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## YOUR STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION TEAM

### SHAHROZE WARRAICH PRESIDENT

It is with great pleasure I would like to welcome you to BPP University. Over the course of the coming year the Students' Association has planned a number of initiatives to enhance your academic experience at BPP and we wish to work alongside you to ensure your time with us is fulfilling, rewarding and enjoyable.

The Students' Association at BPP exists to provide an independent voice for our students, and as President and a former student at the University, I would like to assure you that the Students' Association in the form of the Student Voice, Independent Education and Welfare Advice, and Student Engagement teams will be working with you to ensure you gain the most possible value from your time at BPP. In the academic year thus far we have already arranged for a number of events for students, including a Games Night, Bollywood Night, and Welcome Lunches for our new students, as well as more events planned and advertised on [www.bppstudents.com](http://www.bppstudents.com).

We are always looking for enthusiastic students to become involved with the Association, so please get in touch if you would be keen to work with us in getting more involved. Finally, I would like to provide personal reassurance of my commitment and dedication to ensuring the needs of BPP University students are represented and put forward to the University. Should you need to contact me for any reason at all, or you would just like to have an informal chat, please do so in person, or via my email, [shahrozewarraich@bpp.com](mailto:shahrozewarraich@bpp.com) and we can arrange a call. Wishing you all the best for the coming academic year, and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Best wishes,

**Shahroze Warraich**  
BPP Students' Association President



# The Students' Association

is here to help you make the most of your student experience and it consists of several parts:

- The Student Voice is key to ensuring that your views and opinions are heard across the university. My team and I work closely with the annually elected Student Voice Representatives who act as an independent voice for students on various academic committees and school boards, to ensure a positive experience for everyone, during their time at BPP University.
- The Independent Education and Welfare Advisers are here to help you when things don't go to plan. They provide an impartial, confidential service which is independent from the university and can help with academic and welfare issues such as appeals, complaints, deferrals, housing and wellbeing.
- The Student Engagement Team works closely with student-run clubs and societies across all centres to help offer a number of exciting opportunities for you to socialise, as well as to develop skills that will assist you with life in practice. The team works closely with the Student Centre Representatives to help organise social events at each BPP University study centre.

Make sure you visit [bppstudents.com](http://bppstudents.com) for more information and to join our vibrant student community.

I wish you all the best during your time at BPP University and look forward to meeting you all soon.

## SHAHBAN AZIZ



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**Hajra Babariya**  
Student Voice Manager

As your Student Voice Manager I want to work in partnership with you to evaluate and enhance the student experience within the university. I am here to ensure that your opinions are valued and heard by the university.

I graduated from the University of Manchester with a degree in Computation and have worked in management roles at AXA Insurance and the Co-Operative Group. Whilst at university I also worked as a Student Representative and so I'm passionate about Student Voice and the Student Experience. I am always looking for ways to improve the service provided to the students throughout their academic life.

I believe that you have a vast amount of knowledge and expertise that can bring renewed authenticity and relevance to the classrooms benefiting your student life. Most importantly, we want to put the Student Voice at the heart of the university and I look forward to working with all students across all BPP centres.



**Azmat Suleman**  
Student Engagement Manager

I have been with BPP for over seven years now and previously worked in the Student Advice Team.

I am passionate about improving the student experience here at BPP, by working closely with Centre Presidents & clubs and societies to encourage social events and activities. I have knowledge and experience of managing large scale and small events ranging from guest speaker conferences, cultural events and parties.

I have previously worked in student support roles and have experience in helping both international and home students; I really enjoy working in this field and look forward to providing the best support possible to all BPP Students.



**Iain Kinnear**  
Independent Advice Manager

The service that we provide is free and we work independently from the University to support you on resolving issues when things don't go to plan. This can range from offering feedback on Mitigating Circumstances or Academic Appeal applications to advising students on the Complaints procedure. We also offer representation to assist you at any University meetings or hearings such as Academic Misconduct Panels.

We are available to all students studying in the UK and in or partner centres across the globe.

You can get in touch with us via email on [independentadvice@bpp.com](mailto:independentadvice@bpp.com)

## IN PROFILE WITH... JULIETTE WAGNER

### • CAN YOU TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF?

I am 46 years old with 3 lovely children. I started my career as a Barrister and then held many different positions within the legal education industry, culminating in my role as Pro-Vice Chancellor. I also work for the Government as a TEF assessor and a WP expert.

I am extremely passionate about creating a world class student experience, in particular widening access to the professions. I love working on the ground with our students, getting to know them and learning more about different cultures and approaches.

### • TELL US ABOUT YOUR ROLE AT BPP AND WALK US THROUGH YOUR TEAM.

I am the Pro-Vice Chancellor in Education Services. I am supported by David Donnarumma and Victoria Speed and Jess Austen. We run a variety of services across the BPP Group including Careers, Pro Bono, employability, Library and student spaces, the student experience and student voice, inclusion and learning support, Prevent and Safeguarding, English and academic skills and the learning and teaching team. As well as running a suite of services I am the Education lead across the Group reporting in to the Vice Chancellor, in particular supporting him with regulation from a learning and teaching perspective. I look at my team as a family, I love my job and feel very grateful that I've been given the opportunity to make a real difference to our student's lives, building careers through education.

### • WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A NEW STUDENT STARTING AT BPP?

Anything is possible with a fierce work ethic. Remaining humble is a very attractive trait. I am a care leaver from a very tough start and I truly believe in creating your own opportunities. Make sure you make the effort to get to know as many people as possible within your organisation, either in the workplace or in the learning environment. The more people you know, the bigger your network becomes. Do not get involved with in fighting in your organisation. Remain positive and look for the good in people and situations. Build solid friendships within your organisation.

### • WHO INSPIRES YOU?

I was very inspired by a character from an Enid Blyton book called Mr Pinkwhistle. He is half man and half pixie and can make himself invisible. His mission is to put wrongs right. He inspired me to study law. I am also inspired by my daughter who is studying to be a vet despite having Lupus disease. She refuses to be defined by her poor health and turns adversity into opportunity wherever possible.



### • WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST WEAKNESS AND HOW DO YOU MAKE THIS INTO A STRENGTH?

My greatest weakness is sometimes thinking I'm not good enough. This stems from a tough start in life which can lead to the imposter syndrome, a sense of not belonging in certain situations. I try to turn this around by reminding myself that the chances of somebody ending up in my position considering my tough start is a million to one and therefore I must have done something right to be here so I need to feel proud of myself rather than worried that I don't belong.

### • OUTSIDE WORK, WHAT HOBBIES DO YOU HAVE?

I enjoy singing with my children and friends and I am renowned for my Carpool Karaoke sessions. If anybody fancies a spot in my carpool karaoke please get in touch!

### • WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

That's easy! Raising 3 children who are now friends to each other. That is parenting goals, when your children become friends. My children are 21, 17 and 15 and they are all very genuine and grounded people. I am very proud of them all.

