

**We invite you  
to join the  
Friends of FLAC**



**With your support  
we can change the  
law for the better,  
and change lives  
for the better.**



# Achieving transformational change doesn't happen overnight. But it does happen – month by month

FLAC is committed to helping bring about real change in the lives of vulnerable people in Ireland. The cost of this work is growing month by month too.

## Every month counts...

in the promotion of equal access to justice for all

in providing free legal information and advice and connecting people to the services they need

in ensuring that people who are over-indebted have access to adequate legal advice

in campaigning for systemic change that will improve the lives of marginalised and disadvantaged people in Ireland

in championing a fairer welfare system

in using the law in the public interest

## Introducing the Friends of FLAC Programme

FLAC is fortunate to have a large pool of committed volunteers and supporters who have contributed their time and resources over many years, allowing us to provide legal assistance to 27,500 people annually.

FLAC is establishing the Friends of FLAC Programme so that we can continue to campaign for equal access to justice for all.

## Just €21 a month to make a real difference\*

All it takes is a monthly standing order of €21, which we can help you set up. By joining the Friends of FLAC programme, you receive the following benefits:

- invitation to the FLAC Annual Dave Ellis Memorial Lecture
- updates via FLAC e-mail bulletin and FLAC Annual Report
- a FLAC pin
- access to FLAC research and publications
- invitation to FLAC and PILA events

\*If you are an Irish taxpayer and you donate €21 per month or €250 a year or more, we can increase the value of your donation by almost 45%, through Tax Efficient Giving.

**€250**

Daily cost of running our information line.

**€375**

Daily cost of ensuring that our FLAC centres run smoothly.

# Be part of FLAC's future

**Our vision is that every person in Ireland is able to access the legal supports they need to vindicate their rights in a timely and accessible way. We would like to see basic human rights principles at the heart of all Irish public services and systems.**

So while we are keen to maintain our current level of work on informing and advising the public on legal issues, as well as campaigning and challenging social injustice, we also want to develop new ways to increase access to justice for all.

## See the changes

- **We are working on an online resource to allow people to find specific and reliable legal information on a number of areas.**
- **We plan to expand our legal information with easy to understand video guides.**
- **We will roll out more legal training and resources for FLAC volunteer lawyers to meet emerging needs in FLAC centres.**
- **We will increase our legal advice outreach in areas of need.**
- **We will develop new ways of campaigning on law reform and social justice issues.**
- **We will evolve our analysis and research on law reform and provide legal thinking that can deliver real systemic change for vulnerable and marginalised people in Ireland.**
- **We will grow as the primary hub of public interest law in Ireland.**

## Support us

We can work to make access to justice a reality for everyone in Ireland.

## Real change, real lives

We help people by:

- **Advocating for human rights as a basis for state services & systems.**
- **Championing a fairer and more equal social welfare system.**
- **Ensuring that consumers of financial services have proper legal protections.**
- **Campaigning for debt law reforms that can help over-indebted people.**
- **Pressing for well-resourced state civil legal aid provision.**
- **Seeking to ensure that borrowers have access to adequate legal advice.**
- **Providing legal information and advice through our telephone information and referral line and our FLAC Centres.**
- **Supporting non-governmental organisations to achieve social change through law in the public interest.**

**“The opposite of poverty is not wealth. In too many places, the opposite of poverty is justice.”**  
**Bryan Stevenson,**  
**Equal Justice Initiative**

# I want to join the Friends of FLAC Programme

## INSTRUCTION TO YOUR BANK TO PAY A STANDING ORDER

I wish to pay on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each month the sum of:  €21\*  €10  Or my own amount of \_\_\_\_\_

To: Free Legal Advice Centres, Ulster Bank, 33 College Green, Dublin 2

BIC: ULSBIE2D IBAN: IE03ULSB98501006864680

### Please debit my current account

Bank Identifier (BIC)\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ IBAN \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Since the introduction of the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA) in 2014, you are required to provide the BIC and IBAN numbers for your bank account in place of your account number and sort code. These numbers should appear on your most recent bank statement.

TO THE MANAGER: (Name of your Bank/Building Society) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of your branch \_\_\_\_\_

Your account name \_\_\_\_\_

- I instruct you to pay this Standing Order from my account at the request of FLAC under the terms above.
- I will inform the bank in writing if I wish to cancel this instruction.
- I understand that if a Standing Order is paid which breaks the terms of this instruction, the Bank will make a refund.

Signature(s) Please provide both signatures if joint accounts \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name(s) here (BLOCK CAPITALS) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE: If you make a donation to FLAC of €250 in a calendar year, FLAC can claim back an additional €112.32 from the Revenue Commissioners, bringing the total value of your donation up to €362.32, at no extra cost to you.

or

You can log on to [www.flac.ie](http://www.flac.ie) and make a secure online donation

You can send a cheque to FLAC, 13 Lower Dorset Street, Dublin 1

Please complete and return to FLAC, 13 Lower Dorset Street, Dublin 1

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