

## Other Action Projects

### Objective:

To facilitate other law-related actions projects.

### Aims:

- To enable the students gain a practical knowledge of particular areas of law, either from an expert or from their own research.
- To encourage the students to undertake other stimulating and inclusive action projects.

### Resources:

- Ideas for action projects
- Relevant website addresses
- Useful contacts
- Useful film / T.V. resources

### Ideas for an action project

1. Organise a field trip to:
  - a courthouse
  - a Garda station
  - a law centre
  - the Dáil
  - a prison
  - the Society of King's Inns or the Law Society of Ireland
  - a Citizen's Information Centre
2. Arrange for a local person with professional experience in the area of

law to visit the school. Use the following list to assist:

- Barrister
- Solicitor
- Judge
- Court Registrar or other court staff
- Member of An Garda Síochána or a Juvenile Liaison Officer
- Law professor or teacher
- Probation and Welfare Officer
- T.D. or Councillor

### Questions the students may wish to ask the visitor:

- How do you go about becoming a garda / solicitor / barrister *etc.*?
- What is the most interesting aspect of your work?
- Do you have any particularly interesting stories relating to your work?

3. Conduct a survey in the class or school to assess awareness of:

- the role of the courts
- the different courts in the Irish court system
- who's who in the courtroom.

4. Conduct a campaign in the school to raise awareness of:
- the role of the courts
  - what the law is
  - people involved in the law.
  - Use information from the Manual to create posters, handouts *etc.*

#### Relevant Websites: Ireland

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| The Courts Service:                                                                     | <a href="http://www.courts.ie">www.courts.ie</a>                         |
| Irish Government:                                                                       | <a href="http://www.gov.ie">www.gov.ie</a>                               |
| Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform:                                         | <a href="http://www.justice.ie">www.justice.ie</a>                       |
| Office of the Attorney General:                                                         | <a href="http://www.attorneygeneral.ie">www.attorneygeneral.ie</a>       |
| Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions                                           | <a href="http://www.dppireland.ie">www.dppireland.ie</a>                 |
| An Garda Síochána                                                                       | <a href="http://www.garda.ie">www.garda.ie</a>                           |
| The Law Reform Commission:                                                              | <a href="http://www.lawreform.ie">www.lawreform.ie</a>                   |
| Legal Aid Board:                                                                        | <a href="http://www.legalaidboard.ie">www.legalaidboard.ie</a>           |
| Citizens Information:<br>A government resource providing information on public services | <a href="http://www.citizeninformation.ie">www.citizeninformation.ie</a> |
| Public Appointments Service:                                                            | <a href="http://www.publicjobs.ie">www.publicjobs.ie</a>                 |
| The Honourable Society of King's Inns:                                                  | <a href="http://www.kingsinns.ie">www.kingsinns.ie</a>                   |
| The Law Society of Ireland:                                                             | <a href="http://www.lawsociety.ie">www.lawsociety.ie</a>                 |
| The Bar Council of Ireland:                                                             | <a href="http://www.lawlibrary.ie">www.lawlibrary.ie</a>                 |
| Irish Prisons Service                                                                   | <a href="http://www.irishprisons.ie">www.irishprisons.ie</a>             |

#### Relevant Websites: Europe

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| Ireland and the EU                                        | <a href="http://www.euireland.ie">www.euireland.ie</a>                                                    |
| European Union                                            | <a href="http://europa.eu/">http://europa.eu/</a>                                                         |
| European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters | <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/civiljustice/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/civiljustice/index_en.htm</a> |
| European Court of Justice                                 | <a href="http://curia.europa.eu/">http://curia.europa.eu/</a>                                             |

#### Useful contacts

The Courts Service Information Office  
 Phoenix House  
 15/24 Phoenix Street North  
 Dublin 7.

Tel. 01 888 6462  
 Fax. 01 873 5250

*Courts Service Provincial Administrative and Support Offices:*

**Western Regional Office (Clare, Galway, Sligo and Mayo)**

**The Courts Service**

**The Mall**

**Castlebar**

**Co. Mayo**

**Tel. 094 904 3803**

**Fax. 094 902 7380**

**Email: westernro@courts.ie**

**Southern Regional Office (Cork, Kerry, Waterford, Tipperary and Limerick)**

**The Courts Service**

**74 Penrose Wharf**

**Penrose Quay**

**Cork**

**Tel. 021 450 9374**

**Fax. 021 455 2708**

**Email : corkro@courts.ie**

**Northern Regional Office (Leitrim, Louth, Cavan, Monaghan and Donegal)**

**The Courts Service**

**Courthouse**

**Monaghan.**

**Tel. 047 38100**

**Fax. 047 38101**

**Email : northernro@courts.ie**

**Eastern Regional Office (Kilkenny, Carlow, Wexford, Kildare and Wicklow)**

**The Courts Service**

**Courthouse**

**Naas**

**Co. Kildare**

**Tel. 045 980 100**

**Fax. 045 980 101**

**Email: easternro@courts.ie**

**Midland Regional Office** (*Laois, Longford, Offaly, Roscommon, Meath and Westmeath*)

**The Courts Service**

**Courthouse**

**Cormac Street**

**Tullamore**

**Co. Offaly**

**Tel. 057 932 9140**

**Fax. 057 932 9103**

**Email : midlandro@courts.ie**

### **Some interesting Movie/TV Resources**

- *12 Angry Men (1957)*
- *To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)*
- *Kavanagh Q.C.*
- *The Practice*
- *Boston Legal (Living T.V.)*
- *Judge John Deed (BBC)*
- *New Street Law (BBC)*
- *Evelyn (2003)*
- *Philadelphia (1993)*