Ms Ruth Houghton
From 2013-2017, Ruth held posts at Durham University as a Graduate Teaching Assistant and a Research Assistant. Ruth’s research is primarily concerned with international law, global constitutionalism and democracy. Ruth is currently teaching Legal Institutions and Methods and Equity at undergraduate level, and on the LLM she will be teaching Contemporary Problems in International Law.

Dr Conall Mallory
Conall holds a qualifying (Solicitors Exempting) law degree from Northumbria University and an LLM in Human Rights Law from Queen's University Belfast. While studying towards his LLM, Conall worked as a campaigns intern for Amnesty International. He was awarded his PhD from Northumbria University in 2015. Prior to his appointment at Newcastle, he was a Lecturer in Law at Northumbria University. Conall is currently the Deputy Senior Tutor in the Law School and the International Exchange Coordinator. He teaches Human Rights and Equity at undergraduate level and International Human Rights Law at postgraduate level.

Dr Patrick Nash
Patrick was awarded his PhD from the University of Bristol. His research interests lie primarily within the field of law and religion. He taught Jurisprudence, Public Law, Tort Law and Criminal Law at the University of Bristol before moving to Newcastle Law School to take up a one year Lectureship in Law. He currently teaches Family Law and Criminal Law at undergraduate level.

The School continues its tradition of Wednesday lunchtime seminars. This academic year, the School is hosting three seminar series:
- Law and Innovation in Society
- Privacy and Social Context
- Human Rights and Social Justice forum on the theme of ‘Freedom, Equality and Diversity in Turbulent Times’

Speakers so far have included Sir Michael Tugendhat on privacy law cases, Professor Gary Craig on slavery and Professor Aoife O’Donoghue on tyranny and international law.

Forthcoming seminars:
- “‘Dad! Cut that part out!’ How can we protect ‘Generation Tagged’?” - Emma Nottingham, University of Winchester. Wednesday 6th December 2017, 1-2pm
- ‘Privacy, the Ultimate Balancing Test, and Circumstantial Pressure’ - Professor Richard Mullender. Wednesday 21st February 2018, 1-2pm
**Law School News—Events**

### Rewriting Children’s Rights Judgements launched at the Supreme Court

Professor Kathyrn Hollingsworth, along with her co-editors Professor Helen Stalford (Liverpool) and Professor Stephen Gilmore (King’s College, London), launched their book *Rewriting Children’s Rights Judgments* at the Supreme Court on 27th October. Lady Hale, President of the Supreme Court, did the foreword for the book and gave a short speech at the launch.

*Rewriting Children’s Rights Judgements* is a major edited collection, with 56 contributors from multiple jurisdictions. It has re-imagined cases involving children from a children’s rights perspective. The next stage of the project is to work with judges to develop judicial training materials, and to that end they have received ESRC IAA funding.

Professor Hollingsworth is going to New Zealand and Singapore in December/January where she will be delivering lectures to members of the judiciary, and meeting with the principal family court judges (in both New Zealand and Singapore), the NZ Children's Commissioner and members of the NGO community to talk about the project.

### W G Hart Legal Workshop 2018

Dr Hélène Tyrrell, together with Professor Merris Amos (Queen Mary University London) and Professor Roger Masterman (Durham), has been successful in a bid for academic co-directorship of the W G Hart Legal Workshop.

The theme for the 2018 Workshop is ‘Building a 21st Century Bill of Rights’. Almost all States have some form of a bill of rights in their national legal system. Whilst their specific content will vary, most cover many of the same issues such as the procedure for amendment, links with international law and institutions, and the status of the bill of rights in relation to other laws. The purpose of this workshop is to fill a significant gap in practice and scholarship and make an original contribution to current debates by bringing together scholars to discuss the construction of an effective 21st century bill of rights.

Confirmed speakers to date include: Harriet Harman M.P., Chair, Joint Committee on Human Rights; Professor Conor Gearty, LSE; Judge Tim Eicke, European Court of Human Rights; Martha Spurrier, Director, Liberty; Professor Colm O’Cinneide, UCL. Alongside keynote addresses, nine sessions will address a number of the most important questions any State concluding, or revising, a bill of rights should address. These questions encompass issues relating to the process of adoption, content and institutional position of a bill of rights, as well as the relationships between the various governmental, non-governmental and international actors conditioned by the bill of rights.