# PROCRASTINATION

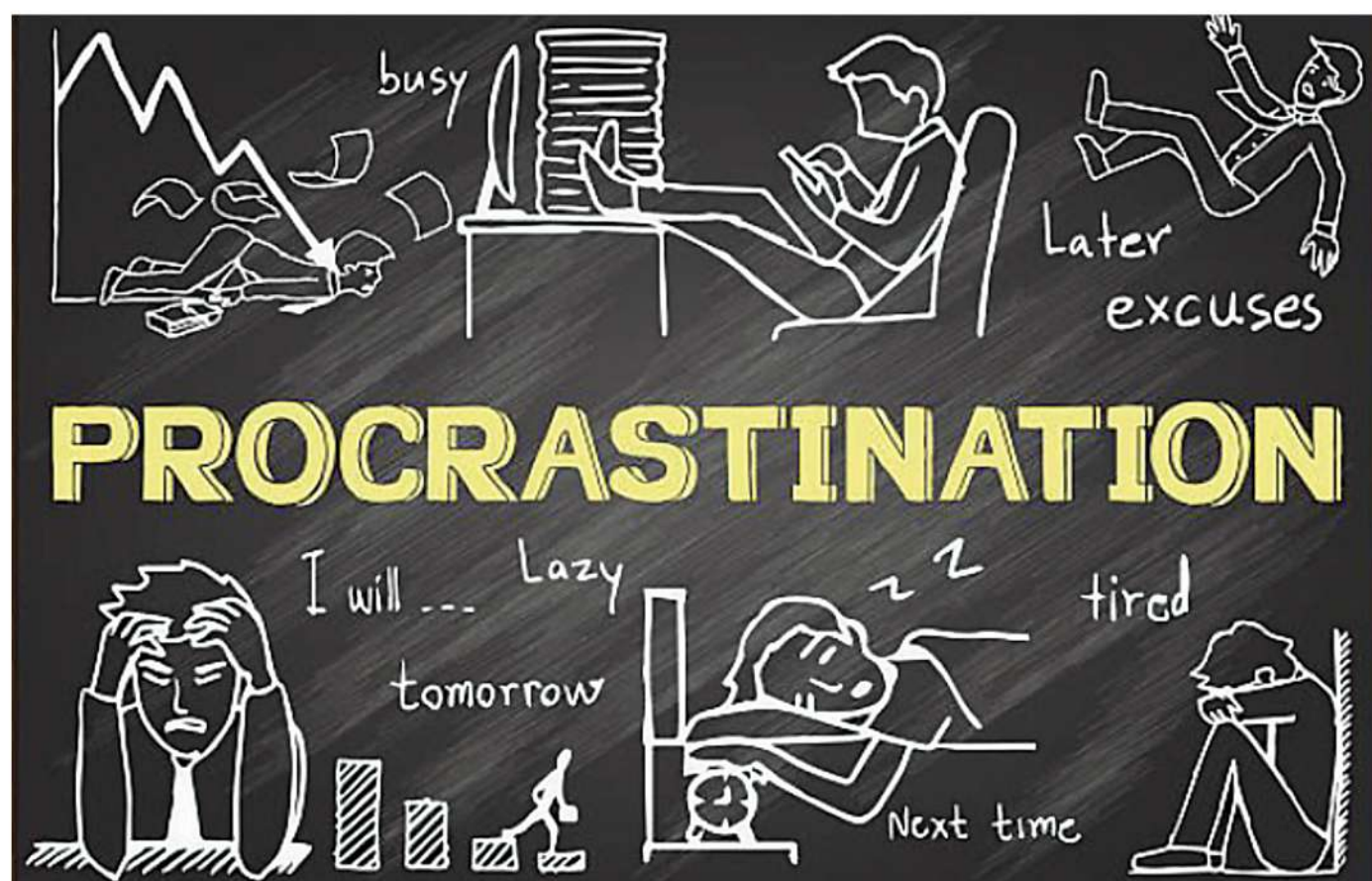
## AND THE IMPACT ON STUDENT LIFE

Procrastination [from the Latin: pro (in favour of) and cras (tomorrow)] is the avoidance or delaying of something which needs doing now. It is that great thief of time which, if we are not on our guard, sneaks upon us all: the author with a 5000 word deadline walking the dog; the company director reading the weekend papers rather than completing his tax return; or the student partying instead of working on that assignment due the next day.

A certain level of procrastination is normal it could be argued: the procrastinator in us all would have us believe that faced with endless to-do lists, we need to mentally sort out the wheat from the chaff; the reality is that this is at the expense of our sanity and ultimately sabotages our best efforts. Mañana (or next week, next month, next year) ... I'll have a cup of tea first, or maybe I should just check Facebook, Instagram, Tinder... STOP THIS! We are very good at finding tasks that keep us [stupid] busy, less good at focussing on what we need to do to reach our goals, those tasks that really need to be done in a timely manner, and not last-minute.com.

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## ANYTHING BUT...

Frequently observed symptoms:

- Sudden and unexplained urges to clean.
- Taking control of and running the Internet.
- The lights are on, but no one is home [day-dreaming].

These things are preparation for doing some real work, right? They make you feel like something is going down, and I mean, yes, starting that soup kitchen for the local homeless (right now) is a valuable use of your time – you are doing something. You're not really taking much time up penning that witty missive to next Sunday's broadsheet newspaper letters page, are you? You noticed how fat the cat looks today...?

Your "just five minutes" suddenly spirals out of control and you've lost a day. So just STOP when you catch yourself wasting time!

Think HOW these habitual distractions start! Challenge yourself to STOP the distraction and do what you need to do to STAY FOCUSED.

## STAYING ON COURSE...

**Snap out of it:** do something to generate a bit of energy; jog on the spot, stretch, deep breaths, dance, sing, force a break.

**'Know thine enemy':** we know you don't want to do the task; so, spell out the difficulties – is it boring, frustrating, unappealing? Understand what it is that is blocking you.

**Motivative:** You know the problem, now change your approach to it; 'I have to do this' to 'I choose to do this because...' or even better, 'This is interesting because...' Write down encouraging thoughts, inspirational words to motivate you.

## AND FORGIVING...

Relentless self-criticism doesn't help people to overcome procrastination, it just makes them even more unhappy about it. Accept that what you are doing is difficult. Support and encourage yourself the way you would a good friend. Adopt a spirit of compassionate curiosity about your procrastination, AND FIX IT (today)!

## A LADY IN LAW.

**Alisha Ban, Learning Support Advisor in collaboration with Shaistah Zeidan, President of the Women in Law Society – Birmingham.**

2019 marks the centenary of the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act 1919 which paved the way for women to become lawyers for the first time. Before 1919 it was illegal for women to practice in law and in order to honour this significant history, The Law Society is currently supporting the 100 years' project. For more information, please do visit [first100years.org.uk](http://first100years.org.uk) where there is a celebration of pioneering and outstanding female legal professionals over the last 100 years.

Here at BPP, I have had the pleasure of working with many exceptional female students and more recently I had a conversation with Shaistah, President of the Women in Law Society (Birmingham) who is also a GDL student. Whilst it was definitely refreshing to know we have evolved as a society, Shaistah and I discussed how women in law, and indeed in other professions, still have a way to go to innovate and push for equal status. We spoke about how gender pay gaps are still an issue and how women are still largely under represented at senior level in the law field as a whole.

We discussed a few areas in more depth, and came up with the following tips for law students:

During quite a motivational meeting, Shaistah voiced how being in education, and hearing from those already practising in the legal profession, can help women going on to working in the field be more equipped to deal with any barriers that may come their way. Whilst pondering over what the next 100 years will bring, we discussed various ways in which studying in law as a woman, and going on to working life, could be facilitated in order to work towards success.

Shaistah is a mature student, a mother, she has studied and worked in an equally fast paced (medical) profession in the past, and as someone who reached this stage with (then) undiagnosed dyslexia, whilst juggling a young family, and encountering unexpected health issues, she feels a positive mind-set and determination, as well as good communication skills are key in continuing to progress career-wise, and that obstacles can be overcome.



## 1. PRE-PLANNING:

Being a woman with many responsibilities means that it's important to pre plan to ensure that you can try to achieve a balanced life when considering a mixture of academic, work, health related, and financial factors, along with a social life and friends and family.

Going back into studying is a big change for some, especially in a competitive field like law, and without planning you could fall behind before you have even begun. The good thing about the GDL is it is very structured, therefore it is very possible to plan ahead with good time management. Know your strengths and weaknesses and don't be afraid to ask questions. The more you ask, the more in control you will feel!

Times are changing, and there are many support services available to students these days, with learning disabilities and health and safety issues being readily recognised, accepted, and with legislation in place to prevent discrimination.

Networking, and speaking to women already practicing in the legal field about their experiences, good and bad, can also help with your own future career decision making.

## 2. TIME MANAGEMENT AND DELEGATION:

Returning to work, or study, does require reassessing your daily needs (and, for students who are also parents, those of all family members, including yourself) to ensure a smooth transition for all involved. Studying and working requires dedicated time and thought, added to which raising a family (which some women may choose to do at some point in their career), along with other life events, will all require extra time and energy.

Good time management, delegating tasks, and asking for help when needed will all help to ensure that you do the best can in all your different roles (student, employee, mother, partner, friend, relative), whilst maintaining a good work-life balance for yourself also.

On the topic of parenthood, for those who do venture down that path, finding childcare you are happy with, and/or a supportive partner and social network are gold dust. Knowing your children are happy and settled will allow you to concentrate and focus on study and employment, and commit fully, investing those extra hours as and when required (which they will be in a profession such as Law).

For those with disabilities, illnesses, or other life stresses, do seek help sooner rather than later. Your personal tutor, or the student support services are good starting points, and they are more than likely to have encountered other students in the same situation before, allowing them to put measures in place to help.

Yes, there will be bad days when you wonder if you made the correct decision by returning to study/ work for various reasons, but it's important to focus on the bigger picture, and remember you are making short term sacrifices for a better future.

Remind yourself of the reason you started. Talk to friends and family. Use the support services available, (be it at university, or when you go on to work).

Pre-plan career breaks where possible. Know your rights with regards to taking time out for whatever reason (health, having children, a work sabbatical) and returning to work.

