



LEGAL VOICES FOR THE FUTURE

Impact Report 2025

Introducing Legal Voices for the Future



Legal education currently fails to address ecological and planetary issues, leaving future lawyers underprepared for the challenges of a changing world.

Since 2023, Legal Voices for the Future (**LVF**) has filled this gap through accessible education and events exploring the relationship between law, society, and the environment.

Our Three Pillars:

Educate

Empower

Community

Through education, community-building, and discussion, LVF aims to create a more responsible, accountable, and nature-conscious legal sector. LVF empowers junior lawyers to understand the impact of legal decisions on people and planet, helping drive bottom-up change within the legal profession.

Educate: To provide high-quality, accessible education on ecological issues.

Empower: To empower junior lawyers to play their part in the transition to a society that lives within the planetary boundaries.

Community: To give junior lawyers the opportunity to connect with a community of peers in a safe and welcoming space.

Foreword

A word from our 2025 Chairs

The transition to a sustainable future depends on strong cross-sector networks and informed legal expertise, yet junior lawyers can struggle to access these opportunities. Since LVF's launch in 2023, it has filled this critical gap by building a dynamic, member-led community that empowers, educates and amplifies early career legal professionals across private practice, chambers, academia to NGOs, and beyond.

As LVF members since its inception, we have seen first-hand how LVF events create a sense of momentum and shared purpose among junior lawyers and help them engage more effectively with complex systemic challenges.

It was a privilege for us to lead the organisation through a pivotal year of growth. In 2025, we expanded our education activities beyond LVF's traditional London-based Knowledge Sessions, conducting members-only webinars and hosting a Knowledge Session in Bristol. We launched a widely attended careers event, and increased opportunities for our members to take part in our community, hosting four community focused events.

These achievements reflect the growing recognition that the legal profession has a transformative role in how the world responds to and addresses the climate crisis. LVF's impact lies in equipping the current and future generations of legal leaders to tackle this head on.

We are excited that our message is connecting with young lawyers. In 2025, LVF's membership surpassed 1000 for the first time. The organisation is made for and run by its members, and our achievements in 2025 would not be possible without the diligent work of the Stewardship Committee. We would also like to thank all those who donated to the ongoing costs of LVF, including to Gen-R Law for the donation received in early 2025.

LVF begins a new chapter in 2026. As with previous years, our role as Chairs of the organisation will transition to two other members of the Stewardship Committee, Marina Soares Ingles and Dominka Leitane. We are excited for the organisation to continue to deliver its impact, empowering lawyers to help guide us into a more resilient and sustainable future.

Emma Short and Harriet Hall



Our Vision, Mission and Values

As LVF has matured, we have taken time to reflect and arrive at a clear vision, mission and a set of values that guide our community and everything we do

LVF Vision: A legal community serving people and planet through collaborative education

LVF Mission: We empower and galvanise the legal profession and others to use legal tools to build a just and equitable world through community and education.

LVF Values

Courage

to challenge convention and imagine a better future for the legal profession and planet.

Creativity

to adopt new ways of learning, connecting and solving problems together.

Integrity

to act with honesty and accountability, to our members and planet.

Caring

to build a community where people feel supported, seen and able to grow.

