

Breakfast Briefing

Open Justice: digital innovation to support social justice and improve employability

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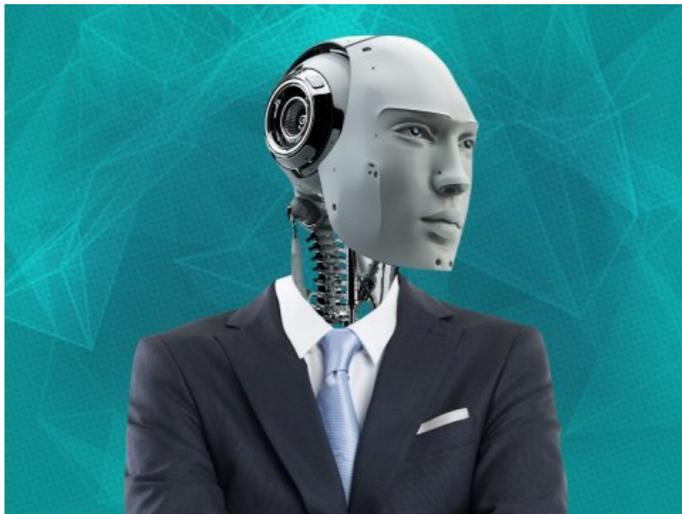


Technology and the Law

- Live in an era of unprecedented technological change.
- IT and the internet is already impacting on the way in which legal services can be delivered.
- Online courts



The Future of the Legal Profession



‘The future of legal service is neither Grisham or Rumpole. Nor is it wigs, wood panelled courtrooms, leather bound tomes or arcane legal jargon. It will not even be the now dominant model of lawyering, which is face-to-face, consultative professional services by advisers who meet clients in their offices, whether glitzy or dusty, and dispense tailored counsel. To meet the needs of clients, we will need to dispense with much of our current cottage industry and re-invent the way in which legal services are delivered.’ (Susskind, 2017)

Questions

- How can Universities help students navigate a world that is being transformed by digital technology?
- What role should the OU Law School play?
- How has technology transformed your area of work?

Overview

Open Justice Centre and Digital Innovation

- Context
- Open Justice and Clinical Legal Education
- Teaching
- Employability skills
- Community Outreach and Social Justice

Context

University level

- Digital by Design
- Open University consciously embracing digital delivery
- [Film](#)

Context

The Open University Law School

- Largest provider of undergraduate legal education in the UK
- Open access distance learning
- Social Justice
- Open Justice Centre September 2016

Open Justice Centre

- Provision of open access clinical legal education integrated into law degree
- Innovative use of technology
- Values, ethics and professional identity
- Employability focus
- Community engagement

Clinical Legal Education

- Clinical legal education
- Medical roots
- Well established in US law schools
- Clinical legal education increasingly part of UK law school curricula
- Likely to be more significant

Challenges & Opportunities in delivering clinical legal education at a distance





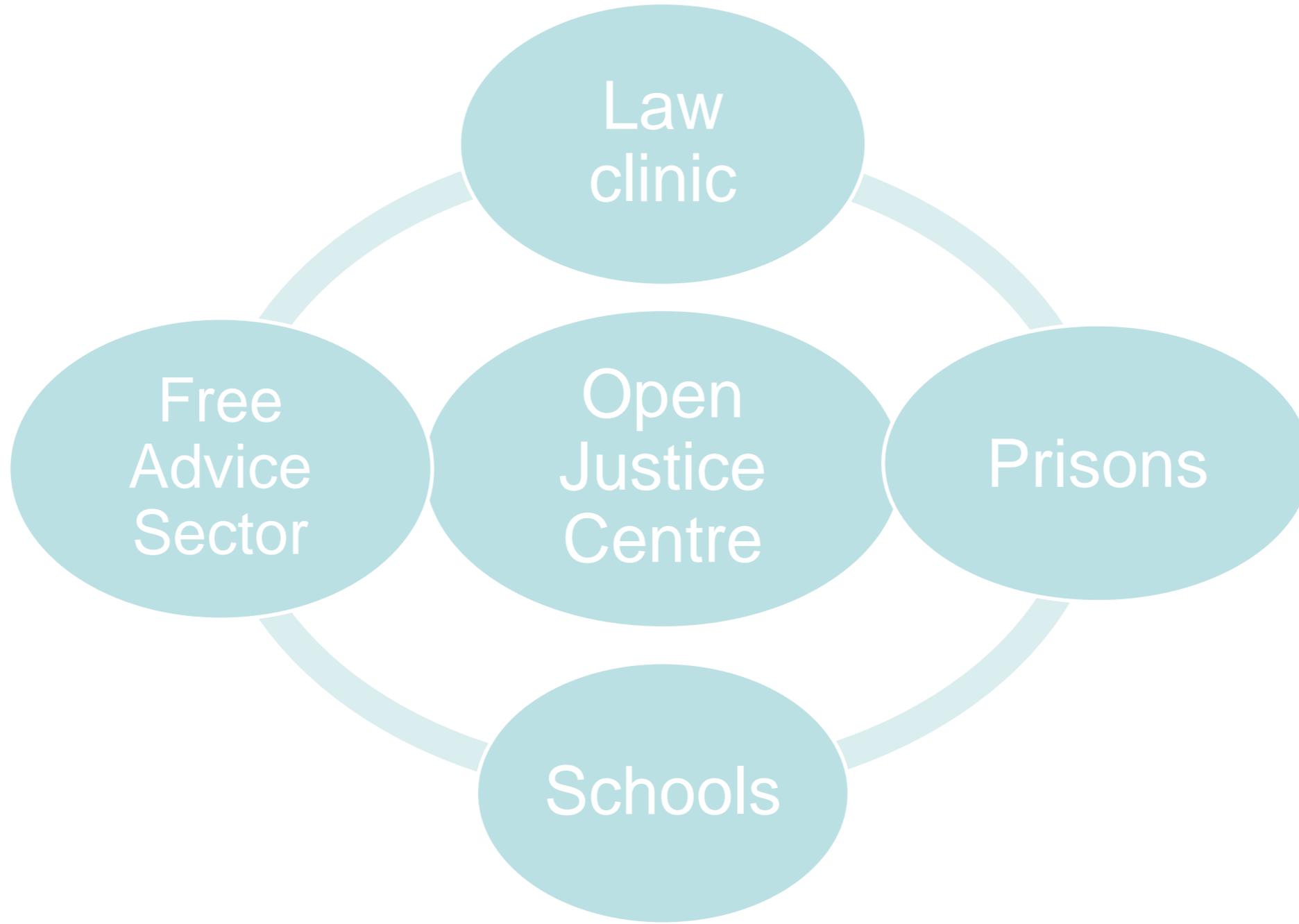
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Opportunities of delivering clinical legal education at a distance



‘Open Justice VR’

Download from Android or Apple App Stores

Virtual reality app

Demonstration

- Open Justice VR
- Teaching presentation skills at a distance
- Immersive simulation

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Social Media

Twitter

- #OpenJusticeWeek
- An online festival of justice
- Showcasing student work
- Providing public legal education resources

Knowledge Exchange

- Partnership working with free advice sector
- Utilising OU expertise developing online learning and training resources
- Supporting volunteers in the free advice sector

Work in progress



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Closing Comments

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