**Funding the Teaching Legal Ethics Community**

**Mechanisms**

Consider establishing a not-for-profit corporation (perhaps a Charitable Incorporated Organization).

Whatever form the organisation takes:

* Identify (eg) 5 key activities /projects important to the network.
* For each, identify what is needed to achieve the goal.
* Ask members to sign up to a particular project (or two) and commit to helping with the bid for funding that project.
* Identify potential funders for that particular activity – check their criteria and recruit additional partners if appropriate.

**Functions**

1. Outreach: Law schools

 Younger students

 Could offer roadshows

Raise interest

Argue why it is important

Tie in to well-being agenda as well as employability

2. Resources: Online / Website / YouTube / plug and play (written and visual)

eg: providing law schools with the means to develop / teach Legal Ethics:

 Undergraduate level

 Off-the-shelf modules

 Materials –hard copy

* online

Teaching/learning approaches

Templates to help those who want to develop legal ethics teaching in their institution but don’t know how to approach it.

Links with COLPs etc could provide real life scenarios.

3. Agenda Driving

4. Build coalition with other organisations (in UK / in EU / internationally).

 Sharing practice across institutions

 Links with partners in charge of risk management in law firms, accountancy firms, etc.. (COLPs – Compliance Officers)

 LawWorks, Bar Pro Bono unit and other pro bono/clinic organisations.

5. Research

 on legal ethics teaching practice – what works?

 On extent of practice so far – who is teaching where?

**Potential sources of Funding**

Legal Education Foundation.

Professional bodies – representative and regulators:

Law Society, SRA, Bar Council, BSB, ILEX, ILEXPS, paralegals.

 Local law societies (eg City of London LS has a regulation committee)

Inns

City of London Corporation

City of London Solicitors’ Co.

Prudential Regulation Authority.

Insurance Companies – Association of British Insurers

Accountancy Firms

Solicitors’ Firms / Chambers

EU funding: teaching workshops – bringing universities together across different countries – COST grants.

Lottery funding: eg for addressing well-being

 Small business development

Mental Health Foundation

CBI/SBA

Banks

Legal Charities

Higher Education Institutions (matching funding often needed and support re rooms and catering for events).

Charitable Associations

Non-Executive Directors Association.

Law Subject Associations: SLS / ALT / SLSA.

**Arguments to appeal to particular funders**

**Generally:**

Value for money

Demonstrating measurable outcomes and the return on an investment.

Longevity

Objectivity

Robust evidence demonstrating the need

**Practical help?**

Professional help? People develop grant applications as a living.

Develop a network of critical friends – perhaps including people who can explain what sits behind the *published* criteria.

Training and development in framing bids in an optimal way.