Systems Change Thinking

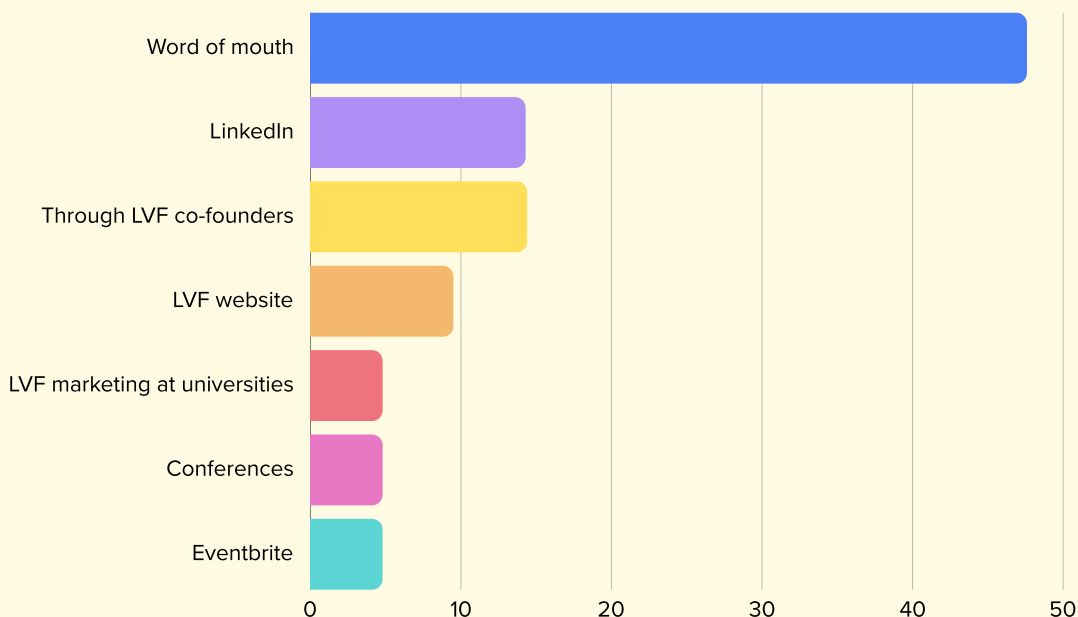
to equip our community with tools to shift systems, not just outcomes.

2025 Goals & Achievements

Pillar	We wanted...	We achieved...
Educate	• More small-group online discussions • Knowledge Sessions outside London	• 3 members-only webinars • 1 Knowledge Session outside London took place in Bristol, in collaboration with UKELA South West
Empower	• To provide more career-focused offerings • To organise networking events	• Inaugural legal careers event with 60+ attendees
Community	• Increased opportunities for our members to take part in our community • To offer varied sources of knowledge and resources beyond Knowledge Sessions • An LVF “retreat”	• Started bi-annual LVF Book Club • 4 community events • 9 blog posts contributed by members • 14 newsletters sent • Overnight retreat to Wakley's Farm

Membership growth 2023-2025

Where people hear about LVF



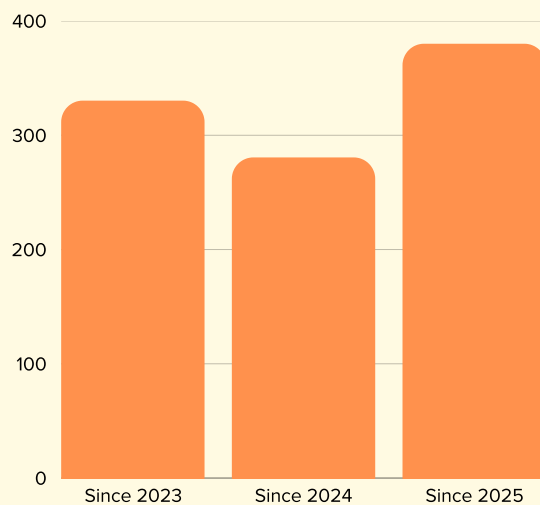
Growth 2023-2025

LVF Membership is **free**. Members gain access to exclusive events, receive monthly newsletters, and are first to receive updates on upcoming events, opportunities for collaborating on projects such as co-authoring resources, and volunteering vacancies.

LVF aims to educate, represent and empower junior lawyers across the entire legal sector. Since 2023, our membership base has included individuals working in private practice, environmental NGOs, civil service, academia, and the Bar.

Our impact: Members have secured new clients, been offered speaking opportunities, specialised in environmental law, or moved to ESG-focussed roles as a direct result of attending LVF events.

Year which members joined LVF



Website Traffic

LVF's website was launched in October 2024. The website has been pivotal to strengthening our identity.