The Workshop will be held at the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, 11th and 12th June 2018.
Prof Richard Collier delivered a presentation 'What do we know about mental health in the legal community?' at LawCare’s 20th anniversary celebration and conference, Making Mental Health Matter in London in October. The conference brought together over 70 attendees from across the legal community and jurisdictions and provided an opportunity to stimulate thinking about why mental health matters in the legal community.

Dr Sylvia de Mars gave evidence at the House of Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee in October on the issue of the land border between Northern Ireland and Ireland.

Dr Maria-Teresa Gil-Bazo addressed the UN at discussions on the Global Compact on Migration. She was invited to present the findings of her research on international agreements on protection in the context of mixed migration before the UN last June. Dr Gil-Bazo spoke at the UN Thematic Session on “International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration”, held on 19-20 June at the UN in Geneva. She was also invited to present the findings of her research on asylum as a general principle of international law before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (San Juan, Costa Rica) in August. Dr Gil-Bazo’s participation at the Court’s Hearing was supported by Newcastle University Policy Academy (of whose Advisory Group she is a Member).

Dr Elena Katselli Proukaki has presented at a number of conferences and workshops. She was an invited speaker at ‘The Legality of Countermeasures in Protection of International Community Interests: Still a Matter of Dispute (?) A Change of Environment for Common Concern and Human Mobility’, a conference on the 2-3 October 2017 at the World Trade Institute, University of Bern. She was also an invited speaker at ‘Armed Conflict and the Rights Not to Be Displaced, to Return Home and to Property Restitution under Contemporary International Law’, the Northumbria Summer Academy in Contemporary Challenges to International Criminal Justice on 13 June 2017.

Dr David Lawrence has been invited to speak at a workshop of the Swiss National Science Foundation in January 2018 entitled ‘From human to posthuman? Ethical inquiries regarding the radical transformation of human beings into different kinds of beings’. In 2017 he also convened a prestigious advanced workshop of the University of Siena School of Advanced Neuroscience on Neuroenhancement as well as a workshop on ‘biohacking’ at the Manchester Centre for Political Theory. He was invited to speak at the Cambridge/ ICM Neuroethics Network Conference in Paris and gave papers at a number of other international conferences including the 31st European Conference On Philosophy Of Medicine And Health Care, in Belgrade, speaking about the legal implications of emerging morally significant technologies.

Dr David Lawrence and Dr Ilke Turkmendag convened a panel workshop entitled ‘Humans, the Enhanced, and Machines in Law’ at Science In Public 2017, at Sheffield University.


Dr Derek Whayman presented, jointly with Dr David Gibbs (UEA) and Dr David Gindis (Herts), a paper ‘Not by Contract Alone: The Contractarian Theory of the Corporation and the Paradox of Implied Terms’ at the World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research conference in Utrecht in September 2017. The
paper criticises the theory that corporations can or should be constituted privately without state intervention – and its implicit deregulatory agenda – as impossible on its own premises.


Research News

Current Research Cont’d


R Houghton (with C McGlynn and E Rackley), ‘Beyond ‘Revenge Porn’: The Continuum of Image-Based Sexual Abuse’ (2017) Feminist Legal Studies ePub

E Katselli Proukaki (with V Tzevelekos), ‘Migrants at Sea: A Duty of Plural States to Protect (Extraterritorially)?’ Nordic Journal of International Law (forthcoming)


DR Lawrence, ‘The Edge of Human? The Problem with the Posthuman as the ‘Beyond’’ (2017) 31(3) Bioethics 171


D Liu, ‘Regulating Public Sculpture through the Moral Right Regime (Award winner)’ (2017) Ethics, Art and International Law (in press)


Recent Staff Publications

Books

F de Cecco (with F-C Laprévote and J Gray) (ed.), Research Handbook on State Aid in the Banking Sector (Edward Elgar 2017)


