benefit people outside the family or household or else benefit a cause.

The term 'volunteering' covers a wide diversity of activities in Australian society. It includes formal volunteering within organisations (including institutions and agencies) in a structured way and informal volunteering, which takes place outside the context of a formal organisation.

It is important to highlight that the volunteers cannot be exploited for profit or be used to replace paid employment.

VOLUNTEERS' RIGHTS

While most voluntary work is done without expecting anything in exchange, there are nevertheless some minimum standards that entities organising voluntary work must provide to volunteers, such as:

- Working in a healthy and safe environment.
- Working in an equal opportunity and anti-discrimination environment.
- Not having to work in a position previously held by a paid worker.
- Having your confidential and personal information dealt with under the principles of the Privacy Act 1988.
- Being provided with sufficient training to do your voluntary job.

USEFUL LINKS

- Volunteering Australia: <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org>.
- Volunteering Tasmania: <https://www.volunteeringtas.org.au/#/>.
- National Volunteer Guide: <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/resources/national-volunteer-guide/>.
- 2022 State of the World's Volunteerism Report: <https://swvr2022.unv.org/>.

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- Go Volunteer: <https://govolunteer.com.au/about-volunteering/volunteering-guidelines>.