

Traditionally, social justice is not understood to be the agenda of law education and lawyering. Shackled in bar norms, lawyers in India are hardly sensitized towards the many levels of inequity hounding a country like India. High cost of law education and poor teaching standards in law schools adds to this inequity and acts as a bottleneck that prevents the training of lawyers from marginalized and vulnerable communities.

LFC as a program empowers lawyers from marginalized communities and trains them to operate in this imbalanced system and complicated landscape. Lawyers for Change is a programme that trains and empowers lawyers from vulnerable communities to address the problems of the community with the help of law. Lawyers for Change is a programme that emerges at the cusp between law and social transformation.

It focuses on identity-building, sensitization and a robust understanding of the ground realities. By exposing the lawyers to district courts and pulling them into a network of lawyers practicing in various courts, it empowers the lawyers to practically understand the landscape in which they are operating. To demystify the role of courts, it shifts the thrust from courts to community, eventually making the mechanisms of justice more bottom-up. Lawyers trained under LFC become a link between the community and the court, whereby courts are also affected to become active and vibrant spaces for raising the voice of the vulnerable and marginal.