Articles


K Crosby K, ‘Keeping women off the jury in 1920s England and Wales’ (2017) Legal Studies ePub


Book Chapters

TT Arvind, ‘Paradigms Lost or Paradigms Regained? Legal Revolutions and the Path of the Law’ in Revolution and Evolution in Private Law (Hart 2017) 51

TT Arvind, ‘The Subject As A Civic Ghost: Law, Dominion, And Empire In The Chagos Litigation’ in Fifty Years of the British Indian Ocean Territory: Legal Perspectives (Springer 2017)

TDC Bennett, Commentary on AAA v Associated Newspapers Ltd’ in Rewriting Children’s Judgments: From Academic Vision to New Practice (Hart 2017) 608.
Recent Staff Publications — Cont’d

**Book Chapters**
F de-Cecco, ‘False friends and true cognates: on fundamental freedoms, fundamental rights and Union citizenship’ in *The Reach of Free Movement* (T.M.C. Asser Press, 2017)
DR Lawrence (with J Harris), ‘New Technologies, Old Attitudes, and Legislative Rigidity’ in *Oxford Handbook on the Law and Regulation of Technology* (OUP 2017)
CP Rodgers, ‘Commons Governance, normative pluralism and the enduring role of custom’ in *Contemporary Issues in Communal Property* (OUP 2017)
Z Tang, ‘Cross-Border Contract Litigation in the EU’ in *Cross-Border Litigation in Europe* (Bloomsbury 2017)

**Reports**
S de Mars and C Murray (with A O’Donoghue and BTC Warwick), ‘Policy Paper: Northern Ireland and the Brave New World of Brexit’ (available on SSRN)

**Staff Appointments**
Dr Maria-Teresa Gil-Bazo has been appointed Convenor of the New Faculty Research Group on International Studies in Forced Migration
Ms Ruth Houghton has been appointed as an Affiliated Fellow of the Global Policy Institute in Durham University.
Dr David Lawrence has been appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of Information Rights, Policy and Practice and appointed as an associate editor of BMC Medical Ethics.
**Research News**

**Professor Collier is awarded Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowship 2017/2018**

Professor Richard Collier, FAcSS, has been awarded a Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowship for 2017-18 to conduct a research project entitled ‘Wellbeing, Law and Society: Politics, Policy and Practice - A Socio-Legal Study’

The Fellowship, which will run from November 2017 until November 2018, seeks to bring to increasingly politically resonant debates around wellbeing in society a richer and more nuanced understanding of law and legal regulation; and, more specifically, to interrogate recent developments around wellbeing at the interface of the discipline of law, legal professional practice and legal education and training.

Richard is a member of The Legal Professions Wellbeing Taskforce, a cross-profession taskforce set up in 2016 to promote and support good mental health and wellbeing across the legal community.

**Dr Lawrence and Dr Morley awarded grant by Wellcome Trust**

Dr David Lawrence and Dr Sarah Morley have been awarded £29,925 by the Wellcome Trust to explore company law and the emergence of novel beings. The project first seeks to develop practical legal definitions for the status of both conscious and unconscious novel beings, in service of later developing and providing proposals for appropriate regulation for the responsible development, operation, and disposal of new morally significant technologies by corporations.

Dan Winters’ Photograph, ‘Ryan Gosling—Los Angeles—Wired magazine’

**Dr Whayman to write an online book about Equity**

Oxford University Press have indicated an intention to contract with Dr Derek Whayman to produce Essential Cases: Equity & Trusts, an online book of 50 cases. The book takes a specific short form of about 1,000 words per case and will form part of their Law Trove bundle.

The academic advantage of the format of this book is to identify the need for each decision, the main issues and the rejected theories and alternatives in a very accessible format. This points the student towards more in-depth material and, crucially, makes the connections between related cases and how they are moving on very visible. These advantages are particularly apt to equity because equity is undergoing such rapid change at the moment and cannot be understood without making these connections.

The Equity module taught within the School focuses in on the fast-paced nature of Equity. This new casebook will provide ‘research-led teaching’, combining its attention on recently observed legal phenomena with a focus on teaching a solid foundation of the subject.