***Visits:** October 2024- December 2025: **6,289**

****Views:** October 2024- December 2025: **14,967**

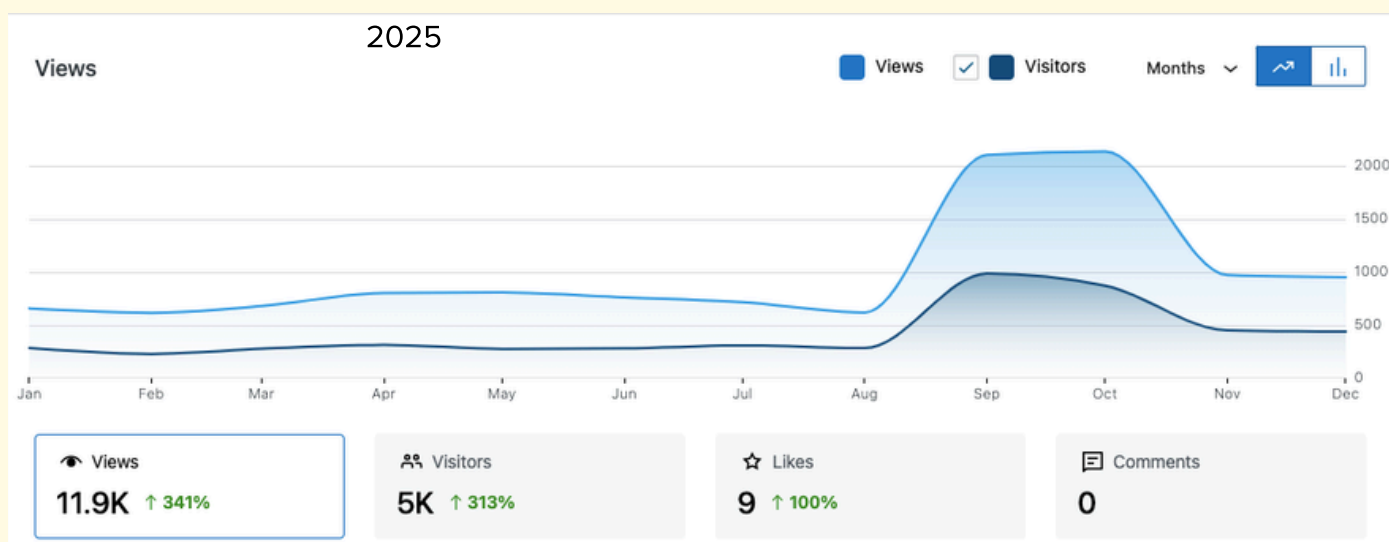
Referrers: the main sites directing traffic to our website are Google search, Bing search, and LinkedIn

Key Trend:

Consistent annual engagement with localised peaks in September and October, usually after LVF's August break

International visitors from +98 countries

Referrers ⓘ	Views
Search Engines ▾	1,852
LinkedIn ▾	847



The views and visits in the screenshot above show the annual totals in 2025 only

*A **visit** (or session) is counted when a user arrives at your site from an external source, such as a search engine or ad. It begins when an event is recorded and ends after a period of inactivity, typically 30 minutes.

A **view is counted every time a page is loaded or reloaded by a browser. If a user refreshes a page or navigates back to it, it counts as an additional view.

Social Media Presence



LinkedIn

LinkedIn is our primary platform for outreach, promotion and engagement.

- **31% growth** in follower count in 2025 (4,250 in January 2025 to 5,556 in December 2025)
- **+205,000** impressions across posts in 2025
- Established private group exclusively for LVF members to share resources, events, collaboration opportunities, feedback.



YouTube

YouTube is our public archive of Knowledge Sessions.

- **22 out of 29** Knowledge Sessions uploaded
- 2025 Most watched Knowledge Session: Role of NGOs in Driving Climate Laws (September 2025)
- 2024 Most watched Knowledge Session: Should Nature Have Rights? (January 2024)

In Focus: Knowledge Sessions

LVF Pillar: Education

LVF has hosted **29 Knowledge Sessions** in-person and online on topics at the intersection of ecological issues and the law. These events - **led by and aimed at junior lawyers** - are free, accessible and open to all.