Plan which employment roll your skill set and future plans fit best, be it a solicitor, barrister, in house, or any of the other legal positions out there, and do research different law firms. The aim is balancing life and study / work, allowing you to commit yourself properly to each role, whilst enjoying what you do.



### 3. KNOWLEDGE IS POWER:

We are at a time where the Equality Act is an integral part of the way all businesses and education establishments work. If you are worried about being discriminated against or feel you are disadvantaged in any way, whether it's big or small, know your rights and know the support that is available to you.

If you have a health condition or something personal which effects your work, there is a lot of support that can be put in place. Often people are reluctant to reach out for support for fear of a negative outcome. Just taking the first step of finding out what support is available, even before disclosing anything and voicing your reservations, is a step in the right direction.

Keeping quiet and worrying won't solve the problem. As students we invest a lot into our future careers, therefore we should also invest in ourselves to ensure we feel healthy and supported.

Keep up to date with study and developments in the legal field.

Be willing to move with the times, so to speak. For example, the use of technology in the workplace is increasing and more prevalent. Look to highlight and improve any gaps in your knowledge and skillset, as well as displaying your strengths.

### 4. CONFIDENCE:

Hopefully your experiences as a student will be mainly positive. However, you may have bad days, and you may be in the minority, be only one of few mature students, or a student with a particular health condition. You may be one of only a few people with the same gender, or disability, on the course.

We are all unique and come with our own set of life skills, which are just as valuable as academic achievements, within both academia and employment.

It is important to take time out regularly to just stop, reassess and recharge.

You, as an individual, will know what works for you with regard to relaxing, and also motivating yourself to keep going.

Stress, leading to other health conditions, is one of the biggest reasons people go off on long term sick leave or resign within law. Whilst studying, knowing your strengths and weaknesses, and building resilience, will definitely help in the long run.

BPP is a great place to help build confidence and legal knowledge, and get support in doing so. The BPP careers service is invaluable, and highly recommended.

### 5. WHEN THINGS DON'T GO YOUR WAY:

Sometimes we can do all of the above, yet life can still be difficult and there can be unexpected hurdles along the way.

Seeking help (be that from a friend, colleague, tutor, university support service or external organisation or doctor) is key to getting back on track. This may mean changing your initial plans. However, there are many different pathways to reach the same goal.

For more information on the 100 years' project please contact [alishaban@bpp.com](mailto:alishaban@bpp.com)

For more information on support available, please contact [LearningSupport@bpp.com](mailto:LearningSupport@bpp.com)

If you are worried about discrimination, please contact [Inclusion@bpp.com](mailto:Inclusion@bpp.com)



## INSPIRATIONAL BLOG

The 23rd December 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act, which made it possible for women to qualify as solicitors or barristers for the first time. Last year we celebrated the centenary of the first women having the right to vote in parliamentary elections in the UK and Ireland. It is important to celebrate the past in order to share the future for women in law and across all professions.

My journey to the Bar began over 5,000 miles away in Colombia. I was born in 1996 and Colombia had endured a civil war for 32 years. The rise of Escobar resulted in my home city, Medellin, being a dangerous place to live. In 2000, my mother and I came to the UK as refugees. We settled in Cambridge. The violence and poverty I witnessed in Colombia influenced my interest to learn about the criminal justice system in the UK. Crimes in Colombia rarely made it to court and there was a lack of trust in the police.

The more I learned about the justice system in the UK, the more I wanted to be a part of it. While school was difficult at first as I had a translator in my early years, I recognised it was the tool I needed to pursue a career as a lawyer. My mother has been my source of inspiration and has always been supportive and encouraging of my career choice.

I read History at Oxford Brookes University. Their curriculum was centred on modern history with a particular focus on the history of crime, which was fascinating to me. With the support of family and friends, in September 2017 I moved to London to study the Graduate Diploma in Law. During this year I participated on the Vocalise Mentor Programme run by the Gray's Inn. I taught debating in HMP Wandsworth and YO1 ISIS, which gave me an insight to the reality of life behind bars. That same year, I was awarded the Jules Thorn Scholarship by the Middle Temple, which entirely funded my BPTC LLM. BPP Law School also awarded me with an additional scholarship, which was incredibly helpful given the high cost of living in London.

I wanted to express my gratitude to both these institutions for funding my studies. I applied to become a Student Voice Representative at BPP. So far, I have been fortunate to sit on the Education and Standards Committee meetings. This October I stood in the Middle Temple Students' Association elections and was voted President. My objective as President is to widen student participation from underrepresented backgrounds at the Bar and to help the international community feel more inclusive. I am also volunteering at an anti-trafficking charity, preparing for my final exams and writing my dissertation on Female Genital Mutilation in the UK. I am interested in women's rights and gender-based violence. I am thankful to be surrounded by many inspiring women who make the Bar an exciting place to be.

**CAMILA FERRARO**  
BPTC LLM, HOLBORN

# AN INSIGHT INTO THE BPP LEGAL TEAM

## LAURA VARRIER

### LEGAL TEAM LEADER

#### My Typical Day

When you work in-house no two days are ever the same as your workload is extremely varied. In BPP's in-house Legal Team we deal with commercial contracts, corporate transactions, intellectual property, litigation and everything in between.

As the manager of the Team it is my role to manage the Team's workload. This means I am responsible for allocating all of the work that comes into the Legal Team and managing any strategic legal projects. As a litigator I also manage any litigation on behalf of BPP, including commercial and employment disputes. I often get to attend court and the Employment Tribunal on behalf of BPP and this is an element of my role that I really enjoy.

#### My Advice to Aspiring Lawyers

My biggest tip is to approach your legal career with an open mind. When I was studying (and when I was a trainee solicitor) I was convinced I would know what I would and wouldn't like before I had any experience of an area of law and often I was very wrong! For example, I was sure I wouldn't like corporate law (having heard some horror stories about working long hours) but I enjoyed my corporate seat so much I ended up doing a double seat with a client secondment!

Try as many different areas of law as you can (through your studies, work experience and training contract) as you never know what area of law may end up being your dream career!

## HANNAH LENNOX

### TRAINEE

#### About me

My name is Hannah and I'm 26. I am a Trainee Solicitor in BPP's Pro Bono Team. I am currently training in housing law and am seconded to the in-house legal team for one day per week to get experience in commercial law. Interesting Fact: I've changed the face of Britain – as a student volunteer at the Kent Law Clinic I was part of a team of students that represented an applicant at a Public Inquiry into their application for the registration of land in Westgate-on-Sea as a Town or Village Green. Outside of work you'll probably find me dancing (Ballroom, Latin American, Salsa, Bachata, Kizomba), either in London or in Kent (I live in Canterbury).

#### My Route into Law

Following my degree in Politics and Law at the University of Kent I became a Solicitor's Assistant at the Kent Law Clinic. I had really enjoyed my time volunteering in the Clinic as an undergraduate student and this was a great way for me to get some work experience in a legal team whilst funding my Master's degree in International Law and Human Rights Law. After two years working at Kent Law Clinic the opportunity arose for me to join BPP's Pro Bono Centre as an Administrator. This gave me the opportunity to work in London, with better links to Law Centres and other partner organisations/firms, as well as events such as the London Legal Walk. I also took on greater project management responsibilities and started my LPC. From there I moved into the Streetlaw Manager role and became the Trainee in May 2019.



#### About me

My name is Laura, I have been a qualified solicitor for 5 years and I am currently the manager of BPP's in-house Legal Team based in BPP's London Liverpool Street centre.

Whilst working at BPP I took part in and won an episode of the BBC quiz show Pointless, in which I got to talk about my role at BPP (much to the amusement of all my colleagues!).

#### My Career in Law

I wanted to be a lawyer from an early age. At school I loved being a part of the debate team and had the opportunity to represent Greenwich in a London school debating competition when I was in year 9. After that my teachers suggested I looked into a career in law as I enjoyed formulating arguments and persuading people to agree with a specific viewpoint.

After school I studied Law at the University of Reading. I then took the LPC and started my training contract the year after at the firm Shoosmiths LLP, eventually qualifying into commercial litigation.



#### My Typical Day

No two days in any of these roles has ever been the same. Of course there are tasks such as responding to new enquiries, explaining how we work and drafting documents that are relatively similar. But there are aspects of the work, not least the variety of clients, that mean that nothing is ever the same. Key tasks for the Trainee include to ensure that new enquiries are answered; check that our student volunteers, volunteer lawyers and clients all know to show up to the right place at the right time, and; to learn as much as possible – I am encouraged to work on different types of cases (one/multiple client cases, tenant/leaseholder/freeholder, service charge disputes/non-returned deposits/possession claims).