**Publication of Edited Collection by Thomas Bennett and Daithí Mac Síthigh**

*The Campbell Legacy: Reflections on the Tort of Misuse of Private Information* is edited by Thomas D.C. Bennett (Newcastle Law School) and Professor Daithí Mac Síthigh (Queen’s University Belfast). This privacy law book considers the legacy of Naomi Campbell’s case against Mirror Group Newspapers. The six contributors address the Campbell legacy from different perspectives. Within the book, themes of power, metaphor and technological changes are discussed.
Newcastle Law School has selected two students from its 2017 intake to receive its International LLB Scholarships. The scholarship, awarded entirely on academic merit, is worth £9000 over the three years of the LLB degree. This year’s recipients are Christina Hinds and Nia Marshall.

Christina, who is a Jamaican national but was primarily educated in Canada, in part chose to come to Newcastle after having the Law School personally recommended to her. “I have a close family friend attending university here, and before applying I’d already begun to hear amazing things about Newcastle and the Law School in particular.” These impressions appear to have been correct. “The city is absolutely beautiful”, she added, “and I think the people are lovely too. So far I’m loving it, and I’m really looking forward to completing my degree here. Newcastle University already feels like a perfect fit for me.”

Christina and Nia join a vibrant and cosmopolitan scholarly community of over seven hundred students and academics from all over the world, a community that has been working at the highest standards of legal excellence in the city since 1923.

The high quality of legal education at Newcastle was also what attracted Nia to study here. “The main factors that drove my decision was the ranking of the law school, the fact that the University is a Russel Group University and the small size of the seminar groups.” She added that, to date, the Law School has provided a very positive learning experience. “The staff have created an environment where students feel comfortable to ask questions, letting us know from the first day that ‘no question is a silly question’.” Nia follows her father, who completed his PhD at Newcastle, from the Caribbean to the North of England.

Both Christina and Nia wish to pursue careers in the law, and are looking forward to taking advantage of both the academic and pro-bono opportunities open to them at Newcastle. The Law School is, in turn, proud to welcome these outstanding students to the university alongside the rest of our global intake. We congratulate both recipients on their award, and wish them and our entire intake all the best for their time with us.
Newcastle Law School is the winner of the 2017 ESU Essex Court Chambers National Mooting Competition!

In the early rounds, Joe Beeney and Dan Boal, both stage 2 students, fought of stiff competition as one of 64 teams in the competition. The Newcastle Team secured wins against the University of Central Lancashire, University of Glasgow, University College London and, most recently, Birmingham City University. Issues mooted included nervous shock, vicarious liability, the loss of control defence and privacy/defamation.

The finals were held in London on 20 June 2017. Daniel and Joe narrowly held off York in the semi-finals at Dartmouth House (the headquarters of the ESU) in the morning, described by Dr Christine Beuermann as the highest quality moot she had ever seen. Daniel and Joe went on to take the trophy in the grand final held in the Royal Courts of Justice against Liverpool John Moores University. The final was judged by the Right Honourable Professor (and Court of Appeal judge) Sir Robin Jacob, Roderick Cordara QC and Martin Griffiths QC.

Dan and Joe reflected on the experience as follows: "Competing for Newcastle University in the Essex Court National Mooting Competition this year has been a fantastic experience. Not only does our victory look great on our CV and for the prestige of the Law School, but we have learnt so much about the law and how to construct effective, persuasive legal arguments - skills which are essential for a career as a solicitor or a barrister - we couldn’t recommend it enough. Further, competing in both the English Speaking Union headquarters, and in the Royal Courts of Justice, was an incredible experience of which neither of us will soon forget! However we could not have won this competition on our own - the support from the law school staff this year has been incredible and we owe so much of our success to our moot coach, Christine Beuermann for the endless support that she has given us throughout the year. Without her constant guidance and tireless critique, we’d never have dreamt about reaching the finals, let alone winning the competition, and are indebted to her!

