

2018 Thomas Addis Emmet Fellowship

in public interest law

Law Students!

Would you like to spend your summer working at the cutting edge of public interest law in the United States?

Each year, FLAC in conjunction with the University of Washington, Seattle, sends an Irish law student as the Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow to Seattle, Washington, for 10 weeks to get first-hand experience in human rights and public interest cases.

The Fellowship offers the successful candidate:

- the chance to work with a public interest law justice centre at the forefront of social change in Seattle;
- hands-on experience of targeted public interest litigation, policy development and campaigns;
- attendance at a lecture series on Lawyering Skills at the University of Washington;
- interaction and networking with law students and high profile practitioners working in public interest law in America.

The Fellowship pays for flights, accommodation and a stipend.

Who can apply?

All current law students, including students that have studied law as part of their undergraduate degree, postgraduates in law, and students of the King's Inns or Law Society professional practice courses.

How to apply

To apply, please submit a short essay (no more than 750 words) in answer to the following:

Do you agree with the decision of the Supreme Court in N.V.H -v- Minister for Justice & Equality and ors [2017] IESC 35?

Send your essay, along with a cover letter and CV to rachel.power@flac.ie by Friday 12th of January 2018.

If you have any questions, please email rachel.power@flac.ie.



Kate Heffernan

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2017 Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow

Kate Heffernan was the 2017 recipient of the Thomas Addis Emmet Fellowship. Having completed her law degree in Trinity College Dublin, Kate spent two months working in Seattle as a legal fellow in Washington Appleseed Centre for Public Interest Law.

Washington Appleseed is a non-profit which seeks to achieve social justice through working closely with community advocates and utilising pro bono resources.

Kate was primarily involved in a research project examining disproportionate rates of criminality and incarceration among former foster youth.

Kate helped with the scoping of the project by conducting preliminary research into many legal and policy issues surrounding the link between foster care and criminal justice in the US. She then presented her research to members of the Concerned Lifers Organization, a group of incarcerated men who instigated the project.

'I was privileged to have been a part of this project and hugely honoured to be given the opportunity'