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## COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

**Law workshops for community workers (NSW)**, 2012, [Workshop], Marrickville Legal Centre, \$11, 02 9559 2899,

- These three hour workshops are held on Wednesdays, 10am–1pm. Workshop topics are:
- Helping clients with fine debt, 5 September
- Priority housing, 19 September
- Tenants rights re repairs, 3 October
- Family law: the role of the independent children's lawyer, 17 October
- Legal rights and obligations of youth workers, 31 October
- Safeguarding records of sexual assault victims, 14 November

Victims compensation, 28 November.

To book a workshop, contact Maria Elena Ang at the Centre.

**What's the law? Train the trainer workshops (NSW)**, 2012, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au) [http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/13639/WTL-Calendar-2012.pdf](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/13639/WTL-Calendar-2012.pdf)

These workshops for community workers, teachers and tutors will cover key legal concepts, topics including driving, car accidents, buying a car, police, renting, family law, as well as how to deal with legal questions, making legal referrals and where to find more information. The workshops are based on the *What's the law?* education kit for newly arrived migrants. The workshops are scheduled for Metropolitan Sydney (Blacktown, Auburn and Sydney City) and Regional NSW (Wagga Wagga, Tweed Heads and Lismore) during September and October. Registration is essential. To register, please email [cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au) or phone 02 9219 5879.

## FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

**Is someone asking the court to make an AVO against you? Information for defendants (NSW)**, [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

An update of this factsheet is being developed. Previously published in 2010 in English and in 2011 and Arabic, Chinese (trad), Dari/Farsi, Korean, Spanish, Turkish and Vietnamese.

**Police powers (NSW)**, [Booklet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

An update of the 2010 version is being developed.

## GUIDES TO THE LAW

**Advice about your visa if you've been hurt or harmed by your partner (NSW)**, 2012, 2p.,

[Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au) <http://laxextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/450.pdf>

This factsheet provides information on spouse visas and family violence and where to get advice. It is available in English, Arabic, Assyrian, Bengali, Chinese (simplified), Dari/Farsi, Hindi, Indonesian, Khmer Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai and Vietnamese.

**Attracting board members (NSW)**, 2012, 3p., [Factsheet], Council of Social Service of New South Wales (NCOSS), 02 9211 2599, [info@ncoss.org.au](mailto:info@ncoss.org.au) [http://ncoss.org.au/projects/msu/downloads/resources/information%20sheets/05\\_Attracting-Board-Members-UPDATE-2012.pdf](http://ncoss.org.au/projects/msu/downloads/resources/information%20sheets/05_Attracting-Board-Members-UPDATE-2012.pdf)

This information sheet looks at recruiting the required expertise to a board of management of a non government organisation. Board members have increasing responsibility as legislation changes and as compliance requirements increase. Recruitment of board members can be adversely affected as managing becomes more complex.



**Break your silence, stop the violence (NSW)**, 2012, [Factsheet & Poster & Web page & Information card], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/publications/factsheets-and-resources/so-you-want-the-violence-to-stop-getting-an-apprehended-violence-order/>

These resources explain how the Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Program assists women to apply for an Apprehended Domestic Violence Order and how women can stop the cycle of abuse.

**Connecting human rights to everyday people (Australia)**, n.d., [Web page], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/publications/factsheets-and-resources/connecting-human-rights-to-everyday-people/>

This web page outlines human rights and the advice and assistance available from Legal Aid NSW. Through its Human Rights Committee, Legal Aid may be able to provide assistance in areas where it would not otherwise be available. Examples are given of how Legal Aid has successfully defended cases on the right to income, stolen wages, unlawful detention and the right of refugees not to be returned to their country of origin where they would be at risk of persecution or where their life would be placed at risk.

**Employment (NSW)**, n.d., [Web page], HIV/AIDS Legal Centre Inc (HALC), 02 9206 2060, [halc@halc.org.au](mailto:halc@halc.org.au)  
<http://www.halc.org.au/employment.html>

This web page gives an overview of the legal issues affecting HIV positive people in their employment. It covers disclosure issues, including occupations where disclosure may be required, anti-discrimination, privacy and where to get help.

**Income management (NSW)**, 2012, 2p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/477.pdf>

This factsheet provides information on the three types of income management that apply in Bankstown, NSW and where a person subject to income management can get legal help.

**Intestacy kit - NSW (NSW)**, 2011, 37p., [Booklet], Arts Law Centre of Australia, 02 9356 2566, [artslaw@artslaw.com.au](mailto:artslaw@artslaw.com.au)  
[http://www.artslaw.com.au/images/uploads/aitb/AITB\\_INTESTACY\\_KIT\\_NSW\\_EV\\_2011.docx](http://www.artslaw.com.au/images/uploads/aitb/AITB_INTESTACY_KIT_NSW_EV_2011.docx)

This kit has been developed to assist the families of Indigenous artists who have passed away without making a will. The laws of intestacy apply to any property not covered in a will, for example unsold artwork in a gallery. A range of options are provided, a checklist and template letters.

**Law for everyday life (NSW)**, 2012, [DVD], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/Publications/Website/Publications/Details/192>

This DVD is an introduction to civil law for community workers. It explains how to identify a civil law problem and where help is available. Duration 6 minutes.

**The law handbook: your practical guide to the law in NSW online (NSW)**, Thomson Reuters, 2012, 12th ed., [Website], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), 02 9273 1558, [liac@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liac@sl.nsw.gov.au)  
[http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/guides/law\\_handbook/index.html](http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/guides/law_handbook/index.html)

This online plain English guide covers all aspects of the law in NSW including appearing in court, contracts, credit and debt, children and the law, drug offences, accidents and compensation, family law, immigration and refugees, social security, wills, estates and funerals, internet law, defamation and copyright.

