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Our Mission

For 35 years, the Environmental Law Foundation has advanced environmental justice across the UK.

Through our pro bono legal support we help grassroots communities safeguard the environment and hold powerful actors to account. Alongside our casework, we strengthen the environmental justice ecosystem and ensure that communities have a say in the policies and practices impacting their lives.



Strategic Aims and Activities

Supporting grassroots communities to understand and use the law

Our primary activities include:

- **Providing pro bono legal advice and litigation support** to communities across the UK working to safeguard the environment. Each year, our legal team and national network of pro bono lawyers respond to more than 350 requests for legal support.
- **Helping communities participate effectively in consultations and negotiations** with government bodies, regulators, corporations and other powerful stakeholders.

Building a stronger environmental justice ecosystem

Our primary activities include:

- **Building and managing a national network of barristers, solicitors and technical experts specialised in environmental law.** This network unlocks up to £1 million in additional pro bono legal support each year for the communities we serve and is a powerful platform for shared learning and advocacy.
- **Managing a network of 20 UK university law schools,** through which we deliver legal and policy clinics each year. These clinics support the development of the next generation of environmental lawyers while also producing policy research, resources and toolkits that advance our goals.
- **Managing a national database and network of community partners,** helping to facilitate community-to-community knowledge sharing and peer support.

Advancing policies and practices informed by community voices

Our primary activities include:

- **Carrying out research that utilises our casework data,** and is informed by community voices, and translating it into evidence-based advocacy to improve environmental policy and access to justice.
- **Informing and shaping national debate** on access to environmental justice, including the importance and implementation of the Aarhus Convention within the UK.
- **Advancing Rights of Nature** through engagement with local authorities and direct support to communities adopting Rights of Nature charters and frameworks.