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Mediation Clinic



The University of Strathclyde Mediation Clinic is a free, student-led mediation. The Clinic aims to help people resolve disputes without a formal court hearing.

What is Mediation?

Mediation is a conversation between two or more people that disagree, led by a trained, neutral mediator. Mediation is a less expensive, time-saving alternative to court.

In mediation the disputing parties have the chance to settle their differences in a safe, confidential and efficient manner.

Mediation helps people get what they need, whether it's peace and quiet, family unity, a financial settlement, or just a chance to be heard.

Our mediators are experienced practitioners working alongside postgraduate students who are professionally trained and committed to promoting peace and justice.

Mediation can be effective at any stage in a dispute. If a court action has already started the courts are generally willing to order a continuation to allow mediation to take place.

Who are the Mediators?

Each mediation session will be conducted by a Lead Mediator and a Student Mediator. Lead Mediators are experienced practitioners, registered with the Scottish Mediation Register. They are responsible for the overall conduct of the session and provide mentoring and supervision to our student mediators. Our Student Mediators are postgraduates studying for the LLM/ MSc in Mediation and Conflict Resolution.



Why choose Mediation?

- Mediation enables you to put across your situation in your own words and hear from the other party.
- In the discussion you can explore options for settlement that are unique to your situation.
- Settlements can be practical as well as financial and are not limited to what the courts can order. You decide on the terms of the agreement.
- Because agreements have been worked out by people themselves they are more likely to be adhered to than judgements imposed by Court or Tribunal.
- Mediation is usually a speedier way of settling disputes than court processes.
- If you don't reach agreement through mediation you can continue to pursue all legal avenues that are open to you. Nothing from the mediation can be used or held against you.

What happens in Mediation?

Some mediations take place at the court in meeting rooms provided by the court staff. Where this is not feasible mediation will be offered at a neutral venue.

- The mediators begin with an introduction to the session and explain the arrangements.
- Each party then has the opportunity to explain their position without interruption. All issues and concerns raised are discussed and any suggestions put forward by either party are examined.
- The mediators may speak privately with both parties. Any information shared is strictly confidential and will not be disclosed without permission.
- The mediators will record any agreement reached and give everyone a copy. Most mediations achieve a resolution and the rate of compliance (people carrying out their side of the bargain) is high.

How do I arrange Mediation?

If Mediation is suggested by the court a member of the clinic will take your details and organise the meeting.

It is also possible to approach the Mediation Clinic directly by contacting us on:

Tel: 0141548 4510

Email: hass-mediation-clinic@strath.ac.uk

With your permission your contact details will be passed to a mediator who will telephone you to discuss mediation and how it works.

Should you wish to proceed the mediator will approach the other party to see if they will agree to participate in mediation.

Mediation is voluntary. Before the mediation session there will be a telephone discussion or private meeting with the Mediator(s). This is confidential and no details will be given to other people without your consent.



Can I be accompanied?

Supporters and representatives, whether or not legally qualified, are welcome in mediation. They often play a constructive role in helping people think through their options and make informed decisions. We ask supporters to sign the same confidentiality agreement as the parties.

Where are we located?

The Mediation Clinic is part of the Law School at Strathclyde. It is directed and supervised by Charlie Irvine, Course Leader on the LLM/MSc in Mediation and Conflict Resolution.

Mediation sessions take place at court or in the Law School. For cases in Glasgow we are grateful to four leading law firms for providing access to their offices (by arrangement). Our current sponsors are: Anderson Strathern, Morton Fraser, BTO and Harper MacLeod.

Our Sponsors



Further Information

To arrange a mediation or for further information please contact:

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www.strath.ac.uk/humanities/lawschool/mediationclinic

Please note we are unable to provide assistance with the following:

Family Mediation - please contact Relationships Scotland 0854 119 2020

Additional Support for Learning - please contact Common Ground Mediation, 0131 664 9324 or Resolve Mediation, 0131 313 8844

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