Presenters discuss a topic they are passionate about, moderate a panel of experts, and convene audience-led discussion on a piece of creative work.

We have maintained a consistent amount of Knowledge Sessions averaging 1 per month (considering January and August are holiday months).

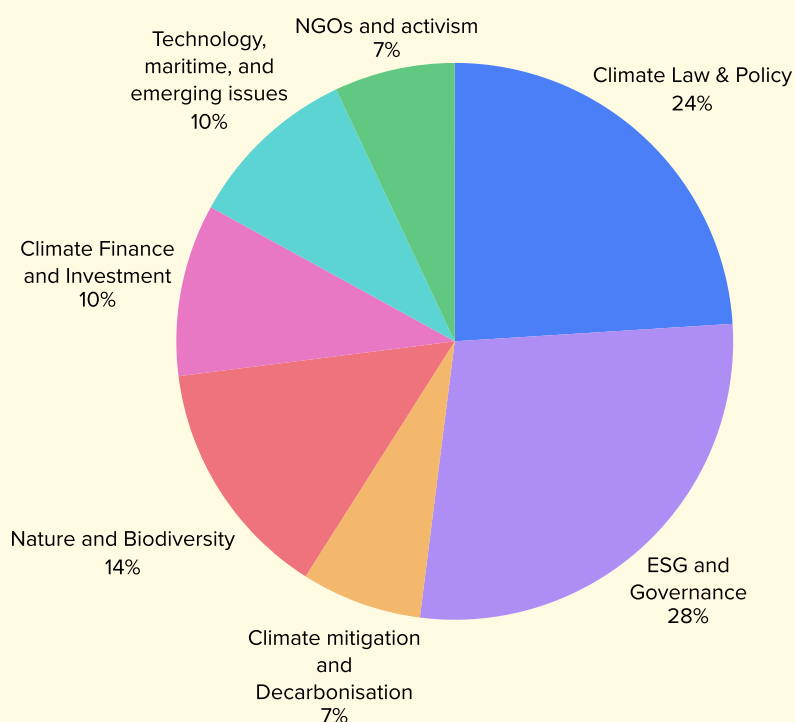
Knowledge Sessions per year:

2023 - 9

2024 - 10

2025 - 10

Key themes explored in Knowledge Sessions (2023-2025)



Attendance

LVF Knowledge Sessions are free. Since 2023, we ticket our events via Ticketsource, enabling us to track our sales.

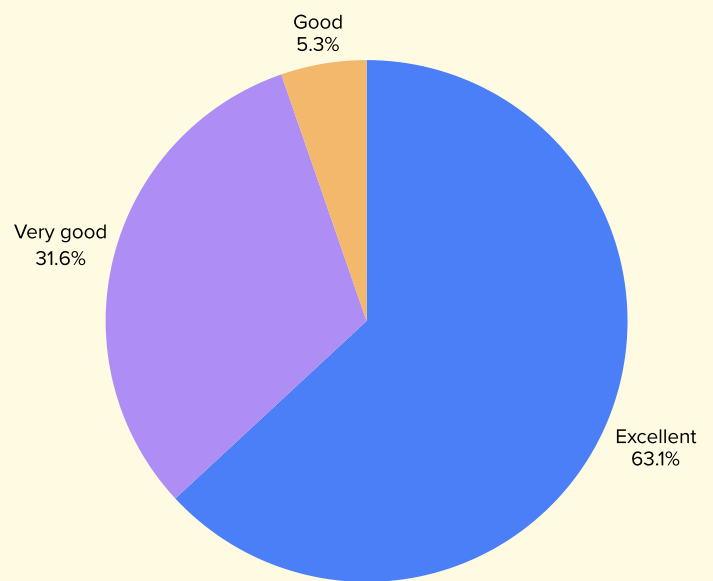
2024

- Total ticket sales for the year: 1071
- Most ticketed event: Climate Change & Risk (190 tickets)

2025*

- Total ticket sales for the year: 987
- Most ticketed event: Investor-State Arbitration and Climate Challenges (176 tickets)

How members rate our Knowledge Sessions



*2 Knowledge Sessions have not been included here (Wakelyns Field Trip and Bristol Knowledge Session in Collaboration with UKELA South West, due to ticket sales being carried out outside of Ticketsource)

Case Study

Should Nature have Rights?

