

How to Introduce Law Students to the National Lawyers Guild

If you're introducing a law student (or anyone, really!) to the NLG, here are a few sample "scripts" and talking points that may help:

"Hello! Have you heard about the National Lawyers Guild, or is this your first time hearing about us?"

[If "yes," confirm deny whatever they tell you based on the info below]

[If "no," these are some good points to hit] . . .

- The NLG is the oldest, non-issue specific association of lawyers, legal workers, law students and jailhouse lawyers in the country (est. 1937). It is also the country's first racially-integrated bar association.
- Students are full members: dues only \$10-20 (sliding scale)
- Members work on a vast range of social justice issues [mention a few examples: environmental sustainability, immigrants' rights, housing, racial justice, disability rights, mass incarceration...]
- More often than not, there's a committee for the issue you're interested in
 - o More than 20 Committees
 - o Within the International Committee alone, there are 18 different Subcommittees
- Great networking opportunity - A LOT of people end up getting fellowships, internships and jobs from connections they make in the Guild
 - o Join a Committee (or two!)
 - o National and regional conventions
 - o Local events, CLEs, paid writing contests, etc.
- Opportunities for leadership development (members elect a Student National Vice President to serve on the NEC each year)
- "The Annual Law for the People Convention is coming up and we're most likely getting funding from the school to go. It'll be [dates] and in [city]. You should come!"
- Also mention that across the country, regional conventions are held every year
- Give info for upcoming events
- Direct them to nlg.org and mention there is a student page on the website (nlg.org/law-students). Also point them to Facebook pages ([/NLGNational](https://www.facebook.com/NLGNational) and [/NLGStudents](https://www.facebook.com/NLGStudents))

Remember: There are LOTS of organizing materials and other resources available for free download on the NLG website (e.g. starter kits for new Chapters, Disorientation Manual, etc.). Take advantage of them!