#### My Advice to Aspiring Lawyers

My advice to anyone new in law and all fellow trainees is try to experience as many different areas of law and types of practice as possible and don't feel like if you qualify in one area later on you cannot switch to another. A career is a long time and we're just starting out.



# AN INSIGHT INTO THE BPP LEGAL TEAM

## JULIUS BURKE-PERRIN

### PARALEGAL

#### About me

Age: 22

Hobbies and interests from work: playing and watching football (I'm an Arsenal season ticket holder), current affairs, music  
Where are you from/where do you live? I'm both from and live in North London

Interesting fact: I've seen Arsenal play in 6 countries – unfortunately we've lost on most of my trips abroad!

#### My Route into Law

I graduated from SOAS with a BA History and Politics in June 2018. That December, I joined BPP's Legal team as a Legal Administrator. A month after this, I started BPP's part-time evening GDL, a course that I am in the final year of studying. Now a Paralegal, I am due to finish the GDL in June 2020 before starting either the LPC or SQE, with a view to qualifying as a solicitor.

I've always found the law interesting, as something that governs every aspect of society. The skills required for effective legal work, such as strategy, attentiveness to detail, commerciality and creativity, make it a highly rewarding job and a career that I've found worth pursuing.

#### My Advice to Aspiring Lawyers

Try and do lots of different things! While doing my undergraduate degree I did work experience with both barristers and solicitors, in both commercial and public practise. This gave me a better idea of where my interests and skills were aligned, as well as a broader understanding of the legal world.

If you end up working in a legal commercial setting, an understanding of the business and its commercials is just as valuable as an understanding of the law. Volunteering yourself for projects that go beyond your day to day role is also a great way to develop your skills, meet key stakeholders in the business and discover new things about yourself!

## SARAH NEWBY

### LEGAL COUNSEL

#### My route into Law

I have been at BPP for just over a year working as Legal Counsel in the Legal Team. I studied law at the University of York, followed by the LPC at BPP Law School. Whilst training at a mid-sized city law firm, I went on secondment for six months to a large insurance company. I loved the level of responsibility and variety of work that came with working in-house and made the decision to come back to BPP to work in the legal team.

#### My Typical Day

One of the things I enjoy about my job is that no one day is the same! In one day I could provide advice on intellectual property, data protection, commercial contracts (such as IT or supplier agreements), regulatory and corporate governance matters.

#### My hobbies

I enjoy running and take part in my local parkrun most weekends. I will also be running the London Marathon 2020 in support of Acorns Children's Hospice and am in the process of training!

#### My Advice to Aspiring Lawyers

I hadn't considered working in-house when I was studying law at university. My advice would be to try and get a broad range of experience when deciding what you want to do. There are so many different options out there: from legal advice clinics to large city firms, from in-house legal teams to working as a barrister.



# AN INSIGHT INTO THE BPP LEGAL TEAM



## AMY MARREN

### SOLICITOR APPRENTICE

#### My Route into Law

My route into Law has been an extremely varied (and fairly unconventional one!). Having studied Law at GCSE level, it was always a subject that I was interested in however, I did not continue it to A Level. Once I left Sixth Form, I started a Geography and Sport Management degree at another University, but quickly decided that it was not the route that I wanted to take. This decision meant that I needed to turn to my 'Plan B' which was to find an Apprenticeship. That decision was the best one that I've made as it led me here! I started my Paralegal Apprenticeship in September 2017, and I have now progressed on to my new role as a Solicitor Apprentice, studying at BPP. As an Apprentice, I am able to spend one day a week studying, and four days working in an office environment that allows me to grow and develop as a young professional.

#### My Typical Day

I try plan my days as best as possible according to what I have on that week; I could be doing a Data Subject Request all day, or I could be reviewing agreements for the business. Day to day, I also monitor the Data Protection inbox which means that more often than not urgent queries come in, meaning that my day may need to be restructured. I enjoy being in-house for this reason, because you never know what it coming next and you get to build great business relationships though the different queries that you deal with.

#### My Advice for an Aspiring Lawyer

I'm not quite a lawyer yet, so my advice is a lot vaguer! I would say, always take risks and be proud of yourself for having the courage to take them! Sometimes the best thing that you can do is put yourself outside of your comfort zone, and if things do not always work out, it is almost guaranteed that there will be another way!

#### About me

My name is Amy and I am 21. Currently, I am a Solicitor Apprentice, working in BPP's in-house Legal Team with a view to one day join the rest of my team as a qualified Solicitor. I was born in East London, but I now I live in Hornchurch, Essex.

#### Something interesting about me

I live a double-life as a Solicitor Apprentice/ Paralympian; I have competed as a swimmer at the last two Paralympic Games, and I won a bronze medal at the most recent Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro. Outside of work I enjoy going on holidays and spending time with my nearest and dearest.

## JENNY HARDY

### LEGAL COUNSEL

#### About me

I grew up in Texas but moved to London to study Law – I qualified earlier this year, and am now a solicitor in BPP's in-house Legal Team. Outside of work, I enjoy going to the theatre and watching cooking/ baking shows. I also love cats.

#### My Route into Law

My route into Law was not the most conventional – I did my undergraduate degree in New York City, followed by the Graduate Diploma in Law and Legal Practice Course in London. After the completion of my studies, I did my training contract in-house at a large asset management company, before moving to BPP upon qualification.

#### My Typical day

Each day is different as an in-house lawyer. For example, I may start my day by reviewing a commercial contract for the supply of a new software that the business is going to be using, and then provide advice on a data protection query around online marketing. I usually try to schedule my longer calls for after lunch, so in the afternoon I may have a call with a client's legal team to negotiate a contract for the delivery of services by BPP – professional development courses, for instance. Finally, I may end my day with creating a training presentation that I will deliver to employees of the business around a key piece of new legislation.

#### My Advice to an Aspiring Lawyer

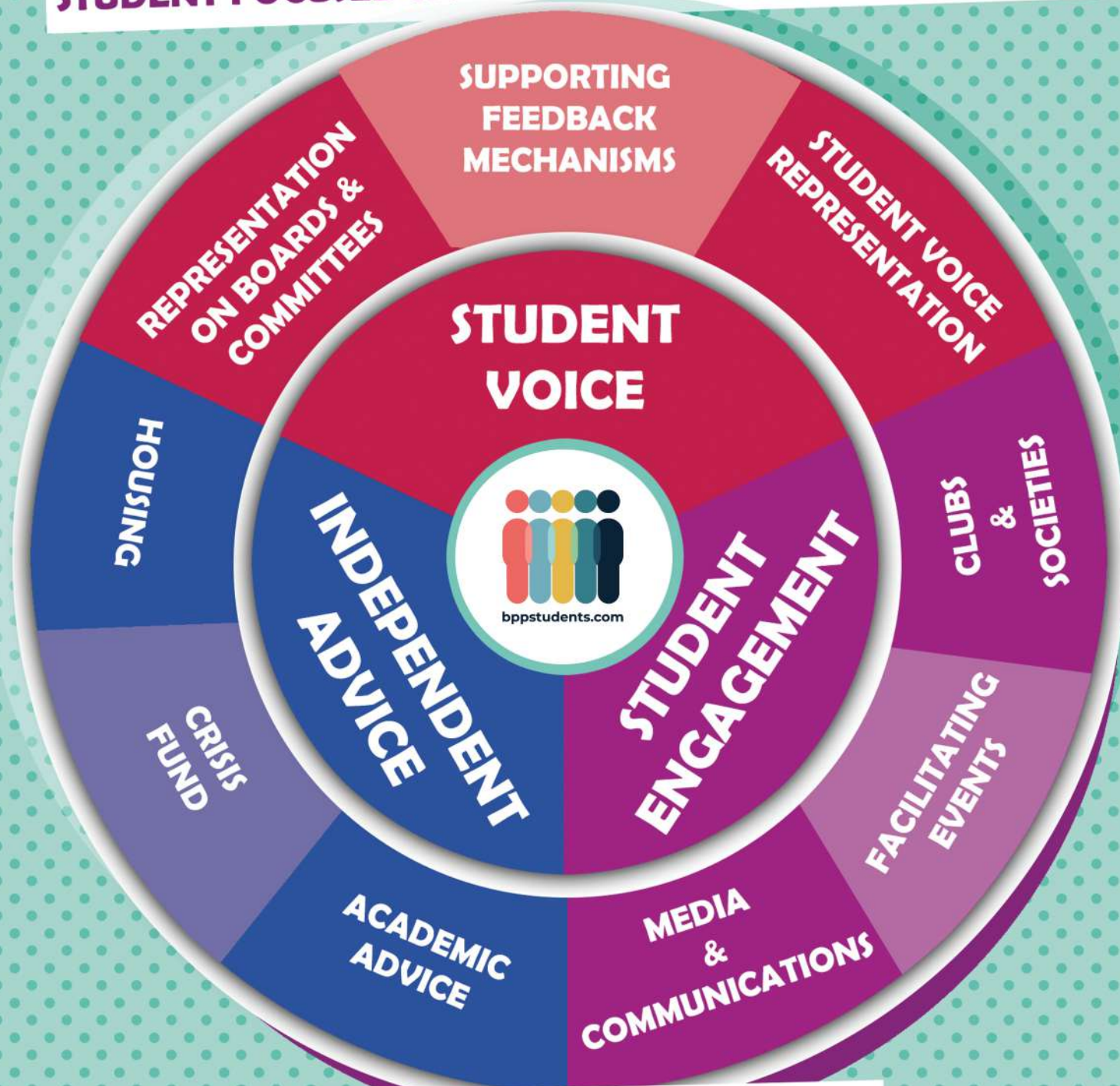
Don't pigeon-hole yourself into one area of law right away. Get as much work experience as you can, as this is the way to really find out if you actually enjoy a particular practice area. There are tons of law firms and businesses out there who would welcome law students for work experience, even if it's just a few days. Take the time to explore your options!



