



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, such as critical thinking, communication and empathy, which will empower them as they apply to universities in their future 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**, fostering a sense of inquiry and empathy
- Receive training on **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 full time sessions are running in summer 2024:

Dates

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**.

Follow up sessions:

After the in-house weeks you can develop a **personal project** with our guidance. 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 in 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)

Early bird deal: pay your full fees by 31 May and receive a 5% discount.

Bring a friend deal: refer a friend who is accepted and receive another 5% discount.

Your contribution will allow us to dedicate staff time and resources to run the programme. Places are limited to six 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 the [application form](#).







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

31 May	Early bird deadline to pay in full for a 5% discount
11 June	YASC 1 application deadline
24 June	YASC 2 application deadline
2 July	YASC 1 starts
8 July	YASC 3 application deadline
15 July	YASC 2 starts
29 July	YASC 3 starts



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Summer Camp Sample Schedule | Week 1

Please note: this schedule is a **sample only**. It will change to take into account the opportunities and projects Justice Centre has available at the time. While we will strive to tailor each Young Advocate's schedule to their interests, we cannot guarantee specific projects or shadowing experiences in advance. We will do our best to arrange opportunities to observe lawyers during client appointments as they arise.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Locations	JCHK Office	JCHK Office	High Court + JCHK Office	JCHK Office	Partner NGO + JCHK Office
10:00 – 11:00AM	Welcome Session: Introduction to Justice Centre and pre-programme reflection	Legal Training: Sustainable Development Goals, and the Domestic and International Human Rights Law Framework	Field Trip: Attend the High Court	Session with Welfare Officer: Introduction to Psychosocial Programme	Field Trip: Community Information Session at partner NGO
11:00AM – 1:00PM	Legal Training: Introduction to Refugee Law & the Role of Justice Centres' Legal Services Team	Skills Training: Trial Advocacy Skills Workshop: Introduction to Trial Advocacy task		Legal Training: The Refugee Definition and Grounds for Claiming Protection	Legal Training: Procedure and Practice of Claiming Protection
1:00 – 2:00PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch & Learn with Partner Law Firm	Lunch	Lunch
2:00 – 3:30PM	Workshop: Welcome to JCHK – deliver your own presentation	Skills Workshop: Mock trial exercise and peer-review	Session with Community Outreach Officer: Introduction to outreach programme and Humanity Seekers	Legal Workshop: Complete task and delivery presentation on the Refugee Definition	Personal project: Briefing on personal project and initial planning session
3:30 – 4:00PM	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief. Introduction to Video Journal	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief
After Hours Optional		Humanity Seekers Townhall			

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Summer Camp Sample Schedule | Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Locations	JCHK Office	JCHK Office + Community Centre	JCHK Office	University + JCHK Office	JCHK Office
10:00 – 11:00AM	Session with Senior Policy Advisor: Introduction to our awareness raising work	Skills Training: Interviewing skills and Trauma Informed Lawyering	Skills Training: Country of Origin Information (COI) and Legal Research	Field Trip: Legal Careers Session at University	Personal project: One-to-one sessions to develop and refine ideas
11:00AM – 1:00PM	Skills workshop: Mooting preparation	Skills workshop: Mock interview exercise	Legal workshop: COI research task		Personal project: Peer-review personal project ideas and presentations
1:00 – 2:00PM	Lunch	Community Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2:00 – 3:30PM	Skills workshop: Mooting exercise	Skills workshop: Complete NRCF and draft testimony following mock interviews	Skills Training: Briefing on how to screen cases	Skills workshop: Finalise screening assessment and present	Personal project: Showcase ideas
3:30 – 4:00PM	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief.	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief

Activity list

- 1. Induction sessions:** Gain in-depth insights into the functioning of a legal NGO through tailored sessions with the team leads in each department, facilitating a comprehensive understanding of the organisation.
- 2. Legal and skills training:** Participate in professional-standard training, tailored to equip you with the skills and knowledge necessary to make a positive impact in the legal sector.
- 3. Legal and skills workshops:** Put your learning into practice by engaging in a variety of bespoke activities, designed to simulate real-life cases and provide hands-on experience in the legal field.
- 4. Field trips:** Expand your network and deepen your understanding of the legal system by visiting further education providers, law firms, courts, and community centres, and connecting with highly experienced professionals in the field.
- 5. Personal project:** Make a lasting impact by designing and implementing a project to address a real-world challenge, and promote an inclusive and just society for all.