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FOUNDATION

MAKING AN IMPACT



Penningtons Manches Cooper Foundation is a new charity with a broad outlook but focusing particularly on vulnerable groups, education projects and community work.

Established in 2017 and formally registered by the Charity Commission, we aim to build on Penningtons Manches Cooper's strong history of supporting good causes by bringing structure and focus to the firm's charitable giving and pro bono initiatives.

The foundation is funded by donations from Penningtons Manches Cooper partners and staff as well as from clients, contacts and other friends of the firm. Our activities are overseen by a group of seven trustees from within Penningtons Manches Cooper and supported by dedicated local committees at each of the firm's seven UK offices.

CENTRAL INITIATIVES

Each year we will prioritise a core project in which Penningtons Manches Cooper staff can have an active involvement.


The first of these is modern slavery and human trafficking, a serious issue affecting vulnerable people both across the UK and worldwide.

Our involvement in this field has led to the formation of a number of working partnerships with organisations undertaking vital work to support victims of exploitation, including the **Anti Trafficking and Labour Exploitation Unit (ATLEU), Caritas Bakhita House, Helen Bamber Foundation, Human Trafficking Foundation, Office of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, St Mungo's** and **The Passage**.

COMMUNITY GIVING

Alongside our central programme, we encourage schemes which have a positive impact on the communities in which we live and work. Each UK office committee, in London, Basingstoke, Cambridge, Guildford, Oxford and Reading, annually selects a number of local projects and charities whose activities complement the main objectives of the foundation. We are already working with organisations such as **Asylum Welcome, Home-Start, Justice in Motion, Kith and Kids, Surrey Sports Park** and **YMCA**, to name but a few.

In addition to financial assistance, one of our key offerings is pro bono and voluntary activity which is encouraged across Penningtons Manches Cooper. Each member of staff is allowed to undertake 21 hours of voluntary work every year during office hours so that as many people as possible have the opportunity to get involved, either individually or as a team.



Launching the foundation has provided the opportunity to enhance the funding, resources and commitment offered to a variety of important causes both locally and nationally – we look forward to continuing to make a difference on many levels.



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If you would like to learn more about the work of the foundation or wish to make a donation, please email info@pmcharitablefoundation.org.uk or visit www.penningtonslaw.com/corporate-responsibility.

Alternatively, please contact **Gillian Rivers**, Foundation Chair, at Penningtons Manches Cooper Foundation, 125 Wood Street, London EC2V 7AW.