# BPP UNIVERSITY

## INDEPENDENT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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WHAT WE DO  
AND HOW WE DO IT

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## JOIN BPP COMMUNITY!

Check out our student, alumni and staff online network

Go to [community.bpp.com](https://community.bpp.com) to:



### CONNECT

Find and engage with fellow BPP Community members



### EXPAND

Search for a mentor and be introduced to people you should know



### ADVANCE

Book industry and BPP events to advance your career

How to join:

- 1 Go to [community.bpp.com](https://community.bpp.com)
- 2 Sign up using **LinkedIn** or a **personal email address**
- 3 Fill out your **profile** and wait for the confirmation email
- 4 Use **BPP Community** to stay connected!

# BPP

## PRO BONO CENTRE

### ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR...

At BPP, we're all about enhancing the student experience from the very start. The BPP Employability team is keen to engage with our new cohorts as early as possible but understands that, in the first few days after registration, students can often feel overwhelmed with information about their programme and the other BPP services available to them – which include the BPP Pro Bono Centre and Careers Service.

This year, the Employability team at BPP has been finding new ways to share key details about its services to students, which help them to feel informed, but not overloaded.

A popular event has been the Careers and Pro Bono Fair. Students have the chance to visit a variety of stands to find out more about the Careers service and the wide range of pro bono opportunities at BPP. The event is student led – all attendees hear from a panel of current and alumni students who have benefitted from working with the Employability team – but then have the choice to visit whichever stand they want in order to find out more about a specific pro bono project or Careers programme. Students can meet current volunteers, talk to law firm partners and meet the organisations and charities that BPP supports – to get a true feel of what it is like to work with the Pro Bono Centre or use the Careers service. Throw in free cupcakes and pizza, together with freebies from hotel chain Malmaison and the induction event takes on a 'Fresher's fair' feel – with students feeling informed and enthused about making the most of the Employability service during their time at BPP.

Careers and Pro Bono Fairs are popping up across our centres during induction, so look out for one near you in January – they are open to all current students, not just new ones! If you can't make a Fair, the Employability team will be hosting stands at registration, so feel free to come and talk to us about how we can help you.



Our current students and alumni panel talk to the new cohorts.



Students talk to volunteers and lawyers on the Legal Advice Clinic stand.



The BPP Leeds student common room was packed to capacity this year.

# BPP CAREERS AND ALUMNI

The **BPP Careers** team provides you with the tools for you to compete and proceed in your career.

The **BPP Alumni** team connects you with our global alumni network and supports you through your career

What you can expect?

**STUDENTS:**

**ALUMNI:**

**NEXT STEP:**

## BPP CAREERHUB Run By Careers Team



### BPP's Online Portal for Careers Support

- Book Careers Events
- Find Job Opportunities
- View Career Resources & News
- Ask a Question to a Careers Consultant
- Schedule an Appointment with a Careers Consultant
- Ask an Online Librarian



- Receive Careers & CareerHub Support for 18 Months after your Course Finishes

**Login at**  
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## GOINGLOBAL Provided by CareersTeam



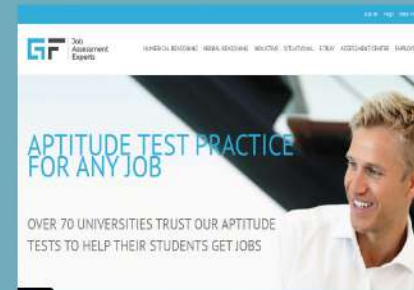
### Online Global Job Search Directory

- View Career Guides
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- Reports & Benchmarking
- Take a Work Personality Questionnaire



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[GraduatesFirst.com](http://GraduatesFirst.com)

## BPP COMMUNITY Run by Alumni Team



### BPP's Online Social Network - NEW -

- For BPP Students, Alumni, Staff, Clients
- Book events
- Reach Out to a Mentor
- Access Online Library Materials
- View Industry Articles and Opinions



Network with Fellow Students

Network with Alumni Worldwide  
Find Job Opportunities  
Become a Mentor  
Share your expertise

**Login at**  
[Community.bpp.com](http://Community.bpp.com)

## GRADUATE OUTCOMES Run by UK Government



### National Survey for Graduates

- Captures Perspective and Activities of Recent Graduates
- Share your BPP Story
- Help make things even Better for Current BPP Students



You will be Contacted 15 Months after your Course Finishes

**Keep your contact details up to date!**

As professional people, we all have our motivations.

Whether you come here to drive innovation, administer a cure, campaign for justice or balance the books, chances are you want to use your career to bring change and progress to the world.

As Health, Safety and Environmental Officer here at BPP, I have been incredibly fortunate to work with the Students' Association to work out how we can bring sustainability visions right to the very heart of how we operate. Here are some quick ways in which you can get involved...

#### 1. Bring your own bottle or re-usable travel mug

Across the University, we've set targets to cut our use of single use plastic cups by 75%. We have begun removing plastic cups from water coolers, so that we can focus on sustainable alternatives. If we all work together, this is an easy way to make a huge difference.

#### 2. Look out for recycling points at your centre

We all need to recycle more. We're planning to introduce better recycling facilities that will allow us to dodge contamination and collectively make a positive difference.

#### 3. Pack a lunchbox

Call "it's a wrap" on packaging. Swap monstrous polystyrene boxes, landfill-destined forks, and ugly plastic bags for an easy-on-the-eye bamboo lunchbox... and save yourself a small fortune in the process!

#### 4. Join the discussion

I'll be teaming up with the Students' Association to hold more focus groups in the future, and would love your involvement. Get in touch, share your ideas and help us to accomplish our greenest of goals. My email address is below.

#### 5. Be mindful of how your everyday decisions impact the environment

Whether it's cutting back on printed materials or saying no to plastic straws, take a moment to consider how your actions can make a positive difference.

Yours sustainably,  
 Amelia Cavinder – Health, Safety and Environmental Officer  
 environmental@bpp.com

# BECOME A STUDENT DIVERSITY AMBASSADOR

## Help us improve social Inclusion and Equality

- \* Organise events
- \* Create blogs
- \* Benefit from development opportunities
- \* Build peer to peer support networks
- \* Enhance your CV

## WE WELCOME APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS ON ALL OUR COURSES!

The BPP Diversity Ambassadors scheme is the result of research on the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME), mature, female, LGBT+ and Disabled student experiences and outcomes. BPP is aware that some groups feel that their voices are not heard or fully understood. The project aims to create a sense of belonging and empowerment, develop peer to peer support networks and generally create an enhanced student experience for all our students.

As a Diversity Ambassador you will be a key point of contact for your fellow students. The role involves listening to the views of others, raising awareness, providing support, sharing developments and raising issues.

You will be trained in wellbeing and mental health and holding difficult conversations. We will link you with our dedicated Inclusion team so you have all the support you need.

You will also be supported and encouraged to organise Diversity related events and student campaigns.

This is a unique opportunity to join our amazing Student Ambassadors Scheme and make a difference to the culture of BPP as a whole.

