



If you are thinking of applying for our Summer Scheme, or are a parent or teacher of an applicant, you may find these FAQs helpful:

I have sent in my application but not received a reply, what should I do?

All emails are replied to; send an email without your application to check if your emails are getting through

I cannot download the application form, what should I do?

Contact LEDLET at the email address on this website for help and assistance.

I have a problem filling in my form, what should I do?

Contact LEDLET at the email address on this website for help and assistance.

Is there any difference between the London and Cardiff Schemes – apart from the location?

The two Schemes will basically follow the same model and have the same core content of legal placements, an insight into courts and information about applying for and studying law. They are completely equal in status. Which you express a preference for – if you do express a preference – is entirely down to individual taste.

They cannot be exactly the same, for practical reasons – for example, the Supreme Court building is in London and so students on the Cardiff Scheme will not visit it. However, they will visit a Court in Cardiff. There may also be slight differences in the type of evening events on offer, but both will seek to give you a broad and deep insight into the varied kinds of legal career you could have.

Do I have to speak Welsh fluently to apply for the Cardiff Scheme?

No – there is no such requirement. If you do speak Welsh, however, see further below.

How will I travel to London or Cardiff for the Summer Scheme?

London: travel is by train from your local station to one of the London mainline stations.

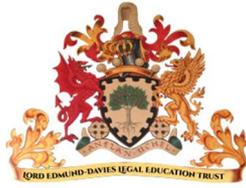
Cardiff: travel can be by train, bus or coach from where you live to Cardiff Central Station.

How do I pay for the train or bus/coach fares?

The cost of the train or bus/coach fare is covered by LEDLET.

How do I book the tickets?

The train tickets are booked by LEDLET and sent out to your home address in advance wherever possible. You will need to buy any bus tickets yourself, but keep the ticket (or electronic receipt, if you booked on your phone or computer) and LEDLET will reimburse you during the Scheme week. If a coach is more convenient for you than a train, please contact LEDLET at the email address on the website for assistance.



What should I wear to travel?

The timetable begins as soon as you arrive in therefore it is sensible to wear business dress as described below so that you are ready on arrival.

How will I travel around London?

On arrival in London you will be met by a representative of LEDLET and given an Oyster card to use during your stay in London on the Underground and buses.

What is an Oyster card?

An Oyster card is the payment system used on all buses and tubes in London.

How do I use an Oyster card?

Each time you take a journey on the Underground or a bus you need to tap your card on the card readers positioned at the entrances to the Underground or on the bus as you board. On the Underground you will need to tap out as well as in for your journey.

How will I travel around Cardiff?

You will mostly be able to walk to the Cardiff Scheme venues from your accommodation. If you need to travel by bus or train within Cardiff (e.g. to Cardiff Bay), LEDLET will cover the cost of your fare.

What will I do during the Summer Scheme?

There is an example of the week's events on the website showing a typical week. This will be similar for both London and Cardiff. Events may vary therefore you will be given a more detailed timetable nearer the time when all events have been finalised.

Who will I be with for my placement?

You will be allocated a solicitor/chartered legal executive for a day and a barrister for a day drawn from volunteers of the Association of London Welsh Lawyers or individual law firms and barristers' chambers. On the Cardiff Scheme, you may go to more than one law firm, to experience different types of firm.. You may also spend time with a judge. NB: Whilst every endeavour will be made to ensure placements do not change, the nature of the legal profession means that on occasion last minute changes may have to be made to your placement due to unforeseen circumstances.

Can I be allocated to a Welsh-speaking lawyer?

If you apply in Welsh, we will try to give you experience with one or more Welsh-speaking lawyers during the Scheme, although this cannot be guaranteed. However, in events during the Scheme week, you should have the opportunity to ask Welsh-speaking lawyers about their experience of using the language professionally.

How will I find out which solicitor/chartered legal executive or barrister I will be with?

You will be given a personalised timetable of the week giving the names of the lawyers you will be with.



What happens during my day with a solicitor/chartered legal executive or barrister?

This will depend entirely on the work that the lawyer has during that day. It may be attending court, meeting with clients or looking at paperwork and seeing how a lawyer spends a day out of court.

What happens during a day with a judge?

In London, in the past this has been a visit to Old Bailey and the Royal Courts of Justice where you will meet with judges and sit in various courts to observe the proceedings. In Cardiff, this could be the Crown Court, the Civil Justice Centre and/or the Magistrates Court. For this placement you will attend as a group and be allocated judges and courts on arrival.

Will I need to sign a confidentiality agreement in order to be able to attend my placements?

Normally yes, but this will depend on the individual solicitors and barristers involved. This is a prerequisite for attendance at courts such as the Old Bailey

What does 'signing a confidentiality form' mean?

This is a form that you will sign to say that you will not reveal any of the confidential information that you see or hear during your placements. It is an important part of the placement and repeating anything that you see or hear that you should not do is strictly forbidden.

Will I need to bring a form of ID for my placements?

For London yes, you will need to bring an ID that includes your photograph for attendance at the Old Bailey. It may be needed for some lawyer placements. It may also be sensible to bring ID for the Cardiff scheme.

How will I find my placements ?

The timetable will have details of the addresses and contact phone numbers and how to find them; you will also need to check this on the web in order to familiarise yourself with how to get there. It is recommended that you put the contact phone numbers in your phone so that they are handy should you need to ring the placement.

How will I travel to my placement?

For London: you will travel by Underground or bus using your Oyster card, or on foot if the location is nearby.

Cardiff: normally on foot, but possibly by train or bus within Cardiff.

What will I wear for my placement?

For your placements you will be in solicitor's/charter legal executive's offices, barrister's chambers and sometimes courts. You will therefore be expected to wear smart, plain, dark business dress. This is usually suit, shirt, and tie for male students and similar for female students.

**What sort of shoes should I wear?**

Shoes should be dark and business like. It is also recommended that they are comfortable due to the amount of walking involved.

What will I wear for the evening events?

Evening events often take place directly after the day's placement and therefore you will continue to wear the same clothing as during the day. Most people attending events will have come straight from work and you will not look out of place.

What happens after evening events?

After evening events you will be escorted to your accommodation by a LEDLET trustee in London and a Legal Wales volunteer chaperone in Cardiff. The chaperone will be staying in the same accommodation as you in Cardiff.

What is the accommodation like?

London: please follow the link to see accommodation at Grays Inn:

Cardiff: accommodation will be in University Halls of Residence in Cardiff. You will have an individual room which will be en suite if possible. A Legal Wales volunteer chaperone will stay in a separate room in the Hall in case of emergency; this person will have been DBS checked to enhanced level as being safe to supervise under-18s.

How much money do I need to bring with me?

LEDLET covers the cost of the week and there should not be any need to bring more than a small amount of money for personal use during the week.

What happens after the Summer Scheme?

After the Summer Scheme LEDLET will keep in touch with you to see how you are progressing in your career and to invite you to any future events that may be of interest.

What should I do if my email address is changing after I leave college?

Make sure that you send in your new email address to LEDLET to keep in touch.

I am not sure I want to work in London or Cardiff.

The Summer Scheme is not about working in London or Cardiff but experiencing the legal profession to help you choose your career wherever you work. LEDLET can also put you in touch with lawyers working in other towns and cities, and in rural areas, to give you the opportunity of discussing their life and work with them.

None of the frequently asked questions answers my query, what should I do?

Contact LEDLET ledletsecretary@outlook.com for help and assistance.