

Law Education & Outreach Program

UQ Law students are encouraged to use their skills **pro bono publico: for the public good**. The Pro Bono Centre's Law Education & Outreach Program involves law students researching, writing and delivering lessons and seminars to the community. Students are challenged to present legal material in a way that makes the law accessible to non-lawyers, and promotes greater awareness and understanding of laws designed to protect vulnerable families and individuals.

In addition to inspiring participants to take an interest in the law, the seminars build people's knowledge of nationally and internationally significant issues, enabling them to better appreciate the information made available to the public through the government, media and other organisations.

The Program offers several distinct topics: **Asylum & Refugee Law (ARLP)**, **Domestic & Family Violence (DV)** and the Law, and **International Humanitarian Law (IHL)**.

These can be delivered at UQ, your high school or your organisation. The presentations are delivered through a combination of audiovisual materials, worksheets, group activities and, in the case of high school presentations, class discussion.

All sessions are offered subject to law student availability (February-November) and outside university examination periods typically in June and November.

To organise a school visit please contact:

Asylum and Refugee Law Program:
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Domestic Violence Program:
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International Humanitarian Law Program:
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Asylum & Refugee Law Program

This program offers an engaging overview of the socio-legal issues associated with forced migration and refugee protection in Australia. With the use of case studies, it introduces students to Australia's responsibility under the 1951 Refugee Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.



Domestic & Family Violence (DV) Program

This program aims to introduce students to the legal definitions of, and responses to, family and domestic violence in Queensland. It presents scholarship in the area, including debates around how the law should address certain complex social and legal issues. The presentation is designed to be engaging with a number of appropriately framed case studies for students to consider.



International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Program

Run in conjunction with the Australian Red Cross, this program introduces students to the often unfamiliar subject of International Humanitarian Law – the set of rules which seek to limit the human cost of armed conflict. Using historical and current case studies combined with map-based conflict simulations, the lesson program explains basic IHL principles and its relevancy to contemporary conflicts. Practical group activities, such as a mock international criminal court trial, will demonstrate how IHL is enforced.

Program Feedback:

"I wish to congratulate and thank Stephanie and Zoe for their brilliant presentation to my Year 12 students yesterday. My students were most receptive, and they have indicated to me that they now have a much clearer understanding of the complex issue of refugees and asylum seekers.

Stephanie and Zoe were well prepared, knew their material and presented it as seasoned teachers. They were truly inspirational and presented such a splendid example of young people with a commitment to justice and compassion."

Kevin McAlinden, Head of History, Loreto College