On 18 January 2024, LVF hosted a Knowledge Session on the rights of nature, led by LVF Stewardship Committee member Flora Curtis.

The event helped attendees re-imagine existing laws through a lens that protects the intrinsic value of nature. It began with a presentation covering the rights of nature movement which was followed by an engaging conversation with three experts on the subject matter: Paul Powlesland, barrister at Garden Court Chambers and co-founder of Lawyers for Nature, Emma Montlake, joint Executive Director of the Environmental Law Foundation, and Jérémie Gilbert, a human rights scholar and activist who has extensively worked and published on the interaction between human rights law, ecological justice and the rights of nature.

The event concluded with a powerful creative content session, led by Phoebe Tickell of Moral Imaginations. Attendees were encouraged to reflect on the subject matter covered by imagining a world in which nature has rights. The key takeaway was that the vast majority of our challenges are not resource problems, but imagination problems, and that imagination is a muscle that can be flexed to change the way we see, and act.

See the recording of the session [here](#).



In Focus: Member-only webinars

Pillar: Education

We have a growing demand for small-group discussions, enabling a conversational deep-dive on a topic with an expert in the field.

The structure followed during these webinars has been of a short presentation by an expert, followed by audience-led Q&A.

2023

Advertised Emissions -
Jonathan Wise

2024

Co-operatives - Cliff Mills

2025

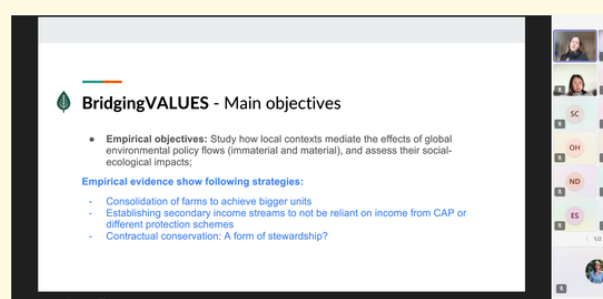
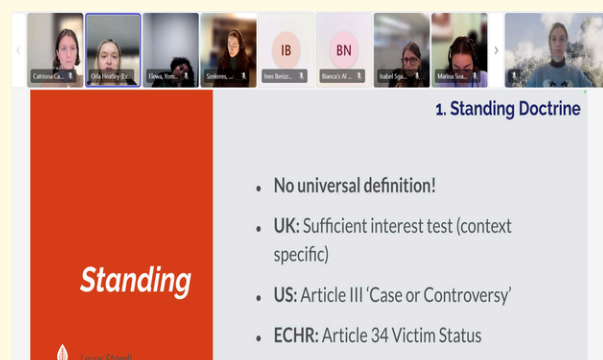
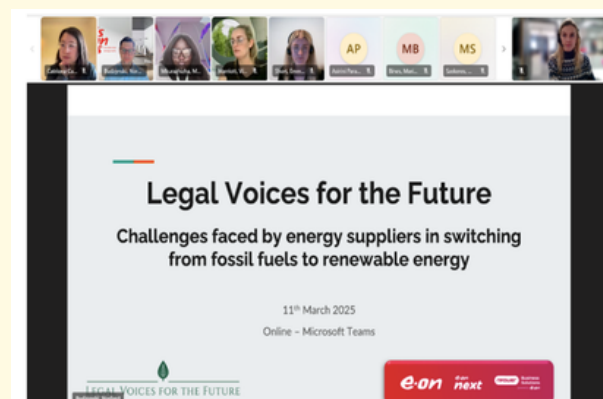
Standing in Climate
Litigation - Orla Heatley

2025

Energy Transition - E.ON

2025

Bridging Values - Therese
Sivertsson



In Focus: Wakelyns

LVF Pillar: Community

On 10-11 May 2025, 30 LVF members took part in our first ever field trip to Wakelyns Agroforestry in Suffolk, generously hosted by David Wolfe KC and Amanda Illing. Wakelyns is a pioneering 22.5-hectare farm that integrates organic farming with agroforestry, food, research and sustainable rural enterprise.