We also owe much of our success to the help and support given to us by the library staff at Newcastle University law school, who are always on hand to offer support and make sure that we had the necessary resources for each successive round. Special thanks must also go to Sam Ryan, Elliot Winter, Tom Bennett and TT Arvind - all of whom offered their expertise in the later rounds, devoting much of their valuable time to helping us progress through this prestigious contest. We are immensely proud to have had the honour of representing Newcastle University this year, and we honestly believe that no law school nor legal community deserves the win more!"

This is the 46th year of the competition. Dan and Joe both won £1000 as well as mini-puppillages at Essex Court Chambers. The win also qualifies them to represent England in the Commonwealth Moot (although this is only held every 2 years). Congratulations Dan and Joe!
Undergraduate News

The McKenzie Friend Project

Newcastle Law School, in partnership with the National Centre for Domestic Violence ("NCDV") and NUSU Go Volunteer, is continuing to run the McKenzie Friend Project.

The term ‘McKenzie Friend’ has been adopted in family law to describe an individual who provides assistance to a litigant in person (somebody not represented by either a solicitor or barrister). This support is needed for those litigants that neither qualify for public funding nor have the financial means to pay for qualified representation. The NCDV provides a route for victims seeking a non-molestation and/or occupation order and aims to ensure clients are in court and having their application heard within 24 hours of the client contacting them. So, the role of the Newcastle Law School NCDV McKenzie Friends is very important. The victim will initially contact the NCDV who will make an assessment as to the appropriate order. The NCDV will then refer to their volunteers to contact the victim and take the appropriate statement.

NULS is the only academic Law School actively engaged in this project in the North of England. In some cases there will be the opportunity for the students to attend court with the client to offer support as a McKenzie Friend. Importantly the NCDV are keen to encourage male volunteers as well female volunteers due to their experiences of the increase of domestic violence involving male victims.

An information session and call for applications will be advertised to law students in January 2018.

For more information on either the Street Law or the McKenzie Friend Projects: Please contact Hélène Tyrrell (helene.tyrrell@newcastle.ac.uk), Jenny Johnstone (jenny.johnstone@newcastle.ac.uk) or Jasmine Winter (jasmine.winter@newcastle.ac.uk)

Excelsior Programme Restarted

The Law School is pleased to announce that it has rekindled its longstanding relationship with the Excelsior Academy. Joshua Jowitt, a Teaching Fellow at the Law School, has secured the link during the course of his efforts to increase the amount of Widening Participation and Outreach work currently undertaken with local schools.

Excelsior Academy, located in the West End of the city, has not historically sent large numbers of students to study at the Law School – something Josh would like to see change. “I think it’s important to let students know that, no matter where they come from, places like Newcastle Law School might be for them.”

Josh will be visiting the school in November to give an introductory talk to students who may want to go on to study law at University. This will lead into a more intensive set of weekly sessions running throughout next term designed to give interested pupils an insight of what life is really like for a law student, and culminating in a research project to be submitted just after Easter.

A key part of the Excelsior Programme in the past has been involvement from the Newcastle student body – and this is something Josh sees as central to the identity of the project. “There is only so much that school pupils can get from me – it is way better for them to have the chance to speak to real Law students and get a more ‘off the record’ view of what studying law entails, and whether they can see themselves in our students’ shoes.”

If you would be interested in getting involved, then please feel free to contact Josh directly – either pop into his office, or drop him an e-mail on joshua.jowitt@newcastle.ac.uk
Undergraduate News

Year Aboard — A Student’s View

Name: Schuyler Hillbery  
Year: Year Three  
Exchange Programme: European Legal Studies Programme

Why did you choose to go on student exchange?

I knew when I applied to University that I wanted to do an exchange. Living outside the UK for a year is something very few people do and I felt it’d be an amazing experience to take myself out of my comfort zone, and it would look great on a CV.

Where did you go and would you recommend it?

I spent my exchange in Groningen (a city in the Netherlands) studying law. The place itself was great, actually quite similar to Newcastle as it's full of students but with the addition of plenty of independent cafés, restaurants and bars to pop to after lectures. But the best thing about it was that the rest of Europe really is on your doorstep anywhere you study on the mainland. Without the sea in the way, its amazingly easy (and cheap) to hop on a train/bus to Germany or France or even grab a budget flight to Prague, Budapest and the like.

