

Invitation to quote for research project

Community legal knowledge in Ballymun: an educational programme needs analysis.

Introduction

Ballymun Community Law Centre provides free legal advice, representation, legal education and mediation for individuals and groups within the community of Ballymun. We are committed to ensuring that access to justice is available to the people of Ballymun and we work towards an inclusive community based around equal human rights and social justice.

Our educational programme has two aims as per our current strategic plan:

1. To facilitate greater community legal knowledge
2. To advance the progression of Ballymun residents into legal education and the legal professions.

We have been funded by the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission to carry out research to gain an up-to-date understanding of the legal education needs and interests of the community in Ballymun through consultation in order to keep the programme relevant and engage greater numbers of local Ballymun people. This relates to the IHREC goal of seeking greater economic equality in employment and income.

Research objectives

Conduct a participatory research project that centrally involves affected communities and includes their voice.

Give the community an opportunity to provide feedback on what legal courses and information sessions we offer.

Ensure our legal education programme is aligned with the legal issues people face.

Test our current understanding of what areas of law people want to learn about.

Ensure we are offering courses that will spark an interest in law.

Gain an understanding of what learning setting the community prefers, online, hybrid or in person.

Research Target

The research project will seek to target:

Ballymun residents generally.

Students in the local secondary school where we run a law club.

Staff working in local community services providing information and advocacy on areas of law to Ballymun residents.

Methodology

It is envisaged that the following methodology will be used:

Desk research.

Consultation with internal and external stakeholders.

Survey.

A focus group would be desirable if time and budget allow.

Budget and timeline

The deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm on **Friday 9th December 2022**

It is expected that the successful applicant will begin this project in January 2023 with an anticipated completion date of May 2023

The total budget for the project is **€4,500** including VAT (price increases during the term of the contract will not be accepted).

Considerations on which a contract will be awarded. Please include the following in a proposal:

Profile/CV of the individual/organisation.

Experience of conducting participative research.

Experience of the applicant and relevant qualifications.

Proposal on how ethical considerations will be managed.

Researcher's understanding of the challenges facing the community in Ballymun.

Knowledge of Ballymun and the local organisations.

Timeline for all work activities.

Proposal on how research will be designed and carried out.

Detailed budget/Cost with breakdown and inclusive of VAT.

Identification on any conflict of interest.

Contact details of two referees.

Please submit a proposal for the research to Claire McSweeney, BCLC Manager, at cmcsweeney@bclc.ie by 5pm on Friday 9th December.

See www.bclc.ie for more information on the Ballymun Community Law Centre.

