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COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

Grant seekers workshop, 2012, [Workshop], Law and Justice Foundation of NSW, Free, 02 8227 3227, grants@lawfoundation.net.au

This workshop for applicants from western Sydney will explain the Foundation's grant application process and will provide information to assist attendees with writing an aim, strategy and evaluation questions, which could form the basis for a grant application to the Foundation. The workshop will be held on **Wednesday 29 February 2012, 9.30am–1pm** at the Fairfield City Council.

Law for community sector workers: workshops (NSW), 2012, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5879,

cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au,
<http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/law-for-community-workers>

This series of workshops will provide an overview of the law on topics such as care and protection, domestic violence, family law, immigration, legal issues for older people, money matters, mental health matters, neighbour issues, social security, tenancy and young people and the law.

Workshops will be held on various dates in Sydney city, Bankstown, Parramatta, Gosford, Maitland, Newcastle, Dapto, Nowra, Wollongong, Albury, Griffith and Wagga Wagga.

Legal issues for carers (NSW), 2012, [Workshop], Hunter New England Local Health District, Free, 02 4921 4895, Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

This presentation for carers will provide information on legal topics such as wills, power of attorney, family and disability trusts, guardianship and care planning. It will be held on **Wednesday 7 March 2012, 6pm–8pm** at the Cardiff RSL.

Parenting payments information session (NSW), 2012, [Workshop], Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, Free, 02 9564 7310, emily@newtowncentre.org,

http://www.newtowncentre.org/_pdfs/parenting_payment.pdf

This information session for parents, carers and service providers will be conducted by Centrelink. It will explain parenting payments made by Centrelink including the parental leave pay, baby bonus, child care rebates and family tax benefits. It will be held on **Wednesday 8 February 2012, 11am–1pm** at the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, 1 Bedford Street, Newtown.

What's the rent? (NSW), 2012, [Workshop], Shelter NSW, \$20.00 to \$45.00, 02 9267 5733, paula@sheltersnsw.org.au,

<http://www.sheltersnsw.org.au/docs/fly12seminar-about.html>

This seminar is for tenants and people assisting low income tenants and will discuss rent subsidies for social housing tenants and the Commonwealth rent assistance scheme. It will be held on **Wednesday 15 February 2012, 9am–1pm** in Sydney.

GUIDES TO THE LAW

Access and privacy (NSW), 2011, [Web page], Tenants' Union of NSW, 02 8117 3700, tenweb_nsw@fcl.fl.asn.au, <http://www.tenants.org.au/publish/factsheet-08-access-privacy/index.php>

This web page explains the law in NSW about tenants' right to privacy and the landlord's right to enter the premises. It includes sample letters for sale of premises inspection times, access breach and peace, comfort and privacy breach.

Adult children living at home, 2011, 12p., [Booklet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au, <http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/432.pdf>

This pamphlet provides information for parents who have adult children living at home. It includes information on how to prepare a special residential tenancy agreement, how to ask children to leave, using the law to remove children who trespass and due to threatening or abusive behaviour.

Bond (NSW), 2011, [Web page], Tenants' Union of NSW, 02 8117 3700, tenweb_nsw@fcl.fl.asn.au, <http://www.tenants.org.au/publish/factsheet-03-bond/index.php>

This web page explains the law in NSW about rental bonds. The following sample letters can be downloaded: bond not lodged, bond statutory declaration for share housing, bond top-up and bond dispute.

Catalogue 2011-2012: a list of free Legal Aid NSW publications (NSW), 2011, 12p., [Booklet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au, <http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/104.pdf>

This catalogue is designed for organisations that order and maintain stocks of Legal Aid publications, including translations and audio versions.

These publications provide information about Legal Aid services and specific areas of law.

Centrelink information for new Australians (Australia), 2011, [CD-ROM], Centrelink, Free, 131 021,

<http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/publication/ah1723.htm>

This audio CD contains factsheets in audio format which provide information about payments and services that are relevant to refugees and migrants newly arrived to Australia and during their settlement period. Factsheet topics include benefit types, help with expenses, rights and obligations, learning English and getting help in your language.

Coming to Australia (Australia), 2011, [DVD], Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Free, 02 6264 1111,

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVM0JrJ_p8&feature=relmfu

This series of short videos provide settlement information to newly arrived people including legal information about police, driving, road safety, public transport and legal aid.

Compensation for victims of violent crime in NSW: a kit for community workers (NSW), 2011, [Kit], Marrickville Legal Centre, Free, 02 9559 2899, <http://www.mlc.asn.au/>

This kit contains information on victims' rights, how to claim compensation, where to get legal help and how to access services such as counselling.

During a tenancy, information for tenants (NSW), 2011, 21p., [Factsheet], NSW Fair Trading, Free, 13 32 20 / 1300 723 404,

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/pdfs/Tenants_and_home_owners/During_a_tenancy_information_for_tenants.pdf

This collection of factsheets for people who rent includes information on privacy when renting, repairs, rent increases, paying water, domestic violence and natural disasters.