What would your advice be to a student considering studying abroad?

If you're considering it, then you're the type of person that'd love it. It's not an opportunity you'll get again so take it and run.

Studying Abroad — Further Information

Adding an international dimension to your degree can make you stand out from the crowd. There are two avenues: European Legal Studies and International Legal Studies. These four-year degrees involve spending your third year studying law at one of our highly regarded international partner universities.

You can apply to transfer to one of these degrees once you're studying on our Law LLB Honours degree and places are available on a competitive basis.

For more information speak to Dr Jonathan Galloway: jonathan.galloway@ncl.ac.uk
This year’s North East Law Forum, the joint Newcastle-Northumbria PGR Conference, took place on Friday 30 June 2017 at Northumbria University. Newcastle Law School PhD researchers made a key contribution to the success of the event: Andrew Beetham, Yuki Motoyoshi, and Richard Poole, acted as members of the organising committee, while Andrew Beetham, Raffaella D’Antonio, Yuki Motoyoshi and Muhammad Saeed gave insightful and thought-provoking papers. Yuki is pictured right, giving his paper ‘The Role of International Law in the Age of Global Terrorism’, which focused on how international law has struggled to regulate terrorism particularly since the creation of the United Nations Charter.

Professor Kathryn Hollingsworth gave the keynote speech, while Dr Derek Whayman, Jenny Johnstone, Dr Christine Beuermann and Professor Andrew Griffths judged the papers and gave feedback to the PGR students.

Alison Firth, visiting professor at Newcastle Law School, made an academic visit to Singapore in October/November 2017. From Singapore, Alison made a short visit to Melaka, Malaysia. There she met up with two of Newcastle’s doctoral alumni, Khadijah Mohamed, who had travelled down from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), and Norain Ismail at the Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM).

Dr Khadijah, senior lecturer at UUM and recently coordinator of their LLB programme, published an article on research methodologies late last year which drew on her PhD thesis and subsequent work: ‘Combining methods in legal research’ (2016) The Social Sciences 5191. After conducting post-doctoral research at the University of Glasgow with Professor Rosa Greaves, Khadijah’s return to Malaysia in December 2016 coincided with the launch of a historical work that she co-authored with her colleagues, edited by Malaysia’s former Chief Justice: Tun Dato’ Seri Zaki Tun Azmi (Gen editor) With A Team of Contributors, The Malaysian Judiciary (2017, Selangor, Malaysia, Malaysian Current Law Journal Sdn. Bhd.).


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Applications for PhD scholarships for 18/19 are open and the deadline is in January.

The Northern Bridge Doctoral Training Partnership offers high-quality supervision and exceptional resources for the training and development of outstanding Arts and Humanities postgraduate researchers. The AHRC awards cover tuition fees and provide a maintenance grant at the RCUK national rate for UK applicants. The AHRC award covers tuition fees only for EU students; however, Newcastle University will make maintenance awards to EU students that are equivalent to those of AHRC. We welcome applications from outstanding candidates who can demonstrate evidence of academic excellence at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, as well as evidence of sufficient research skills to undertake the project.

The NINE Doctoral Training Studentship Competition is funded by the ESRC and brings in seven institutions (Newcastle, Durham, Queens Belfast, Durham, Northumbria, Sunderland and Teeside Universities). As a joint venture between universities the NINE DTC Scheme brings together each institution’s strengths in research and teaching to create an integrated centre of excellence for doctoral training in the social sciences. A masters is not a prerequisite and all studentships.

Potential candidates for both schemes are strongly urged to contact the School in advance to ascertain whether their proposal is in an area in which we can offer supervision.

More information and the application procedure can be found on our website: http://www.ncl.ac.uk/nuls/study/funding/#postgraduatefunding

Master’s Dissertation to be Published

In 2016/2017, Master’s student, Adam Rowe, produced a fantastic dissertation that has been recommended for publication in the North East Law Review (NELR). Supervised by Elliot Winter and marked by Dr Maria-Teresa Gil-Bazo and Mr Winter, Elliot’s dissertation will be published in the NELR between the end of April and early May in 2018.

