

Youth Law Australia (formerly National Children's and Youth Law Centre) is an online, not-for-profit community legal centre that provides free legal advice, information and referrals to children and young people aged 24 and under throughout Australia. Their technology-enabled service reaches thousands of children, young people and their advocates throughout regional, rural and metropolitan Australia every year.

"Volunteering with the [Youth Law Australia] has been the absolute highlight of my degree. Having opportunities to not only develop my own legal research and writing skills, but to use these to provide advice to children and young people experiencing legal problems has helped me see how I might be able to use my Law degree to help others – which has been such a richly rewarding experience."

Rachel Williamson, Former UNSW Volunteer

Position Title:

Legal volunteer - Onsite

Location:

UNSW Law Centres Precinct, Level 1, UNSW Law Building

Hours:

Casual - Minimum 1 day a week, unpaid – this role is only open to penultimate or final year law students. We ask that students commit to at least one semester with us. We are able to be flexible during STUVAC and exam periods.

Role Description:

Youth Law Australia is now accepting volunteer applications from penultimate and final year law students. The successful candidate will be a passionate and highly motivated Law student with strong skills in legal research and writing.

A placement will provide you with the unique opportunity to gain skills in drafting legal advice and undertaking legal research in all areas of the law

throughout Australia. You will also perform administrative tasks. We are a leader in the application of technology to legal service delivery and successful applications are expected to develop their skills in this area.

Opportunities to work on law reform and policy may arise for motivated and passionate volunteers that demonstrate a clear interest in children's law reform.

You will join an energetic, friendly and welcoming team located in the UNSW Law Building and work alongside like-minded individuals with a passion for social justice and increasing access to justice for children and young people through innovative uses of technology.

Requirements:

- Penultimate or Final year law student
- Strong legal research skills
- Strong plain language legal drafting skills
- Demonstrated experience, or understanding and interest in child's rights
- Demonstrated experience, or understanding and interest in law and technology

Application Process:

To apply, please forward your CV, covering letter, available days and academic transcript to admin@yla.org.au

Successful applicants will be contacted to complete a written exercise and attend a face to face interview.