



# Dear Law Students of The University of Manchester

We are excited to invite you to participate in a joint event organised by The University of Manchester in collaboration with Ukrainian law students

## Purpose of the Event:

The primary goal of this event is to explore and compare the work of legal clinics in the UK and Ukraine, focusing on their pivotal role in providing free legal aid and preparing students for real-world legal practice.

Participants will gain insights into the different approaches to clinic organisation, relevant legislation, and the handling of practical cases in both countries

## Event Programme:

This event will take place in two parts in 2025, with the first online session scheduled for 26th March and the second on 9th April. Each session will run from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and will be held *via Microsoft Teams*.

### Part 1 (26th March):

#### Presentations on the Work of Legal Clinics in the UK and Ukraine

##### Topics to be covered:

- The development and structure of legal clinics in both the UK and Ukraine
- The legislative framework and societal impact of legal clinics
- Common legal issues addressed by clinics
- The significance of offering free legal advice

This segment will also provide an opportunity for both UK and Ukrainian law students **to introduce themselves and share their motivations** for pursuing a career in law.

### Part 2 (9th April):

#### Legal Case Study

During the event, **an identical family law case will be examined, focusing on divorce, division of assets, and determination of the child's residence**. This case will be presented in two versions: one based on the legal system of the United Kingdom, and the other on that of Ukraine. Students will have the opportunity to explore how similar disputes are resolved within each legal system, with particular attention paid to the duration of proceedings, the costs involved, and the handling of key issues such as property division and child residency. There will also be a brief discussion of the challenges of international family law, specifically how such disputes are handled when one spouse is a foreign national.

This event promises **to be an engaging and insightful experience**, providing valuable learning opportunities for everyone involved.

### Event Coordinators:

Each university will have a designated faculty coordinator who will help organise student participation in the event. Applications should be sent to the email address of the coordinator at your respective university:

- **University of Manchester:** *Ruth Lamont*, email: [ruth.lamont@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ruth.lamont@manchester.ac.uk)
- **State Tax University:** *Liubov Omelchuk*, email: [o.l.v.0328@gmail.com](mailto:o.l.v.0328@gmail.com)

### Participant Selection:

**Five students from each university** will be selected for active participation.

In the event of a large number of applicants, a selection process will be implemented. Interested participants will be asked **to fill out an application form and submit a brief motivational letter**. Participants will be chosen based on these submissions.

All selected participants will receive **a certificate of participation, which can be added to your CV**. This certificate will reflect your social engagement, communication skills, and readiness to take on new challenges, all valuable qualities for future legal professionals.



*However, even if you are not selected as a main participant, you are still welcome to attend the event, either online or in person, and to ask questions or make comments.*

### How to Apply:

To apply for participation in the event, please contact your university coordinator. If you have any questions or need further clarification, you may also reach out via the email addresses provided above.

*We are providing several links below that will allow students to learn more about the Ukrainian university and its students.*

- [State Tax University](#)
- [Legal Clinic](#)

*You can also watch [a video message](#) where Ukrainian students invite you to join an exciting event to enrich and broaden your experience in legal studies.*