



## What is the Windrush Compensation Project?

The Windrush Compensation Project is a University of Leicester Legal Advice Clinic Project, set up to raise awareness about the government's Windrush Compensation Scheme, and help people to access it. The project team is made up of 5 Law School students, overseen by the Legal Advice Clinic Manager. We help potential claimants with their applications for compensation following the Windrush Scandal. We have partnered with United Legal Access to ensure that claimants receive a well-rounded service that meets their needs and helps them to successfully submit compensation claims to the Windrush Compensation Scheme. We offer our services to the community free of charge.

## What is the Windrush Compensation Scheme?

The Windrush Compensation Scheme was launched by the government in April 2019 to compensate members of the Windrush generation who suffered losses as a result of being unable to prove their right to live in the UK during the government's "hostile environment" policy during the last decade. Compensation can include payment for loss of employment, benefits, impact on life and other hardship.

## How can the project help Community Organisations?

We can work with community organisations to raise awareness of the compensation scheme amongst their members. Our services are free of charge, organisations can take advantage of developing legal minds, with a range of transferrable skills to help address the issues affected by Windrush. We know that the work involved in such cases can be sensitive and time

consuming. We hope community organisations will help us to help the communities they provide services to.

## How can the project help Individuals?

The team can help individuals assess their eligibility to submit a claim through the Windrush Compensation Scheme. If you are eligible, we can talk you through the claim process, and help you think about which if the categories of loss apply to you. You will need evidence to support your claim and we can help you to work out what evidence you have (or can get hold of) to support your claim.

Once you are ready to make a claim, we can refer your case over to United Legal Access who can support you (also for free) whilst you make the claim. Or you can submit the claim yourself.

## Who is United Legal Access?

United Legal Access ("ULA") is a legal and social justice organisation that provides free legal support in the community. They focus on migrant and ethnic minority groups, socially excluded communities and those facing injustice such as those affected by the Windrush Scandal.

## Our services during the pandemic

We are currently running a contactless service due to Covid 19 restrictions. We can support organisations and individuals via video chat, telephone and email.

When it is safe to do so, we are very keen to work face-to-face in drop-in clinics on campus or at community hubs.

## How to contact us

Please get in touch if you would like us to help you to access the Compensation Scheme or you would like us to work with your organisation.

- Email: [lawadviceclinic@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:lawadviceclinic@leicester.ac.uk)
- Facebook: <https://bit.ly/3oGDWKE>
- Instagram: <https://bit.ly/3n6tD26>
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