

# JLAP

JUNIOR LAWYERS  
AGAINST POVERTY



## UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI FACULTY OF LAW CHAPTER

### REPORT OF THE JLAP STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

DATE: 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

#### JLAP INTRODUCTION

*Junior Lawyers Against Poverty* is a network of students and junior lawyers using their legal skills to help fight one of the world's toughest challenges – eradication of poverty – through global improvement of access to justice and legal education.

We *fight poverty* through our work on legal support projects, public interest litigation, twinning law students and law departments at universities, training law students and junior lawyers and fundraising for our Justice Fund (amongst other projects!).

JLAP was founded in 2015 to include university students, legal apprentices and trainee lawyers in Lawyers Against Poverty projects. JLAP Groups now operate at universities across the UK and in Africa, with hundreds of students participating in JLAP projects since its inception

We are a wide network of law students and junior lawyers, from Manchester, Eritrea, London, Gambia, Exeter, Nairobi, Kampala and many more... This led to the launch of JLAP - University of Nairobi Law Chapter in March, 2021 under the patronage of Prof. Kiarie Mwaura.

## **THE MEETING**

The meeting was arranged by the JLAP Secretariat, with the UoN Coordinator, Silas Owiti and incoming Chairperson in the lead. We had a lot of support from the Assistant Dean of Students, Mr Ngigi.

It was officiated by the Registrar of Parklands campus and the Assistant dean of students.

In attendance were:

UoN Coordinator-Silas Owiti

Chairperson-Aimee Chelangat

Editor-in-Chief-Harrison Otieno

Campaign Manager-Abner Khuzwayo

Ass. Campaign Manager- Maureen Moraa

Mitchell Atieno-Secretary

Omer John-Social Media Manager

Victor Maina- Treasurer

The guests

Naomi Sander

She is the Lawyers Against Poverty Coordinator responsible for relations between the various JLAP branches and is also legal counsel at Bboxx, a company invested in eradicating energy poverty. She is also involved in other companies such as Focus on Green Finance, Social Finance and Impact Investing, is a UK Board Member of Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers, Mentor for Ocean Hub Africa and is a member of Women in Social Finance.

She has a BA in Philosophy and French from the University of Bristol, LPC from the University of Law and Master of Laws from the University of London.

She was accompanied by two colleagues from Bboxx, Jaymini Philp and David.

## OBJECTIVES

To interact with our guests and learn from their work experience

To discuss the future of JLAP in UoN

To discuss future opportunities for the members of the club such as internships

To discuss proposed exchange programme opportunities and twinning programmes

To discuss activities and projects taking place in the wider JLAP community

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Since its inception in 2020, JLAP has worked to define itself at Parklands campus. It has conducted several activities such;

Team building with Evans Ogada, editor at The Platform Magazine

Mentorship with David Greene, President of the Law Society of London, Eric Theuri, President of the Law Society of Kenya among other speakers

A hangout session with Irungu Houghton, Executive Director at Amnesty International Kenya

A writing mentorship programme in collaboration with the Platform Magazine

A partnership with AISEC Kenya for exchange program opportunities

. Through these activities, JLAP sought to foster new skills in its members and provide networking opportunities.

## CHALLENGES

There are some pending activities which we are seeking to start off such as the twinning and exchange program activities. These would incentivise students to participate in the club activities and have more contact with our programmes

There is limited support in terms of funding to the club, which inhibit some club activities and projects that we intend to start.

There is a lack of a structured system of guidance from the larger LAP.

## NEEDS

That the pending programmes such as the twinning and exchange programme opportunities be initiated

That there be more direct mentorship from the lawyers at LAP

That more incentives be created for our members such as internship opportunities

That we have a more streamlined connection to the other branches of JLAP and with LAP

That we be accorded more resources for our activities.