

## **A4ID's Law and Development Student Blog**

Advocates for International Development (A4ID) is a global charity that believes the law can, and should, be used more effectively to eradicate global poverty. We work to ensure that legal support is available to those involved in their fight against poverty and that lawyers and development organisations have the knowledge and skills to utilise the law as an effective development tool.

Through our pro-bono brokerage service, A4ID partners with leading law firms, barristers, in-house lawyers and legal academics, who are keen to offer their skills free of charge to support development organisations and developing country governments in need of legal assistance. A4ID also runs training programmes and events and contributes to policy discussion on law and development and business and human rights.

### **A4ID is currently looking for student contributors for our new Law and Development Student Blog.**

We recognise the important role students play in contributing new perspectives and ideas towards the advancement of law in sustainable development, and in turn seek to connect this next generation of development leaders to some of the most critical issues of our time. To highlight these areas, A4ID runs [Knowledge Groups](#) based on four core themes in sustainable development: Climate Change, Business and Human Rights, Rule of Law and Trade, Debt and Finance.

We seek your help in making the blog a new global platform harnessing the talent, knowledge and skills of some of the brightest minds in universities today. Submission guidelines and dates can be found on the next page.

## Guidelines for Submission

Please see below for blog submission guidelines.

- **Authors:** Students pursuing a degree in law, development or international studies and are in their second or third year of undergraduate study; pursuing a masters degree or a PhD are all encouraged to make submissions. For undergraduates, please specify your year of study. **The authors do not necessarily need to meet these requirements, but please note that the calibre of the articles will be judged to this standard.**
- **Length:** Submissions should range between 600-900 words.
- **Topic Coverage (choose one):**
  - Climate Change
  - Business and Human Rights
  - Rule of Law
  - Trade, Debt and Finance.
- **Style:** We are looking for professional but readable blogposts. Please avoid overly technical language, specific terminology or overly academic tones.
- **Tone:** The tone must be inclusive. Literature that is aggressive, xenophobic, intolerant, or sexist risks the author being barred from future submissions.
- **Referencing:** When referencing, hyperlinks will be sufficient but should be used strategically to evidence what the author opines. Hyperlinks can be used to reference data, seminal documents, quotes and any other facts. Data should be from 2012 onwards.
- **Republications:** Please contact Samantha Goh for requests for republication. A4ID must be quoted as the original publisher.
- **Disclaimer:** The views expressed in the blogs are those of the author alone and do not represent that of A4ID.

## Directions for Submission

Please send your submissions to Samantha Goh ([samantha.goh@a4id.org](mailto:samantha.goh@a4id.org)). If there is interest in your piece, you will receive a reply within 7 working days. If you have not been successful, we will let you know within two weeks with feedback. We encourage students to continue to pitch their ideas or submissions to us even if they are not successful in the first round of submissions.

## Best Law and Development Blogpost of 2016

If you have made your submission before **21st November 2016**, it will automatically be considered for the **Best Law and Development Blogpost of 2016**. The author of the best blogpost for each theme will be awarded a place on our [Law and Development Training Programme](#) (worth up to £1200), starting on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016**. This course is CPD-accredited by the Law Society of England and Wales. The submissions will be judged by Yasmin Baltiwala, A4ID's CEO.