Ending tenancy early (NSW), 2011, [Web page], Tenants' Union of NSW, 02 8117 3700, Free, tenweb_nsw@fcl.fl.asn.au, <http://www.tenants.org.au/publish/factsheet-16-ending-tenancy-early/index.php>

This web page explains the law in NSW about ending a tenancy agreement during the fixed term. It includes sample letters about: domestic violence, social housing offer, sale of premises and termination during a fixed term.

Energy assistance guide and factsheets (NSW), 2011, [Factsheet & Booklet], NSW Trade & Investment, Resources & Energy, Free, <http://www.trade.nsw.gov.au/energy/customers/energy-assistance-guide>

This guide and factsheets provide information to assist households manage their energy use. The guide outlines customer rights, billing information, rebates and programs available to assist payment of energy bills and how to access energy assistance. The factsheets contain summaries of information in the guide and explain how to use it.

Family peace (Australia), 2011, [Kit], Refugee and Immigration Legal Service, \$50 - \$65, 07 3846 3189, admin@rails.org.au, <http://www.rails.org.au/education/familypeaceresource.pdf>

This resource enables teachers to present information on family law and culture in Australia to newly arrived refugees and migrants. Information is provided on marriage, parenting, child safety, relationship roles, family violence, conflict resolution and building healthy relationships.

Family reunion under the humanitarian program (Australia), 2011, 24p., [Booklet], Refugee and Immigration Legal Service, Free, 07 3846 3189, admin@rails.org.au, <http://www.rails.org.au/education/RefugeeFamilyReunionGuide.pdf>

This booklet is for volunteers assisting people who are applying to bring family members to Australia under the offshore humanitarian program. It explains visa pathways, application criteria and process, chances of success and who to contact for further assistance.

Federal discrimination law online (Australia), 2011, 3rd ed., [Web page], Australian Human Rights Commission, Free, 02 9284 9600 or 1300 369 711, publications@humanrights.gov.au, <http://www.hreoc.gov.au/legal/FDL/index.html>

This updated guide to federal discrimination law explains what discrimination is, the laws that apply and issues that have arisen in cases brought under federal unlawful discrimination laws and how these issues have been resolved by the courts. It also discusses damages, remedies and awarding of costs.

Get to know your rights (Australia), 2011, [Poster], Australian Human Rights Commission, Free, 02 9284 9600 or 1300 369 711, publications@humanrights.gov.au, http://www.hreoc.gov.au/pdf/complaints/translations_posterA3.pdf

This poster provides details of how to contact the Commission for assistance.

Goods left behind (NSW), 2011, [Web page], Tenants' Union of NSW, 02 8117 3700, tenweb_nsw@fcl.fl.asn.au, <http://www.tenants.org.au/publish/factsheet-25-goods-left-behind/index.php>

This web page explains the process that a landlord/agent must follow under the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 when dealing with goods left behind and how they may dispose of them. It includes a sample letter for claiming the return of goods.

Grandparents' family law information guide (NSW), 2011, 3rd ed., 19p., [Booklet], Family Law Reform Association of NSW Inc., Free, 02 9542 2459, fira@comcen.com.au, <http://www.familylawreform.org.au/Grandparents%20Family%20Law%20Information%20Guide.pdf>

This booklet is a directory of information sources for older people who require assistance with a family law matter. Contact details are provided of organisations who can assist with counselling and mediation, legal advice, going to court, family assistance arrangements, substance abuse problems and discrimination.

A guide to the CTTT (NSW), 2011, [Web page], Consumer Trader and Tenancy Tribunal, Free, 1300 135 399, ctttenquire@cttt.nsw.gov.au,

http://www.cttt.nsw.gov.au/Resources/Guide_to_the_CTTT.html

This online guide explains the process of resolving a dispute with the Tribunal including what the Tribunal does, how to lodge an application, preparing for a hearing, attending a hearing and conciliation. It also includes a 2 minute video clip in English, Arabic, Dinka, Farsi, Mandarin and Swahili.

Have you been a victim of domestic violence? (NSW), 2011, 14p., [Booklet], Marrickville Legal Centre, Free, 02 9559 2899

This flip chart is for community workers assisting Aboriginal clients who are victims of violent crime in NSW. It explains what sexual assault and domestic violence is, how community workers and lawyers can help and who can make a claim for money or counselling. It also provides contact details for a number of support services.

Kids can't fly (NSW), 2011, [Web page], Kids Health at the Children's Hospital at Westmead, Free, 02 9845 3585,

kidsh@chw.edu.au,
<http://kidshealth.chw.edu.au/projects/falls-windows-and-balconies>

This web page contains information and links to a number of brochures, posters and factsheets about window and balcony safety for children. It aims to prevent children being injured and may be used by tenants in discussions with landlords about window and balcony safety.