Our visit included a tour of the farm, hands-on volunteering, and inspiring discussions on agroecology, farming policy, environmental law and systems change. David ran an excellent Knowledge Session where he shared insights from recent judicial review cases, where he represented NGOs in holding public authorities to account on environmental issues and climate change. Ellie Percey from Commonland led creative activities on systems thinking, to help us understand our current UK food system and how this might be changed. The day ended with a beautiful sunset meal and a lively evening around the fire pit!

After the event, LVF members received a full write-up sharing extra resources including a reading list, reflections on the judgments and food system exercises carried out on the day.



In Focus: Careers Event

LVF Pillar: Empowerment

In October 2025, LVF hosted its inaugural careers event, **Legal Careers for a Sustainable Future**, in partnership with the Kings College London Centre for Climate Law and Governance. To our knowledge, this was London's first ever all day event focused on sustainability and environmental linked careers for junior legal practitioners and students.

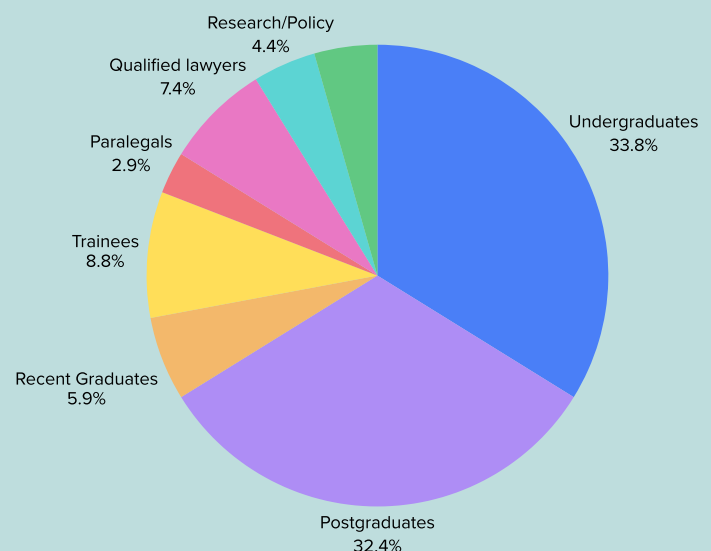
It was a well attended, full day event connecting individuals motivated to build their skills and networks with leading legal practitioners passionate about our shared future, including academics, barristers, solicitors, in-house counsel and more. The event consisted of careers talks, unique networking sessions, and workshops aimed at developing the skills that lawyers of the future will need.

As with all of our events, attendees were also given a chance to engage with their creative side, to reflect on what they learned and connect and collaborate in a supportive setting.

- Number of applications received: **158**
- Total applications accepted and attended: **68**

