



# Ireland Pro Bono Week 2024

This year, Pro Bono Week takes place from 10 to 14 June. European Pro Bono Week is a multi-city, week-long event to celebrate and highlight the role played by the European lawyers in supporting civil society and human rights organisations and promoting access to justice for those in need. It is organised by the European Pro Bono Initiative, PILnet, Trustlaw, law firms and European pro bono clearinghouses and organisations.

In Ireland, Pro Bono Week is organised by The Pro Bono Week Committee, law firm members of the Pro Bono Pledge Ireland, and the Voluntary Assistance Scheme of the Bar Council, in collaboration with the Law Society of Ireland. We are delighted to invite you to the following events organised for the 2024 Ireland Pro Bono Week.

## AGENDA

<b>Monday 10 June</b> 9am – 11am	<b>Gender, Justice &amp; the Law</b>	<b>International Conference</b> Centre Geneva and Online
<b>Monday 10 June</b> 2pm – 3pm	<b>Launch of the European Pro Bono Week</b>	<b>Online</b>
<b>Wednesday 12 June</b> 4:30pm – 7pm	<b>Reflections from a Pro Bono Partnership KIND (Kids in Need of Defense)</b>	<b>Arthur Cox LLP</b> Ten, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 T380
<b>Thursday 13 June</b> 4:30pm – 7pm	<b>The Irish Pro Bono Ecosystem: Celebrating Impact and Horizon Scanning for New Opportunities</b>	<b>Law Society of Ireland</b> Blackhall Pl, Smithfield, Dublin 7

The Pro Bono Week 2024 Committee of Ireland is comprised of PILA (the Public Interest Law Alliance, a project of FLAC), A&L Goodbody LLP, Arthur Cox LLP, DLA Piper Ireland LLP, Matheson LLP, McCann FitzGerald LLP, Mason Hayes & Curran LLP, Philip Lee LLP and members of the Law Library.

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## Launch of the European Pro Bono Week 2024 - Harmonisation of Pro Bono across Europe

Monday 10 June 2pm - 3pm

Online

[Register here](#)

### Speakers:

**Özgür Kahale**, Pro Bono Director for Europe · DLA Piper

**Dr. Daria Sartori**, Executive Director NYU EU Public Interest Law Clinic, Founding Partner and Supervisor  
Rule 39 Pro Bono Initiative, Co-founder · NYU, Rule 39 Pro Bono Initiative, Pro Publico

**Dr. Filip Czernicki**, Centrum PRO BONO

## Reflections from a Pro Bono Partnership - Kids in Need of Defense

Wednesday 12 June 4:30pm – 7pm

Arthur Cox LLP, Dublin 2, D02 T380

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Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) is an international nongovernment organisation devoted to protecting unaccompanied and separated children on the move. KIND partners with the Immigrant Council of Ireland (ICI), the Irish Refugee Council (IRC), and the pro bono legal community to ensure sustainable solutions for unaccompanied migrant children in Ireland. Since 2019, the project has assisted 252 clients from 29 countries of origin. 196 lawyers from 7 partnering law firms and 1 company have worked on cases so far. The event takes the form of a panel discussion moderated by Sara Phelan SC, Chair of the Bar Council of Ireland, with contributions from Katie Mannion, Managing Solicitor of the Irish Refugee Council, Catherine Cosgrave, Managing Solicitor Immigrant Council of Ireland, Marieanne McKeown, Director of the Partnerships & Pro Bono Program, Arthur Cox, as well as beneficiaries of the project.

## The Irish Pro Bono Ecosystem: Celebrating Impact and Horizon Scanning for New Opportunities

Thursday 13 June 4:30pm – 7pm

Law Society of Ireland

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This event brings the wider legal and NGO communities together to celebrate the growth of pro bono work in Ireland. Justice Liam Kennedy will moderate a panel of speakers including John Lunney from the Law Society's Street Law Programme, Michelle Drury from Irish Rule of Law International, Gemma McLoughlin Burke from the Voluntary Assistance Programme, and Eilis Barry, Chief Executive of FLAC. The panel will showcase the impact and benefit of lawyers volunteering their time and skill, highlighting examples of pro bono work. A PILA representative will explain the Irish pro bono infrastructural landscape and pathways for lawyers to get involved in pro bono work. The second half of the event will consist of the first in-person PILA NGO Pitch, during which three social justice organisations will pitch to receive pro bono legal services from the attending legal practitioners. Finally, the event will facilitate networking opportunities between NGO representatives and the legal community.



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