Looking for work? (Australia), 2011, [CD-ROM & DVD], Centrelink, Free, 131 021,

<http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/publication/mclw069.htm>

This DVD/CD Rom is a guide to the services and payments Centrelink offers to support customers while they look for work. It contains information on payment eligibility, how to claim payments and use Centrelink services, rights and responsibilities as a Centrelink customer and how to find out more about Centrelink services and payments.

Mobile phones - 10 things you need to know (NSW), 2011, 4p., [Pamphlet], NSW Fair Trading, Free, 13 32 20 / 1300 723 404,

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/pdfs/About_us/Publication/s/ft381_Mobile_phones.pdf

This brochure lists things to be aware of when buying a mobile phone or entering into a contract such as warranties, scams, coverage, paying bills and making a complaint.

Moving in with the family? (NSW), 2011, 4p., [Pamphlet & CD-ROM], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

<http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/196.pdf>

This resource for older people explains things to consider before entering into a 'granny flat arrangement.' It covers getting an agreement in writing, getting legal advice, things to plan for, and how the pension might be affected. The CD is available in English; the pamphlet is available in English, Arabic, Chinese (Traditional), Greek, Italian and Vietnamese.

Multilingual fact sheets (NSW), 2011, [Factsheet], Consumer Credit Legal Centre NSW, Free, 1800 007 007,

CCLC_NSW@fcl.fl.asn.au,
<http://www.cclcnsw.org.au/multilingual-resources/multilingual-fact-sheets/>

This series of factsheets provide information on credit and debt issues including refinancing, taking out a loan, family breakdown and debt and debt collection. The fact sheets are available in Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, Samoan, Vietnamese and Bahasa Indonesia.

Problems paying your mortgage? (NSW),

2011, 2p., [Pamphlet], Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC), Free, 1300 300 630, info.enquiries@asic.gov.au

<http://www.moneysmart.gov.au/media/317319/problems-paying-your-mortgage.pdf>

This pamphlet is for people having problems paying a mortgage and discusses budgeting, talking to lenders and financial counsellors and getting legal assistance. It also includes contact details for organisations that can provide further assistance.

Publications if you have recently moved to Australia to settle (Australia), 2011, [Factsheet], Centrelink, Free, 131 021,

http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/individuals/settle_publications.htm

This series of factsheets provides information on social security benefits in Australia, how to make a claim for benefits and who to contact for further information and assistance.

Starting a tenancy (NSW), 2011, [Web page], Tenants' Union of NSW, 02 8117 3700,

tenweb_nsw@fcl.fl.asn.au,

<http://www.tenants.org.au/publish/factsheet-02-starting-tenancy/index.php>

This web page explains the law in NSW about starting a tenancy. It includes information on relevant legislation, tenancy agreements, costs, condition reports and keys.

You and your lawyer (Hot topics 78) (NSW Australia), 2011, 24p., [Book], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), \$22.00, 02 9273 1558, liac@sl.nsw.gov.au

This book explains the role of lawyers and other organisations in the legal services sector. It includes information about how to work with a lawyer, professional responsibilities of lawyers, costs and charges and complaints.

SERVICES

International students legal advice service (NSW), 2011, Redfern Legal Centre, Free, 02 9698 7645, info@rlc.org.au

This free legal advice service is for international students in NSW who need advice about housing problems, fines, debts, car accidents, employment, discrimination, family law, domestic violence, complaints about colleges or universities and advice on how these problems can affect student visas. The service is available on Wednesday nights.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Mediation and reading and writing legal documents (NSW), 2012, [Web site], LawAccess, Free, 02 8833 3104 529, Rita_Bhattacharya@agd.nsw.gov.au

The LawAssist website is soon to include resources to help people develop mediation and legal reading and writing skills. New resources will include information on what mediation is, why try mediation and how to arrange mediation, information on what happens at, and how to prepare for, mediation, information on how to read and write legal documents, including specific information about writing letters, statements, affidavits, agreements, emails and faxes.

Who gets my stuff after I die? (NSW), 2012, [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5924, publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

This new pamphlet will explain what a will is, the consequences of not having a will and how to make a will.

**Young people and crime (NSW), 2012,
[Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02
9219 5102, jenny.lovric@legalaid.nsw.gov.au**

This series of brochures for children and young people will include information on the Children's Court, bail, drug and alcohol laws and police powers.

SEARCHABLE PLL DATABASE

Resources included in past editions of the newsletter can be found in our free online Plain Language Law Database, which contains over 900 resources and is searchable using our plain language law search tool, visit <http://www.lawfoundation.net.au/pllsearch>. Resources are searchable by format (eg DVD, booklet, etc), language, law type and target group.

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