

Advice on Discrimination, Equalities and Human Rights

Looking for information or advice on discrimination due to because of age, disability, race, religion or belief, sex or sexuality?

A good first place to start if you need information is www.adviceguide.org.uk

This is the National Citizens Advice website and has useful downloadable fact sheets.

If you can't find the information you need online, advice centres are places where you can get advice, information and guidance on your legal rights, entitlements and responsibilities. Some of these have drop-in sessions and/or telephone advice lines; others provide specialist legal services, and can only take on cases by referral from other agencies.

All the advice agencies in the Southwark Legal Advice Network (SLAN) listed below have been accredited with the CLS Quality Mark, which means that they meet the quality standards set by the Legal Services Commission.

Forum on Equalities and Human Rights in Southwark

Southwark Legal Advice Network has been awarded a contract by Southwark Council to provide a critical friend to the Council around Equalities and Human Rights issues and support the delivery and development of Equalities & Human Rights in Southwark. The role will include the following functions:

- Policy and challenge
- Information and briefing to the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Consultation and partnership

The Vision for FEHRS is to champion a fair and equal society in Southwark by promoting diversity, tolerance and understanding with the aim of working towards the elimination of discrimination.

Advice Centres in Southwark Offering Free Generalist Advice and information on Discrimination and Human Rights issues

Blackfriars Advice Centre

Cambridge House, 131 Camberwell Road, London SE5 0HF. Areas of advice: housing, debt, welfare benefits, employment, goods & services. Drop-in session: Mon-Thu: 10am-12pm. Advice line 020 7358 7035: Mon, Tue & Thu 2pm-4pm.

Bermondsey Citizens Advice Bureau

8 Market Place, Southwark Park Road, London SE16 3UQ. General advice on consumer issues, employment, housing, debt, health, education, community care & family. Specialist advice in immigration and welfare benefits. Drop-in service:

Tue & Thu 10am - 1pm. Advice Line 0844 499 4134: Mon 1.30pm - 3.30pm, Tues 4.30pm - 6.30pm, Wed 1.30pm - 3.30pm, Thu 11.00am - 1.00pm.

Peckham Citizens Advice Bureau

97 Peckham High Street, London SE15 5RS. General advice on consumer issues, employment, housing, debt, health, education, community care & family. Specialist advice in immigration and welfare benefits. Drop-in service: Mon, Wed & Fri 10am - 1pm. Advice Line 0844 499 4134: Mon 1.30pm - 3.30pm, Tues 4.30pm - 6.30pm, Wed 1.30pm - 3.30pm, Thu 11.00am - 1.00pm.

Multi-Lingual Community Rights Shop

213 Camberwell Road, London SE5 0HG. General advice for people whose first language is not English. Drop-in service: Mon, 10am-12noon (Spanish); Fri: 10am-12noon (Cantonese, Mandarin & Fujianese) Advice line 020 7703 4442: Mon, 10am-11am (Spanish); Tue, 10am-11am (Spanish & Portuguese); Fri, 10am-11am (Spanish), 2pm-3pm (Cantonese, Mandarin & Fujianese).

Legal Advice Centres in Southwark Offering Specialist Discrimination Advice

You should use a specialist help provider when you want someone to advise you on a complex legal problem and carry out the full range of legal services, including representation. Legal aid helps people who cannot afford representation, as long as they meet certain conditions. Specialist help providers are typically solicitors and law centres, and can offer the following services:

- offer advice and legal help on complex matters in specific areas of law; and
- represent you in court, where this is permitted.

Pierce Glynn Solicitors

8 Union Street, London SE1 1SZ. Areas of advice: public and human rights law, housing, community care, social security. Appointments only. To discuss your case, call 020 7407 0007.

Southwark Law Centre

Hanover Park House, 14-16 Hanover Park, Peckham, London SE15 5HG. Areas of advice: employment, welfare rights, housing, immigration and asylum. Tel 020 7732 2031 .

Cambridge House Law Centre

137 Camberwell Road, London SE5 0HF. Areas of advice: housing, employment, welfare rights and community care. Call in or phone 020 7358 7025 to arrange an appointment: Mon-Fri, 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm.