



say about their home countries and their ideas for how the conflicts they fled could be brought to an end. It also reminds you that Caritas is not a business with clients, but an NGO that is designed to treat asylum seekers as equals. Viewing the Migrant Centre as a social space, rather than a customer service job, makes the work so much more rewarding.

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Work Projects

We were working in small groups on the research for the articles which the firm is planning to publish. Their main focus of those articles were legal improvements to be introduced in Cyprus, but I was providing research on a comparative perspective of UK legal system. One of my projects was concerned with the cost of litigation and legal aid and the other was about public consultations (it should be noted that we were given the choice of projects we wanted to research).

The employees of Harris Kyriakides communicated with us via WhatsApp and Messenger and were always available to help us and answer our questions. We were also given feedback on the draft articles we have wrote. Each member of the group is to be mentioned as a research associate once the papers we have prepared are published.

Daily Life

The working hours were 8.00-13.30 (UK time). The firm made sure to adjust working hours for remote interns so that we did not have to start the work too early in the morning. This meant that we started slightly later than interns working in-person in Cyprus.

We were given a lot of freedom with conducting our research. We had a few calls with employees of the firm but we have mainly communicated on WhatsApp and messenger and the employees checked regularly if we had any questions/issues. I was finishing my work quite early in the day so that I had extra time to do something fun in the evening or study.



Lasting Impressions

I had some research experience, but I have never worked for a law firm before - this was something new and interesting, and a good introduction into office work. I definitely learned a lot about the two topics I was conducting the research in and I am certain they will

be of use in my studies or later in the future. I would like to pursue career as a solicitor and this work experience gave me some insight into it. I also had some good opportunities to talk to lawyers in the firm and get some advice on my future career.

What practical advice would you give to future interns?

I would say to stick to the working hours and not to go beyond them. Because I was working remotely there was no natural end to a working day (i.e. leaving the office) so I had to ensure that I was not over-working myself. I would also say not to be afraid to ask or reach out to the employees you are interacting with for a piece of advice about your future plans or some extra information on how they organised their career.



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