

## **Ballymun Community Law Centre** **(<https://www.activelink.ie/node/104909>)**

### **About us**

Ballymun Community Law Centre was established in 2002 to tackle unmet legal need in Ballymun. The community law centre seeks to empower individuals experiencing disadvantage and to give people in the community access to justice by providing quality free legal advice, information and legal representation. It has been granted independent law centre status by the law society of Ireland and provides legal advice on all areas of law through free legal advice clinics. The law centre also offers legal representation and advocacy, including Court and Tribunal Representation in areas of law not covered by the civil legal aid scheme. It also provides a legal education programme, a mediation service and training in mediation skills. The Law Centre is a member of the Independent Law Centres Network.

### **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to support the people of Ballymun to realise the human right of access to justice and we seek to do this by:

- Responding to the unmet legal needs of Ballymun residents through the provision of information, advice, advocacy, representation and mediation
- Providing opportunities to participate in legal education and training
- Working closely with our partners to maximise our impact
- Influencing policy and bringing about social justice and reform

### **Mediation**

BCLC provides mediation as a form of dispute resolution. We offer peer and community mediation using trained volunteer mediators. Our services include:

- Community mediation.
- Mediation for family disputes (aside from separating couples).
- Provision of accredited mediation education and training.
- Provision of conflict coaching to prepare people to better manage situations of conflict. See **Conflict Coaching Info** ([https://www.bclc.ie/mediation/conflict\\_coaching/](https://www.bclc.ie/mediation/conflict_coaching/))
- Peer mediation and conflict coaching with secondary school students in Ballymun.

### **Legal**

Ballymun Community Law Centre provides free legal information, advice, advocacy, and representation services to the people of Ballymun.

The centre also runs free legal advice clinics in the community every Tuesday in various locations in the community (see website for details).

Our legal services cover the following areas of law, among others:

- Debt
- Housing
- Social Welfare
- Equality
- Family law
- Employment

### **Education**

We provide annual courses in Child and Family Law and Social Welfare Law. The Law Centre also provides talks on topical legal issues, and we can deliver tailored courses to meet community need.

Please call or email and one of our team will be happy to discuss your issue and give you further information.

## **Office Hours**

9 am - 5pm Monday to Friday

## **Contact Info**

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