

Browne Jacobson trainees going green for charity **fundraisers**

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The group, which is made up of 36 of the national firm's 2020 and 2021 trainee cohort, have set an £8k fundraising target which they are hoping to beat. This will be divided between the firm's five regional charities as it has been in previous years.

On Saturday, the group of aspiring lawyers will begin their first "going green" activity which is an intense 24-mile trek along the Yorkshire Three Peaks whilst collecting litter along the way.

The firm's five partner charities are based in the local communities where Browne Jacobson's five offices are located. Each organisation's work is reflective of the firm's commitment to diversity and inclusion, as well as corporate social responsibility.

Browne Jacobson's regional partner charities are:

- First Class Foundation (Birmingham)
- St Petrock's (Exeter)
- · Reach Out 2 Kids (London)
- Lifeshare (Manchester)
- The Inspire & Achieve Foundation (Nottingham)

In mid-June, trainees from the firm's Birmingham and Nottingham offices will take part in the second fundraising event which will involve a 12-hour stationary cycle challenge that will highlight transport pollution levels and coincides with Clean Air Day.

Later that month, the group will then take part in the Canal and River Trust's Plastics Challenge. The trainees will be collecting and recycling plastic around the canals which are located near to each of Browne Jacobson's offices, in readiness for Plastic-Free July.

The group have been training intensively over the past few months in preparation for these events.

Caroline Green, Senior Partner at Browne Jacobson who will be joining the trainees on two of the challenges said: "At Browne Jacobson, we are passionate about supporting and giving back to our local communities, so we are really pleased to be kicking off this fundraiser for each of our new 2022 charity partners.

"We are proud of our trainees and their commitment to highlighting the crucial work that each of or partner charities and not-for-profit organisations do and the important messages they promote. Their work chimes with our own ethos and values around social mobility and diversity and inclusion so we are glad to be able to put a spotlight on them.

"It is also great to see that our trainees have set themselves a "green" challenge by incorporating positive environmental action into their activities. As a business, we are clear on our corporate responsibilities, particularly around the environment and climate change so it is great to be able to be involved in a series of events that have a positive environmental impact.

"I wish our trainees the best of luck for their first challenge this weekend."

Sian Quirk, trainee lawyer at the firm who has helped organise the event and is also taking part added: "It has become tradition for the trainees in the firm to take on tough challenges in a bid to raise vital funds and awareness for our fantastic charity partners, so it is brilliant this year to see so many wanting to be involved and wanting to do something positive to help the environment. I can't wait for our team to begin the epic journey ahead and I am sure the aches and pains will be worthwhile!"

You can read the story of the trainee challenge and make donations here.

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