**Gain a deeper insight and understanding and build your own skills and networks too!**

## YOUR STORY MAKES YOU STRONGER

To sign up please send a brief of 250 words which outlines your commitment to Inclusion and Equality and how you would make a difference to

[Inclusion@bpp.com](mailto:Inclusion@bpp.com)





## NURSING DEGREE APPRENTICE BLOG

University, for some it works, for others it doesn't and I was one of the latter. I knew I hadn't found what I wanted, so dropped out and did something I would never have imagined doing 6 months before; I applied for the role as a Healthcare Assistant at University Hospital Southampton. Doing a job I'd never expected to be doing was daunting, hard work, strenuous and emotionally draining, but it was infectious and I knew I wanted to do nothing else. At this time, I couldn't afford to pay University fees and I felt I didn't have enough experience to immediately go into training to be a Nurse. Fortunately BPP had expanded out of London to Hampshire and opened their School of Nursing to student Apprentices that would not before had the opportunity to train to be a Nurse and commit to fulltime education.

My name is Ellen and I am now finishing my 1st year as a Student Nurse Apprentice in Southampton and I want to illustrate why Nursing Apprenticeships at BPP are the future.

There is a natural lack of understanding regarding a Nursing Degree Apprenticeship and this stems from the fact that Apprenticeships are a re-established form of learning. Moving forward, it has also been reported by my fellow Nursing Apprentices as a beneficial way of progressing in your career whilst still in employment and achieving the same qualifications as a full time learner.

It takes four years to complete the Nursing Degree Apprenticeship. I found that amount of time quite daunting however, this Apprenticeship gives the opportunity for mature students to apply, consistently granting you holiday entitlement and offering reasonable flexibility throughout the duration of the course.

Unsurprisingly, for some, undertaking the Nursing Apprenticeship requires stamina to work and study simultaneously. However, our academics from BPP are those who have been on, or are still working on the front line, sharing their passion and stories, motivating students and offering support in situations they truly understand.

From the bottom of my heart I can thoroughly recommend that this Apprenticeship with BPP is the best way to achieve a Nursing qualification, without incurring significant debts. It combines study with part time work, meaning you are constantly learning and embedding this in to practise to improve patient centred care.

**ELLEN EYERS**



# MENTAL HEALTH AND LAW - WHAT COMES AFTER THE CONVERSATION?

“The conversation needs to go beyond stress and burnout”, an aspiring lawyer tells us. In May, having graduated from one of the best universities in England with a first-class honours, she tried to commit suicide following a “series of personal and professional struggles that created a perfect storm which led to feelings of loneliness and worthless.”

At the beginning of this year, the City Mental Health Alliance (CMHA) surveyed 519 graduates in the legal field, finding that 73% had experienced severe mental health problems and two-thirds feared that being open about their mental health with potential employers would lower their chances of securing a role. This correlates with the Junior Lawyers Division’s Resilience and Wellbeing Survey Report which, having garnered 1,803 responses between January and March 2019, found that one in fifteen junior lawyers have experienced suicidal thoughts in the month leading up to taking the survey. 93.5% of respondents had experienced stress in their role in the last month with almost a quarter of those respondents experiencing extreme levels of stress.

The case at BPP University is broadly reflective of these statistics. Nicholas Glossop, the National Head of Inclusion and Learning Support, told us that there had been an increase in the uptake of mental health services at the university. Of the roughly 2,700 students currently in Learning Support, about twenty per cent disclose mental health difficulties. On top of this, there are also those accessing BPP’s counselling services. While high levels of anxiety and depression are the most prominent issue, there are also issues of ‘low mood’. However, as Glossop pointed out, the causes are “complex and varied”.

Although discussions around mental health among law students and practitioners alike have been ongoing for the past decade, the JLD report found that only 19.3% of respondents experiencing mental ill-health indicated their employer was aware. As the lawyer from the opening paragraph admitted, “the social pressure within the legal field has the effect of silencing those suffering from mental health problems.” At the root of this silence is a flawed assumption that mental fortitude

is a prerequisite for success in the legal profession. This can be seen at a recent panel discussion on ‘Mental health and wellbeing in the law’ organised in partnership with Legal Cheek at Taylor Wessing. When a poll was conducted among the attendees to ascertain what most worried them about working at a city firm, the students remained most concerned about the competitive environment of city law firms.

However, the panel did explore the approach at Taylor Wessing. Firstly, the firm offers a number of services (an in-house GP, trained counsellors on every floor and institution-wide access to the Headspace app) aimed at tackling mental health problems that do arise. Secondly, there is a mentoring scheme which sees trainees and new associates given ‘buddies’ aimed at helping them ease into the firm’s culture. In addition, ‘reverse-mentoring’ enables trainees and associates to provide feedback on their experience at the firm. Thirdly, Laurence Lieberman, the head of Taylor Wessing’s UK Wellbeing Network, emphasised the importance of managing expectations and communicating earlier and better. Essentially, trainees should assess their workloads, and communicate what is realistic. Lieberman also suggested that better planning by associates and partners could reduce instances of excessive workloads being dropped on trainees in the evening.

Looking to the future at BPP University, Glossop spoke about the new initiatives. As well as putting downloadable content on the VLE, BPP is preparing to pilot Europe’s first surround sound meditation experience in the coming months. This will see a room at the Holborn and Leeds campuses transformed into a meditation sanctuary and giving up to twenty students at a time the opportunity to experience a 30 minute guided meditation. However, Glossop equally emphasised the importance of ‘balance and wholism’, suggesting that students should not underestimate how much small day-to-day things can help: ensuring healthy sleeping patterns, getting outside. On World Mental Health Awareness Day in October, BPP had a stall to talk about Mental Health. Glossop told us that students at the Holborn campus were interested in talking about sleep.

Indeed, there is an increasing trend towards ‘self-care’. “There’s a lot to be said about being nice to yourself,” Rachel Jones, a commercial technology and data associate on the ‘Mental health and wellbeing in the law’ panel, remarked. In addition to regular sleep patterns, meta-research published in the peer-reviewed Psychiatry Research found that a “high intake of fruit, vegetables, whole grain, fish, olive oil, low-fat dairy and antioxidants... was apparently associated with a decreased risk of depression.” As mental health issues become more prevalent amongst an ever-younger constituency, there is a clear need for an approach that informs and educates students about how to manage their mental health long before they reach university.

The quotes in this article from the aspiring lawyer are from three different lawyers—the details given about their circumstances, though vague, are applicable to all. Moreover, as the statistics (or a brief glance on social media) show, these experiences are endemic. One might, at this point, be forgiven for hearing Rodya Raskolnikov, the law student and protagonist of Dostoyevsky’s Crime and Punishment, who remarked with a sudden melancholy that “suffering is part and parcel of extensive intelligence and a feeling heart.”

Far from being limited to nineteenth-century Russia, it is conceivable that such sentiments expressed by Raskolnikov might slip from the lips of law students today. The only difference is that the lawyer suffering a cacophony of mental health problems is not merely a twentieth-first-century literary trope, it is all too real.

The BPP Law Society is currently planning an event around mental health set to take place in the coming academic year. In the meantime, if you are experiencing any wellbeing or mental health issues please do not hesitate to contact the BPP Learning Support team:

[LearningSupport@bpp.com](mailto:LearningSupport@bpp.com)

## OMAR MOHAMED







# FAITHFUL STUDENT

BY LOVEJOYT SINGH

For those that class themselves as 'religious' perceive their beliefs and values to be a core and entrenched part of their life. This is not a mere hobby which is indulged in during one's free time, rather, a systematic procedure of how one interacts with and, perceives the world. In the case of R v Blaue [1975] the judge prescribed one should take their 'victim' as they are, mind and body (including religious belief). However, this is not applied in day to day lives as so many students and employees have to remain discrete or shy about their religious belief in fear of being subject to different treatment (covertly and overtly). This article aims to break the silence and share positive impact of religious beliefs that can and do have in the work/study spaces in order for religious people to express themselves more confidently and openly whilst allowing others to respect and understand their beliefs and values.

The connotations that arise with the word religion, in current times, are amiss. It is the reason why, despite being a practicing Sikh, I refuse to call myself religious. It is deemed to be this overarching cloud of dogma coloured in gloom full of prescriptions of do's and do not's that are to be strictly followed otherwise one will be faced with the wrath of hell. This is far from the accurate truth. Being religious is having faith and confidence in a righteous set of belief rather than being controlled or subordinated by such belief. I highlight the word righteous because definitively this cannot be divorced from a true religious/faithful person.

Speaking from my own experience the benefits I have received from practicing my faith in a learning, working or general day to day environment is unfathomable. Gaining and implementing many virtues that are in such environments such as peacefulness, gratitude, dedication to identify the least. At a networking event, I was also able to speak to a former reverend turned barrister who had highlighted significantly the qualities he gained as a reverend are inseparable from his current work namely advocating of the faiths message and, the need to build rapport with any diverse range of person/client.

