



# Ireland Pro Bono Week 2025

This year, Pro Bono Week takes place from 9 to 13 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 2025 Ireland Pro Bono Week.

AGENDA		
Monday 9 June 9am –11am	<u>“What can Pro Bono do For Your NGO”</u>	FLAC 85/86 Dorset St Upper Dublin 1
Tuesday 10 June 2pm –3pm	<u>Launch of the European Pro Bono Week</u>	Online
Wednesday 11 June 10am - 12pm	<u>Amplifying Impact and Access to Justice</u>	McCann Fitzgerald Riverside One, Sir John Rogerson’s Quay Dublin 2, D02 X576
Thursday 12 June 5:30pm - 8pm	<u>Power of Pro Bono - Justice and the Fight Against the Death Penalty</u>	Law Society of Ireland Blackhall Pl, Smithfield, Dublin 7

The Pro Bono Week 2025 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 and McCann FitzGerald LLP.



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## What Can Pro Bono Do for Your NGO?

Monday 9 June, 10am - 11am

FLAC Offices, Dublin 1, D01 P9Y3

[Register here](#)

Join PILA on Monday, 9 June for an in-person session exploring how your organisation can benefit from free legal assistance. Titled "What Can Pro Bono Do for Your NGO?", this event will feature lawyers from leading law firms and barristers pitching their pro bono services directly to civil society organisations. You will gain practical insights into:

- Information on the types of legal assistance pro bono lawyers can offer NGO's & how to avail of these services.
- Introduction to PILA's Pro Bono Referral Scheme and how it operates.
- Q&A segment during which pro bono lawyers will directly answer questions from attendees.

## Launch of the European Pro Bono Week

Tuesday 10 June 2pm - 3pm

Online

[Register here](#)

This year's launch event will centre around the theme of "Strengthening Civic Participation in Europe". The webinar will aim to untangle the role of pro bono in civic space, where actors face increasing legal pressure, uncertainties, and challenges. This webinar will also provide a Global and European overview on civic space health, issues and resilience, which will be discussed in more detail during the local events.

## Amplifying Impact and Access to Justice

Wednesday 11 June 10am – 12pm

McCann FitzGerald, D02 X576

[Register here](#)

As part of Pro Bono Week Ireland 2025, we are pleased to invite you to an inspiring event focused on amplifying impact and access to justice through pro bono work. This event is for Pro Bono Pledge Ireland members, as well as NGOs, firms, and practitioners who are interested in learning more about the value of pro bono in amplifying the impact of organisations working to advance social justice.

- Panel 1: "What One Person Can Do" This discussion will feature Michael Kinsey BL and Rachel Nolan of Nolan Solicitors, who have made significant pro bono contributions throughout their careers.
- Panel 2: "Shoulder to Shoulder" This panel will include Jane O'Sullivan, Managing Solicitor, Community Law & Mediation and Assumpta O'Connell, Head of Pro Bono at McCann FitzGerald discussing how independent law centres and law firms can work together to advance social justice.
- Panel 3: "Sharing the Load" This discussion will feature Oisín O'Reilly, CEO of Outhouse LGBT+ Centre and Martina Genockey (Strategic Communications Officer Women's Aid) discussing how they utilise pro bono, recognise its value, and all the forms in which legal work can contribute to the NGO's goals.

## Power of Pro Bono - Justice and the Fight Against the Death Penalty

Thursday 12 June 5:30pm – 8pm

Law Society of Ireland

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This exceptional event includes an introduction to Amicus, a UK based non-profit working for those facing a death sentence in the US, by Amicus Director Margot Ravenscroft. Samantha Knights KC (Matrix) will provide a discussion on how pro bono work increases access to justice. Sunny Jacobs (Death row exoneree & Founder and President of the Sunny Centre Foundation USA) will share her story of being an innocent on death row and the impact of pro bono support in her life. Closing Q&A will be hosted by Carolann Minnock (Arthur Cox).



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