



The Netherlands' Pro Bono Week 2023

Pro Bono Connect and our partners are organizing a number of events to bring stakeholders together for open exchange. We hope to learn from each other and build relationships to increase the impact of pro bono in the Netherlands.

AGENDA

Tuesday, 16:00 – 18:00	NGO Round Table (Hague Humanity Hub)
Wednesday, 11:30 – 12:30	Pro bono in strategic litigation (Amsterdam)
Thursday, 14:00 – 16:00	Legal Workshops: Tax & Governance, Privacy (Bird & Bird, The Hague)
Friday, 15:00 – 17:30	Law Firm Round Table (Stibbe, Amsterdam)



The Hague & Amsterdam



21-24 November

EUROPEAN PRO BONO WEEK



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NGO ROUND TABLE
TUESDAY, 16:00-18:00
AT THE HAGUE HUMANITY HUB

NGOs are invited to explore how pro bono can support their mission. Lawyers for Lawyers and the Opora Foundation will share their experiences, and NGOs will be able to learn from each other. Their input is essential for Pro Bono Connect to be an effective bridge between NGO needs and available pro bono legal support. The outcomes of the round table will inform our strategy and activities in the coming year.

NGO LEGAL WORKSHOPS:
TAX, GOVERNANCE AND PRIVACY
THURSDAY, 14:00-16:00
BIRD & BIRD, THE HAGUE

The lawyers of Bird & Bird will offer introductions to legal issues often facing NGOs, in inspiring direct engagement. The NGOs will be able to pose questions, learning from the lawyers and each other. The information provided will allow NGOs to better understand their obligations and minimize their risk, especially when supporting particularly vulnerable populations.

During EPBW, activities of Pro Bono Connect and our partners are based on the shared goals of improving access to justice, strengthening civil society, and inspiring lawyers to advance the public interest.

PRO BONO IN STRATEGIC LITIGATION
WEDNESDAY, 11:30-12:30
(AMSTERDAM)

In the Netherlands, a number of stakeholders have emerged with key expertise to contribute to the development of strategic litigation as a tool for social change. Successful collaborations can include specialized law firms, civil society acting as a bridge to communities facing injustice, and pro bono lawyers offering litigation experience.

With respect to the perspectives of stakeholders involved, we will reflect on good practices and questions that arise in such collaborations, e.g. strategy determination, defining a “win” when litigation aims for systemic change, engaging claimant communities, and maximizing their contribution.

LAW FIRM ROUND TABLE
FRIDAY, 15:00-17:30
STIBBE, AMSTERDAM

Together with our partner firms, we will explore opportunities to increase the impact of pro bono in the Netherlands. The Opora Foundation (NL) and TRIUMPH (UG) will share their experience of pro bono support for community-led human rights initiatives. Pro bono coordinators and committee members will exchange on good practices for choosing matters, engaging lawyers, and measuring impact.



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