Embracing my faith itself is a metaphor for expression. The more I have embraced my faith the more confident I have been to express my own ideas and creative thought process allowing me to develop the inner leader and more learned team member within. In the words of the world famous Margaret Thatcher "no faith is only a faith for Sundays," meaning the things we can learn and implement from faith and benefits of expressive as oppose to masked integration is a daily lifestyle to perfect rather than a weekly chore.

Inclusion and equality is core in the demise of the taboo and timidity and opening the conversation about faith in students and faith in employees. BPP is an example of a diverse inclusion and equality. However, to receive concrete results we must ensure there is more than just diverse ranges of people and actually push for a diverse range of educative discourse and training. The increase of education will allow a comfortable and safe space for people to express their faith deterring the ideology of fundamentalism toward integration. Conversely, the lack of education is very undermining - It doesn't help when the prime minister of the country has patronized a large population of the country he serves through racial and uninformed remarks in the press. A long with a top down approach, we as individuals need to make an impact bottom up, this means that, indulging in conversations with peers about their belief to understand each other better and ultimately, create a more desirable society. Remember, together we change.





# BPP LEEDS CHRISTIAN UNION

## A STUDY IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD... WE  
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5:30PM THURSDAY'S



Hi, I am Briony from the Christian Union at BPP Leeds Centre, I am so happy that you are here studying with us, if you are at the Leeds campus, we have meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30pm to explore the Gospel of John and we take prayer requests via my email [b.shutt@my.bpp.com](mailto:b.shutt@my.bpp.com) or you can find us on instagram @Bpp\_cu\_leeds.

We often understand that any University course can be hard but it can also be a brand new opportunity to make new friends, meet new people and explore. BPP offers a great range but sometimes with all the exams and deadlines there isn't much to celebrate so we brought the gospel to you, we will help introduce you to the faith and local churches.

Furthermore, our fellowship allows us to worship, and there's never an excuse not to be worshipping.

If I haven't already persuaded you to join us did I mention free Tea, Coffee and Biscuits?

I hope to hear from you soon.

Blessings and Prayers

**BRIONY**

# Environmental

## CONSCIOUSNESS SOCIETY

ECS Bristol has launched into Term 1 with a new committee, welcoming Lauren Buchan as President, James Harrison as Vice-President and Abi Pinkerton- Guyer as General Secretary.

The society is hosting its first event in November in conjunction with Osborne Clarke, TLT, No5 Chambers and Energy Service Bristol to discuss the growing area of Environmental Law, the role of solicitors and barristers within it, and the specific projects currently happening in Bristol's dynamic energy sector.



LAUREN

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## BPP LAW SOCIETY

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The BPP London Law Society is running this year!

Joining is free and simple:

just e-mail: [s.agalliu@my.bpp.com](mailto:s.agalliu@my.bpp.com)

and like us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/BPPLondonlawsoc/>.

There you may find all the announcements of our future events and opportunities to get involved!

Ours is a student-led organisation and we understand the plight of the modern law student. Thus, we are committed to Diversity, Efficiency and Progression. Firstly, we aim to inform you that there are a variety of pathways to becoming a lawyer. Secondly, we wish to create real opportunities that will allow you to develop tangible skills. Lastly, we are more than a typical law society. We want our members to engage, to ask for help if needed and to offer suggestions. We believe that by fostering a collaborative environment we can all thrive.

### Why should you join us?

- You will attend events tailored to your particular interests with opportunities to speak to lawyers and make connections.
- You will have access to pro-bono opportunities that will allow you to develop and further improve the necessary skills to excel in a legal career.
- You will attend our socials and get to know other students!

Details on these will be advertised in the following weeks so stay tuned!

For any queries, e-mail

[s.agalliu@my.bpp.com](mailto:s.agalliu@my.bpp.com) or [d.mahoney@my.bpp.com](mailto:d.mahoney@my.bpp.com).





## WOMEN IN LAW

The Women in Law Society is a community for networking meetups, panel events, speed interviewing, socials and provides a mentoring scheme for aspiring barristers and solicitors.

The WIL society is currently recruiting the following positions:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Vice-President
- Events & Fundraising Officer
- Media & Publicity Officer

The society is in the progress of being revamped so it's a very exciting time to join. WIL society celebrates and welcomes persons identifying as gender nonconforming, non-binary and women who are Trans & Cis.

Also if you would like to make any suggestions on future events or society activities then please email [wil.bppuniversity@gmail.com](mailto:wil.bppuniversity@gmail.com).



# ASPIRING SOLICITORS

Aspiring Solicitors work with law firms and legal teams to provide events, mentoring, competitions, employability assistance and access to the legal profession. Since 2014, their diverse members have been offered over 1600+ training contracts and vacation schemes. They are a fantastic organisation that help increase diversity and inclusion within the legal profession and help individuals from underrepresented groups gain access to a career in law.

For more information on how to get involved with Aspiring Solicitors please get in contact with Laura who is the President of the Aspiring Solicitors Society and the Aspiring Solicitors Campus Ambassador for BPP Holborn 19/20. She posts regular updates, opportunities and event information on the Aspiring Solicitors - BPP Holborn Facebook page so please give it a like!

There is also plenty of Aspiring Solicitors promotional material in the BPP Holborn careers office for you to find out more about the amazing work Aspiring Solicitors does.

If you have any questions about Aspiring Solicitors or you are interested in becoming a campus ambassador for 2020/2021 please contact Laura through the Facebook page or drop her an email at [l.keane@my.bpp.com](mailto:l.keane@my.bpp.com)

## BPP LABOUR PARTY

Labour Party Conference this year marked a turning point for Labour in many respects. Overshadowed by the more radical policy motions passed at conference of “Abolish Eaton”, however, were key improvements in Labour’s proposals for justice policy.

On the Sunday when BPP Labour Society attended, Richard Burgeon, Shadow Justice Minister, announced details on Labour’s commitment to reverse the severe cuts made to the Legal aid programme since The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act was passed in 2012. Much of the initiatives had a distinct communitarian take on provision of legal services.

These included, a £20 million grant to fund for People’s Law Centres, community-run projects to build on existing law centres by increasing capacity to hire extra staff.

More interestingly for students, a further £20 million is to be spent on training for 200 social welfare lawyers – basically government-funded training contracts to nurture new networks of law centres, particularly focused on communities hardest hit.

These reforms are welcomed especially in the context of Labour’s adoption of the statutory “Right to Justice”, as a fundamental public entitlement enshrined as a Convention right in line with the Bach Report’s recommendations on Access to Justice.

For more information about getting involved in BPP Labour Society or attending Labour Party Conference 2020 in Liverpool next year, please contact us on the BPP Labour Society Facebook page!



## Feeling intimidated by the concept of ‘commercial awareness’? **Don't !**

We are Seeking to Enhance our Members Understanding and Awareness of Current Affairs and their Impact in both A Legal and Commercial Context. we will Organise:

- Regular Student-LED Workshops
- Law Firm Workshops
- Networking Events
- Monthly Newsletter Where you Could Publish your Article
- Guest Speaker events and
- An exciting Commercial events Competition at the end of which we Aim that both, You and Us, will have Developed the skill of Commercial Awareness.



### For further information on the society

Check our work on Facebook:  
**@BPPCommercialAwareness**  
or please email:  
**f.ali18@my.bpp.com**



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## MENS 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL TEAM

Passion is shown during every game at the Mens 5 a side football team play, and they are off to a fantastic start in their debut season. We are currently undefeated in their league with a perfect record of 4 wins from 4 games. We also defeated another local team in a friendly fixture which was played immediately after a league game, making our all-time record 5 wins from 5 games.

The demand to play has been high and we will consider expanding into a 7 a side team in the New Year.

We hope to continue playing to a high standard and maintain our position at the top of the league!

The lads have shown great passion and drive every game – let's keep it going!



