

# STRATEGIC LEGAL FUND FOR VULNERABLE YOUNG MIGRANTS

## Developing an Archive for the Strategic Legal Fund - Call for Expressions of Interest from Partners

The Strategic Legal Fund for Vulnerable Young Migrants (SLF) is a fund to support legal work that goes beyond securing justice for an individual and makes a significant contribution to law, practice and procedures to uphold and promote the rights of vulnerable migrant children and young people more generally.

After a successful pilot year and an external evaluation that recommended continuation and extension, the SLF secured funding to continue working until March 2014. Our scope widened to cover

- Young people under the age of 25 – previously limited to under 21s
- Any vulnerable young migrant – previously limited to refugee and asylum seeking children

A total of 9 grants under the new terms and 23 under the old have been awarded to date to a mix of NGOs and private law firms. All have involved the collection or development of knowledge, for pre litigation research and interventions in cases. This may have included:

- Original research, including interviews with people affected
- Collation of relevant policies or practices
- Counsel's opinion
- Literature searches and evaluation of secondary sources
- Development of legal strategies

The Fund are keen that this knowledge is shared as widely as possible, and in particular with:

- Lawyers and advisers who may find it of use in dealing with cases
- Anyone considering taking strategic legal action
- Migrant communities
- Young people's organisations
- People working in the policy field with an interest in vulnerable young migrants

- Academics

We therefore want to develop an archive of the material produced with SLF funding and are now looking for a partner with whom to develop this.

We require a partner who:

- Understands this field and has prior knowledge of the issues faced by vulnerable young migrants and the law in this area
- Has the skills and capacity to develop and maintain an archive.
- Has good contacts with the likely users of the archive
- Has the capacity to publicise the archive, preferably via their own and other existing newsletters, websites, etc with a good reach and reputation
- Is stable and likely to remain in the field for at least the next decade

We anticipate the work involved to include:

- Liaising with grantees to collect the material
- Liaising with SLF staff to ensure that grant conditions cover cooperation with the archive appropriately
- Developing an appropriate taxonomy for the archive
- Developing and storing the archive
- Publicising the archive regularly
- Enabling appropriate access to the archive for those with an interest

We expect this to be a partnership and are open to discussions about which work should be undertaken by each of those involved: SLF staff, grantees and the archive.

We have set aside £10,000 for the work involved in setting up and running this archive for the first year, but are open to discussion about this figure where appropriate.

We are approaching organisations that we believe may have the capacity to do this work and an interest in it. If you are interested, we would like an initial brief expression of interest by midday on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013, with some information about how you meet our requirements and your thoughts about how you would do this work (1-2 pages max).

We will let you know by 2 August whether we would like you to then prepare a more detailed proposal by 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013 which should specify

- The staff input from your organisation that would be needed for this work
- The volunteer input needed
- Other possible inputs from your organisation
- How you would ensure that the archive is accessible to the maximum number of potential users

- What potential problems you anticipate in setting this up, and how you will overcome them
- What costs you would need to have met to set up the archive
- How much per year you think it might cost thereafter
- The work you would expect from our staff and grantees

We intend to use this as the basis for deciding who should be our partner for the archive, but expect that the final arrangement will be the result of further negotiation between all involved.

If you would like to discuss this, please contact Sue Lukes on 020 7359 1455 or [sue.lukes@migrationwork.org](mailto:sue.lukes@migrationwork.org).

Please submit expressions of interest by email to Sue Lukes by midday on Friday 26 July.

More information about the Strategic Legal Fund at [www.strategiclegalfund.org.uk](http://www.strategiclegalfund.org.uk).