Congratulations, Adam!

The NELR is run by a team of student editors, who are chosen annually by competitive applications. Students from both the Law School’s undergraduate and postgraduate student body work on the journal. NELR prepares the very best student coursework submissions for open-access publication.
It has been a hectic social calendar for the Eldon Society in 2017. We began term with the first ever Freshers’ Welcome Event at Revolution, and we carried the success of this event on into the Eldon Boat Party. Both events sold out and we are hoping that the Eldon Christmas Party will follow suit, so as to end the term with a bang. We will then aim to pick up where we left off at the start of next year with both the Eldon Trip to Amsterdam and the Annual Law Ball.

The Eldon Society is going to Amsterdam!

Last year it was Barcelona, this year the Eldon Society are organising a trip to Amsterdam. Providing the chance to sightsee and to meet up with students and alumni who have travelled abroad, the Society’s trips abroad are a highlight of the academic year. For more information about the society see: https://www.nusu.co.uk/getinvolved/societies/society/eldonsociety/

This term has seen a successful start for the sporting season for all three sports teams. The School’s football team is sitting top of the Wednesday leagues with a faultless record so far. The Law Netball team has followed suit going into the Christmas break top of their league with another faultless record. The Law Rugby team have had a respectable start to the season, with good progress in the cup competitions. All three teams hope to build on this early success, and hope to bring even more silverware back to the Law School come the end of the season.

In the Autumn term, the Eldon Society organised events with major law firms including Jones Day, Hogan Lovells and Addleshaw Goddard. In October there was the Jones Day Question Time event in Durham, in which a panel of trainees spoke about their experiences at the biggest law firm in the United States. This panel notably featured our resident third year, Oliver Smith. Addleshaw Goddard ran an event on Wednesday 29th November, which saw students attend a Mock Assessment Centre to prepare for the rigours of city interviews.

Finishing the term on a high, the Eldon Society welcomed former student, Sarah Cave. The Clarke Willmott solicitor gave a presentation about her new book entitled: The complete guide to getting a solicitor’s training contract.
The Street Law Project has won a Pride of Newcastle award! Three Street Law Ambassadors - Emily Radford, Celia Johnson-Morgan and Alex Spafford attended the Pride of Newcastle Awards Ceremony on Thursday 8 June and picked up the Award for Outstanding Impact on the Community category within which the Street Law Team were nominated. This success follows the earlier good news for the Street Law Team, who were nominated and shortlisted as finalists for the Northern Law Awards 2017!

The Pride of Newcastle University Awards recognise student achievements and contribution to university life and the wider community through extra-curricular activities. Winning this award was actually a 2 stage process: The Pride of Newcastle University Awards focus on celebrating the students who have shone through in the ‘Celebrating Success Awards’. These awards first acknowledged students involved in activities such as involvement in a club or society, volunteering, fundraising, starting a new business, representing students or working on campus or beyond. This may be on any of our campuses, or reaching into the wider community on a local, national and international scale.

As winners of a Celebrating Success Award, Street law went forward to the relevant outstanding category within the Pride of Newcastle University Awards. The field was very competitive and winning the award is a reflection all the hard-work, enthusiasm and commitment of all our Street Law Ambassadors and in addition all the Partners we work with both externally and internally. Thanks are extended to everyone who has been involved in the development of the project. Our Street Law Ambassadors that were involved with the project at the time of the award will also receive formal recognition of on their degree transcripts.

Emily Radford (pictured above left with Street Law staff member Jasmine Winter) did an excellent job in drafting the nomination form and all three that attended represented the Law School brilliantly, with great feedback from other attendees at the Awards ceremony itself. Congratulations to all involved in the Street Law Project!

Working with local Youth Groups, primary and secondary schools, our Street Law Ambassadors (SLAs) have developed materials on legal issues such as police powers, access to legal advice, rights at school, street drinking and transitions into adulthood. If you want to find out more about the Street Law Project, speak to Jasmine Winter (jasmine.winter@newcastle.ac.uk) or Dr Hélène Tyrrell (helene.tyrrell@newcastle.ac.uk).