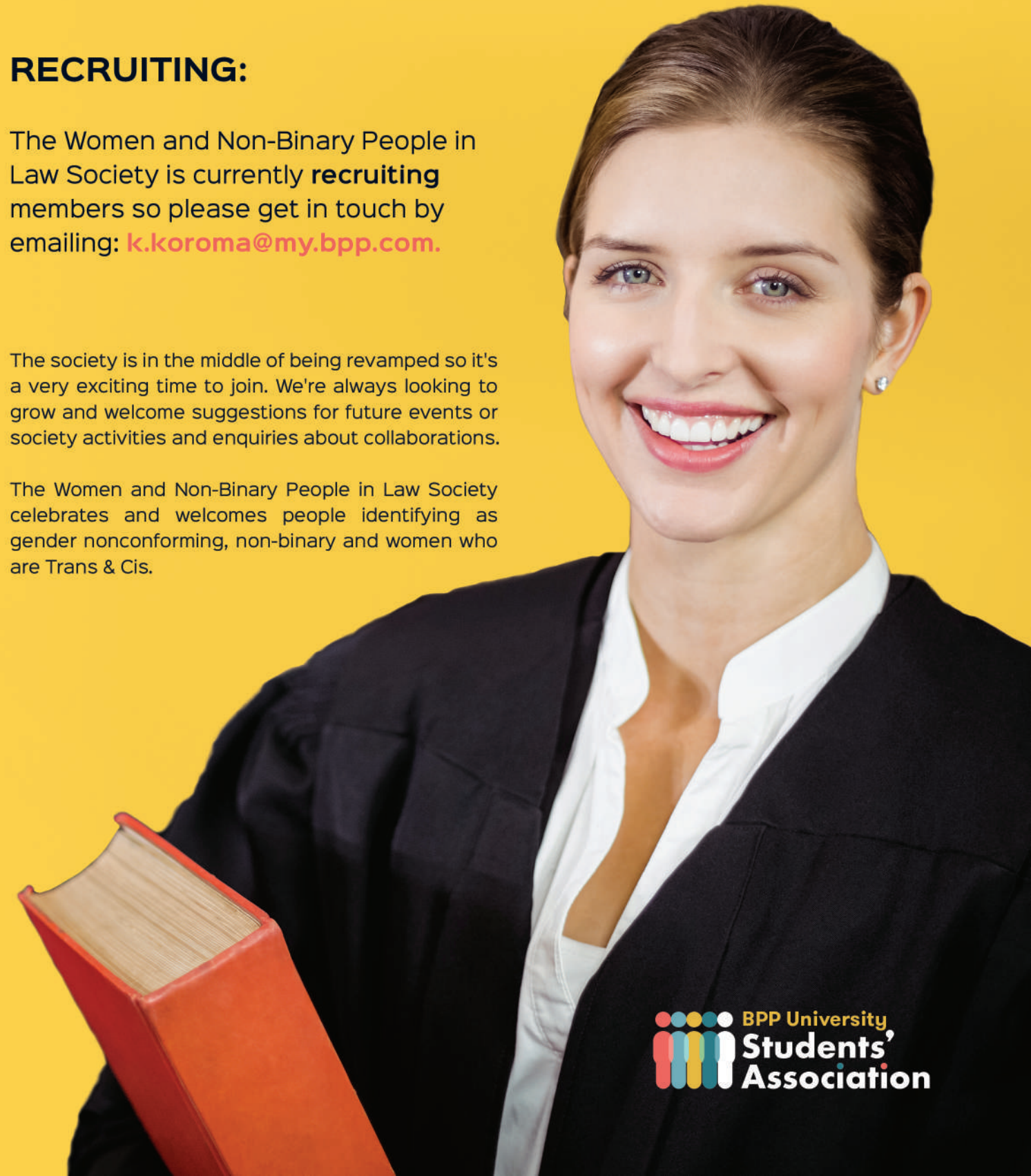
## WOMEN AND NON-BINARY PEOPLE IN LAW SOCIETY

### RECRUITING:

The Women and Non-Binary People in Law Society is currently **recruiting** members so please get in touch by emailing: [k.koroma@my.bpp.com](mailto:k.koroma@my.bpp.com).

The society is in the middle of being revamped so it's a very exciting time to join. We're always looking to grow and welcome suggestions for future events or society activities and enquiries about collaborations.

The Women and Non-Binary People in Law Society celebrates and welcomes people identifying as gender nonconforming, non-binary and women who are Trans & Cis.





# KARATE CLASSES

**EVERY WEDNESDAY  
FRIDAY 5:30PM - 8PM**

**Sensei Catarina**

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Number: 07925482666  
EMAIL: catarina.dasilva@hotmail.co.uk



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISTANCE LEARNING STUDENTS

### ARE YOU A DISTANCE LEARNING STUDENT AND WANT TO BUILD ON THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY ALONGSIDE YOUR STUDIES?

We are the perfect society for you! Our society is flexible to allow our members (from across the globe) to contribute and help shape the platform into what we want and need it to be.

Whether discussing Kim K becoming a lawyer, talking through model answers, revision techniques or arranging a local meet-up with fellow students in your hometown (to name a few examples) ... it is an inclusive space where we want to encourage a greater sense of community for Distance Learning students, wherever they might live in the world.

If you would like to register, please email Ella on [e.wellington2@my.bpp.com](mailto:e.wellington2@my.bpp.com) from your BPP email address.

We are also hoping to expand our committee, and really welcome any suggestions on how we can better our society, please email Ella to express your interest.





# BPP INDIAN SOCIETY

BPP Indian Society is a newly formed society, formed by BPP Students to introduce and promote Indian Culture while enjoying the best of what university life has to offer. Throughout the year we plan to hold variety of events ranging from social gatherings, sports, charity and cultural events.

We look forward to promoting the diverse Indian culture throughout BPP University. The society is open to everyone at the university regardless of cultural background, who want to meet new people and learn about various cultures alongside having lots of fun.

## Society Committee

Interested in getting more involved with the society? Join up as a member then get in touch to see if they have any available committee places.



Email us regarding any queries and to join as a member of the society.

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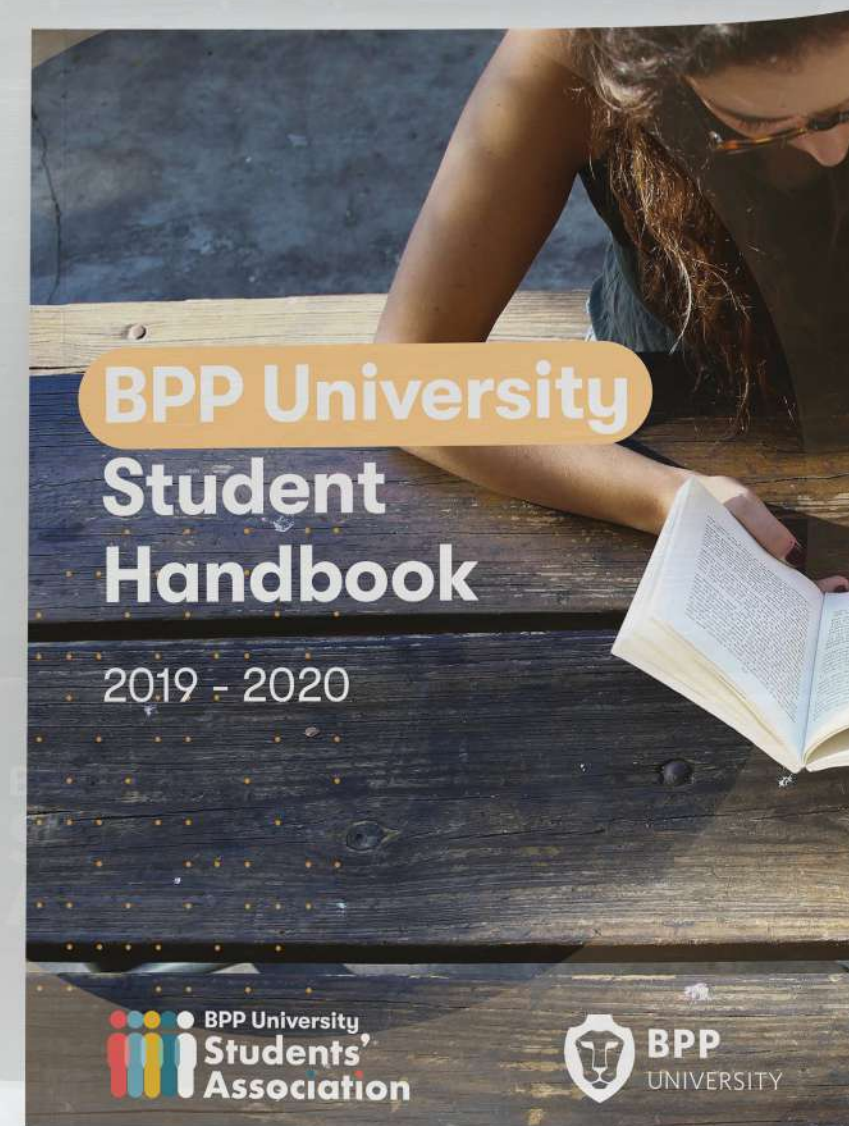
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