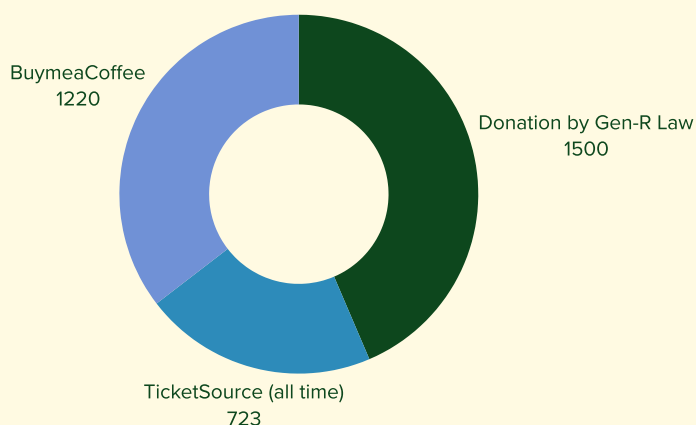


Attendee background at LVF's Legal Careers Event

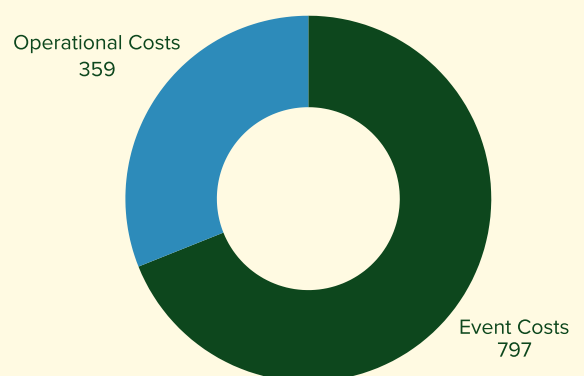


Financials

Total Income (2023-2025) (GBP)



Expenses (2025) (GBP)



Income: LVF's income to date has come from small community donations via Ticketsource and Buymeacoffee. We are also very grateful to Gen-R Law for the donations received in early 2025.

Expenses: LVF's spending is split between:

- **Event costs** associated with organising and hosting our events. In particular community events (e.g. catering at our legal careers event, event venue hire)
- **Operational costs**, including Mailerlite, website hosting, spending on LVF's banners.

LVF is run entirely by volunteers, with venue support generously provided in kind by our partners, including the LSE Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, who host our Knowledge Sessions quarterly, and King's College London, who hosted our careers event. These partnerships keep our venue overheads low relative to our activity. Our speakers and panellists also generously donate their time and expertise. In 2025, our total spend of £1,156 supported 10 Knowledge Sessions, 3 webinars, our first careers event, and our first overnight retreat.

Introducing our 2026 Chairs

LVF will be led in 2026 by **Dominka Leitane** Legal Officer at Opportunity Green and future pupil barrister at 4-5 Gray's Inn Square (**DL**), and **Marina Soares Ingles**, Associate at Kennedys Law (**MSI**).

When did you join LVF?

We both joined in 2023 as members when LVF was launched.

What was your favourite LVF moment in 2025?

DL: It is hard to choose one, but our inaugural Legal Careers for a Sustainable Future event, in collaboration with King's College London, was a standout. We brought leading legal experts across the sustainability space together with enthusiastic aspiring lawyers hungry for career paths that align with their purpose. The result, following months of hard work by the entire LVF Stewardship Committee, was a day full of talks, workshops, ideas, and new connections. The inspiration and energy in the room was palpable, and we are thrilled to be bringing the event back for round two in October 2026!

What are you looking forward to in 2026?

MSI: We are excited to bring a greater variety of events and topics to LVF in 2026, prioritising the connections that are built within our community. That is where our impact really lies. We will be organising the second edition of our careers event and field trip, and more informal events for our members to exchange ideas and experiences.

We are also working on LVF's strategic direction to ensure our mission — to empower and galvanise the legal profession and others to use legal tools to build a just and equitable world through community and education — stays woven through everything we do, now and into the future.

Why is LVF important?

DL: At the core of LVF is a motivation to create a safe, nurturing environment that cultivates and galvanises the future of the legal profession. We have built a thriving community of members who inspire and lift each other up — something that is still relatively rare in the legal world, which can often feel overwhelmingly competitive and cutthroat. The legal profession will play a crucial role in mitigating the planetary crises, and LVF are proud to be equipping future legal leaders with the necessary tools.

MSI: While there has been a remarkable increase in sustainability-focussed training offering for early career legal practitioners, LVF's accessibility and community remains of key importance. It helps legal professionals build skills in a supportive environment, strengthening their confidence and stay well-informed in responding to evolving systemic challenges.





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