



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](http://www.justicecentre.org.hk):

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Young Advocates Summer Camp 2026



Justice Centre Hong Kong 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 and 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

Dates

YASC 1: 22 June - 3 July

YASC 2: 6 - 17 July

YASC 3: 3 - 14 August

Young Advocates spend two weeks working closely with our team of **internationally qualified lawyers** and **welfare and psychosocial experts**, supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Hong Kong. By engaging in bespoke workshops and training sessions students gain an in-depth understanding of the application of **the rule of law and legal frameworks**. The YASC provides a unique opportunity for high school students to observe and participate in impactful legal work.

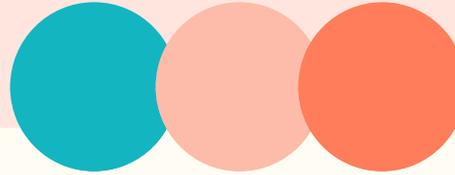
During these two weeks, each session will run **five days a week** (excluding public holidays), usually from **10am - 4pm**.

See the sample timetable below for more details.

Beyond the YASC

After the two week programme, Young Advocates can develop a **personal project** with our guidance. This is a valuable opportunity to **apply the knowledge and experience gained** 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 Summer Camp is truly a unique program. It allowed me to develop my public speaking, legal research, and writing skills the most. Between mock trials, mock interviews, or screening cases, the YASC gives students an engaging and hands on learning experience. Additionally, it also granted me with more knowledge regarding international human rights, the legal framework in Hong Kong, as well as refugee law in general. The YASC is a fantastic opportunity that I'd recommend to all students interested in law, human rights, social welfare, or those who'd like to further educate themselves.

– Joelle, 2024 YASC

The Young Advocates Summer Camp is an eye-opening and insightful program, where you not only delve into the details of refugee law in HK and the legal process of claiming protection, but also learn key skills for the future through the many activities, such as mock trials. I fully enjoyed the two-week program, not only learning from the informative sessions, but also helping with actual casework, engaging with the refugee community, meeting different lawyers, and visiting the High Court. This was one of the most thought-provoking and immersive program that I have been to and I would truly recommend this to anyone interested!

– Kelly, 2024 YASC



YASC is a fantastic experience for anyone who is considering pursuing law, wanting to make an impact, or looking to meet some amazing people. You learn so much in two weeks, it's definitely a worthwhile choice.

– Julian, 2025 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.
- Enhanced their knowledge of achieving positive social change.
- 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

We have 15 years of experience delivering professional training to law firms in Hong Kong and 10 years of delivering our educational programmes to high school students. Our programmes not only aim to inspire but also contributes to the vital services we offer, making a tangible difference in the lives of those seeking refuge.

- 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.
- Each Young Advocate will attend daily debriefing sessions where they will identify goals and objectives.
- 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 14 – 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

1 Session: \$60,000 HKD
(including non-refundable deposit of \$30,000 HKD)

Early bird deal: pay your full fees by our early bird deadline and receive a 5% discount.

Bring a friend deal: refer a friend who accepts an offer 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](#).

<https://justicecentre.fillout.com/mocktrial>

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

25 May	YASC 1 <i>early bird</i> deadline
15 June	YASC 1 application deadline
22 June	YASC 1 starts
8 June	YASC 2 <i>early bird</i> deadline
29 June	YASC 2 application deadline
6 July	YASC 2 starts
	YASC 3 <i>early bird</i> deadline
27 July	YASC 3 application deadline
3 August	Summer 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
Location	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: Domestic and International Human Rights Framework for Asylum Law	Session with Community Outreach Officer: Introduction to Outreach Programme and Humanity Seekers	Field Trip: Attend the High Court	Skills Training: Interviewing Skills and Trauma Informed Lawyering
11:00AM – 12:00PM	Legal Training: Introduction to Refugee Law & the Role of Justice Centres' Legal Services Team	Session with Welfare Officer: Introduction to Psychosocial Programme	Skills Training: Trial Advocacy		Skills Workshop: Mock Interview Preparation
12:00 – 1:00PM	Workshop: The Sustainable Development Goals in Practice	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch & Learn with Partner Law Firm	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00PM	Lunch	Legal Training: The Refugee Definition and Grounds for Claiming Protection	Skills Workshop: Mock Trial Preparation		Personal Project: Briefing on Personal Project and Initial Planning Session
2:00 – 3:30PM	Workshop: Welcome to JCHK – deliver your own presentation	Legal Workshop: Refugee Law Task	Skills Workshop: Mock Trial Exercise	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief
3:30 – 4:00PM	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief	Reflection: Feedback and Debrief

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Summer Camp Sample Schedule | Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Locations	JCHK Office	JCHK Office + Humanity Seekers	JCHK Office	Community Centre + JCHK Office	JCHK Office
10:00 – 11:00AM	Legal Training: Procedure and Practice of Claiming Protection	Session with Psychosocial Services Advisor: Introduction to Counselling Programme	Skills training: How to screen asylum cases	Field Trip: Group Information Session on Immigration Detention at Community Partner	Skills Workshop: Refugee Law Mini-Moot
11:00AM – 12:00PM	Legal Workshop: Procedure of Claiming Protection	Personal Project: One-to-one Sessions to Develop and Refine Ideas	Skills workshop: screen asylum claim	Lunch	Lunch
12:00 – 1:00PM		Community Lunch			
1:00 – 2:00PM	Lunch	Field Trip: Attend Humanity Seeker's Distribution Centre	Lunch	Skills Workshop: Legal Research Exercise	Personal project: Peer-review personal project ideas and presentations
2:00 – 3:30PM	Skills Training: Effective legal Research and Writing Skills		Skills Workshop: Screen cases and present findings		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. Welcome 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, to gain 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.