

## ABOUT

Justice Centre Hong Kong is a local non-political, non-profit organisation that has been providing legal and psychosocial support to refugees, asylum seekers and other forced migrants in the Hong Kong SAR for 15 years.

Our vision is an inclusive Hong Kong where all displaced people live with legal rights and dignity.

We are proud to collaborate with some of the most respected legal minds in Hong Kong, including top-tier law firms. Together we provide vital assistance to a diverse range of forced migrants including:

Refugees

Asylum Seekers

Survivors of Torture

*For more details of our work, please see [our website](#)*

## YOUNG ADVOCATES SUMMER CAMP 2024

Justice Centre is passionate about empowering young people and guiding future legal professionals. We believe that with the right skills and opportunities, young people can make a positive impact and help to build a fairer and more inclusive situation for refugees and asylum seekers in Hong Kong.

The Young Advocates Summer Camp (“YASC”) is a unique opportunity for high school students to gain exposure to law and hands-on experience in the non-profit sector. Young Advocates will leave with invaluable skills that they will take with them as they apply to universities and progress into professional careers.

### Engage: Mentorship from Internationally Qualified Lawyers

- One-to-one coaching and mentorship from our **internationally qualified lawyers**
- Gain a unique perspective into **starting a career in law and refugee protection**
- Be **empowered and inspired** to navigate own path towards academic success

### Inspire: Exposure to Law and Hands-on Experience of Real Cases

- Assist directly with **real claims for protection** in Hong Kong
- Receive training on conducting **legal assessments and research**
- **Shadow lawyers** interviewing and providing assistance to refugees

### Thrive: Develop Essential Skills for University and Beyond

- Build up **legal profile and professional experience**
- Develop strong **communication, analysis and problem-solving skills**
- Previous Young Advocates have been **accepted into internationally renowned universities**

### Empower: Make an Impact

- Design a **personal project** which applies knowledge and skills to a real-world challenge
- Receive **follow-up support from professionals** to refine and implement the project
- Drive **positive change** through hands-on experience, collaboration, and creativity.

# PROGRAMME DETAILS

Three sessions are running in summer 2024:

**YASC 1: 2 – 12 July**

**YASC 2: 15 – 26 July**

**YASC 3: 29 July – 9 August**

## Weeks one and two:

The first two weeks are run within our in-house legal team of **internationally qualified lawyers**. Young Advocates gain first-hand knowledge of the **rule of law and legal frameworks** in Hong Kong through working closely with our **legal and psychosocial services teams**, supporting our **research, policy and advocacy team**, and engaging with our partner NGOs and law firms.

During the first two weeks, each session will run **five days a week** (excluding public holidays), usually from **10am - 4pm**.

## Week three:

The third week is spent developing a **personal project**. This is a valuable opportunity to **apply the knowledge and experience** gained at the start of the programme in a real-world context. Three one-to-one follow-up meetings with our experts can take place in our office or online. Young Advocates are helped to refine their ideas and implement their projects with confidence.

Among other exciting activities, Young Advocates will have the chance to:

- Receive professional training and participate interactive workshops led by our in-house experts.
- Meaningfully engage with real-life work to promote and implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Deliver presentations, practice interviewing skills, and shadow client appointments.
- Analyse cases, problem-solve complex legal issues and conduct assessments of asylum claims.
- Undertake and present legal and factual research and analysis.
- Engage in community activities with refugee and asylum seekers.
- Attend field visits to courts, partner NGOS, and our corporate law firm partners.



The Young Advocates Program is an insightful, immersive, and rewarding experience. Throughout my three weeks in this program, I learned everything there is to know about refugee law and applied such knowledge by doing legal research and writing. Not only was I able to collaborate with a supportive group of staff in the office, but I was also able to bond with the refugee community. This has been one of the most eye-opening programs I have ever participated in. If you are a student passionate about a career in law or simply learning more about law, this is the perfect program for you!

– Valerie, 2023 Summer YASC

One of the most unique programs I've been to. It provides a special balance of experiencing this line of work, which is not often found for high schoolers, as well as developing a nuanced view of the refugee situation not only in Hong Kong but around the world. It's definitely something I'll remember for a long time. I would highly recommend it.

– Nicholas,  
2020 Summer YASC



## LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the programme, Young Advocates will have:

- Built confidence, creativity, and leadership abilities.
- Developed critical-thinking, presentation, research, communication, and analytical skills.
- Gained a unique insight into the implementation of international and domestic refugee law, and global justice.
- Been immersed in the legal frameworks and refugee issues in the Hong Kong context.
- Enhanced their knowledge of achieving positive social change through robust policymaking and advocacy.
- Gained hands-on practical experience of working within a specialised NGO.
- Built a network of contacts across schools, NGOs and corporate law firms.

## MENTORSHIP & SUPPORT

- Young Advocates will be given continuous coaching throughout the programme by professional role-models.
- One-on-one training will be provided on legal tasks and the personal project.
- A clear development plan will be set at the start of the programme to identify students' goals and agree on objectives.
- Each Young Advocate will attend weekly catch-ups with the programme coordinator.
- Verbal and written feedback and assessment will be provided.
- Those who perform exceptionally well will be given a letter of recommendation.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY

The YASC is open to students who have Hong Kong residency and are aged 15 – 18. This is a highly competitive programme and a maximum of 6 students per session will be selected to participate.

Applicants should have a keen interest in issues facing refugees and other forced migrants. The YASC is aimed at students considering careers in law, psychology, social sciences, politics or NGO management.

## COST

**Summer YASC 2024: \$60,000 HKD**  
(including non-refundable deposit of \$30,000 HKD)

Your contribution will allow us to dedicate staff time and resources to run the programme. Places are limited to eight Young Advocates per programme in order to allow us to offer a tailored experience to each Young Advocate and for our staff to dedicate one-on-one time to mentoring and coaching them. Any further proceeds from the YASC will directly contribute towards our vital services for refugees seeking legal and psychosocial assistance.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please complete and return the application form to us via email: [yasc@justicecentre.org.hk](mailto:yasc@justicecentre.org.hk).

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis; we strongly recommend submitting applications early, due to the high level of interest and limited spaces available.

## KEY DATES

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| 26 May  | Application deadline                                 |
| 29 May  | Release of acceptance results                        |
| 12 June | Deadline for non-refundable deposit to confirm place |
| 2 July  | <b>YASC 1</b> starts                                 |
| 15 July | <b>YASC 2</b> starts                                 |
| 29 July | <b>YASC 3</b> starts                                 |

***For further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us via email [yasc@justicecentre.org.hk](mailto:yasc@justicecentre.org.hk)***



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