**Neighbours and the law online (NSW)**, Nadine Behan, 2012, [Web page], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), 02 9273 1558, [liac@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liac@sl.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/guides/neighbours/index.html>

This online updated book outlines the most common forms of dispute between neighbours. It sets out the law on a range of common neighbourhood problems including property rights, trees, boundary issues, noise, garbage, animals, harassment and land use.

**Police complaints (NSW)**, 2012, [Web page & Poster], Community Legal Centres NSW, 02 9212 7333, [clcnsw@clc.net.au](mailto:clcnsw@clc.net.au)  
<http://www.clcnsw.org.au/PoliceComplaints>

This website provides information about police complaints and other alternatives. It includes information on where to get legal advice about police behaviour; making a police complaint; alternatives to making a formal complaint using anti-discrimination law or civil litigation (coming soon). There is also information about CLCNSW's concerns with the current police complaints system, and their recommendations for reform. A promotional poster is also available at

[http://www.communitynet.tricomm.org.au/images/stories/09\\_13\\_clcnsw\\_police\\_complaints\\_flyer.png](http://www.communitynet.tricomm.org.au/images/stories/09_13_clcnsw_police_complaints_flyer.png).

**Private car park 'fines'/payment notices (NSW)**, 2012, 2012 ed., 4p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/482.pdf>

This factsheet explains how to challenge a 'fine' or payment notice issued when parking in a private car park.

**Protecting your organisation against fraud: Information Sheet 30 (NSW)**, 2012, 7p., [Factsheet], Council of Social Service of New South Wales (NCOSS), 02 9211 2599, [info@ncoss.org.au](mailto:info@ncoss.org.au)  
[http://ncoss.org.au/projects/msu/downloads/resources/information%20sheets/30\\_Fraud.pdf](http://ncoss.org.au/projects/msu/downloads/resources/information%20sheets/30_Fraud.pdf)

This factsheet discusses fraud in the not-for-profit sector. It describes fraud, the factors that influence it occurring and ways to avoid it and to respond if it occurs. It outlines the role of the board and management in relation to fraud.

**Scam buster (NSW)**, 2011, [Application], NSW Fair Trading, Free, 02 9895 0111,  
[http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About\\_us/Online\\_services/Mobile\\_apps/Scam\\_Buster.html](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About_us/Online_services/Mobile_apps/Scam_Buster.html)

This app gives information about current scams, with tips on how to bust them and report them. The app can be downloaded in an iPhone version (requires iOS 4.0 or later) or Android version. Comments or queries about Scam Buster can be emailed to [webfeedback.sm@services.nsw.gov.au](mailto:webfeedback.sm@services.nsw.gov.au), quoting 'Scam Buster' in the subject.

**ShopSmart (NSW)**, 2011, [Application], NSW Fair Trading, Free, 02 9895 0111,  
[http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About\\_us/Online\\_services/Mobile\\_apps/ShopSmart\\_app.html](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/About_us/Online_services/Mobile_apps/ShopSmart_app.html)

This app provides information on refund, warranty and lay-by rights under the new Australian Consumer Law, 2011. It includes answers to common shopping questions and allows the user to store photos of receipts and set reminders for gift-vouchers, lay-bys and warranties. It is available for Android and iPhones.

**Speaking wisely: considerations and strategies for managing public comment (NSW)**, 2012, 104p., [Kit], Redfern Legal Centre, 02 9310 3586, [info@rlc.org.au](mailto:info@rlc.org.au)  
<http://www.rlc.org.au/admin/spaw2/uploads/files/Speaking%20Wisely%20-%20May%202012.pdf>

This kit is for community organisations that wish to speak publicly about their services, the experience of their members and clients and what may need to be changed to achieve a just or sustainable society and environment. The kit has checklists, background explanations, some illustrative case summaries and scenarios as well as suggestions for policy and procedures, and some handy how to guides.

**The Standard Non-Parole Period (SNPP) Review Team (NSW)**, 2012, 4p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028,  
[publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/483.pdf>

This factsheet is for anyone who has received a prison sentence for a "standard non-parole period offence" committed after January 2003. It explains that it might be possible to apply to the courts for their sentence to be reduced as a result of the High Court's decision in October 2011 in Muldrock's case.

**Taking care of yourself after retrenchment or financial loss** n.d., 24p., [Booklet], beyondblue, 1300 22 4636, [infoline@beyondblue.org.au](mailto:infoline@beyondblue.org.au)  
[http://www.beyondblue.org.au/index.aspx?link\\_id=7.1561&tmp=FileStream&fid=2369](http://www.beyondblue.org.au/index.aspx?link_id=7.1561&tmp=FileStream&fid=2369)

This booklet aims to support people through retrenchment or financial loss by giving tips and advice about accessing benefits from Centrelink and insurance policies, managing redundancy payouts and living expenses, finding employment and realising when ongoing distress develops into depression or an anxiety disorder.

**Unravelling the law: a guide for women living with HIV/AIDS (NSW)**, 2012, 28p.p., [Booklet], HIV/AIDS Legal Centre Inc (HALC), 02 9206 2060, [halc@halc.org.au](mailto:halc@halc.org.au)

<http://www.halc.org.au/downloads/women-guide-2012.pdf>

This booklet provides information on legal issues relating to care and treatment, sex and relationships, pregnancy and childbirth, raising children and family violence.

**Who will decide for you if you can't decide for yourself? Think about planning ahead. (NSW)**, [Audio download & CD-ROM], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/132.mp3>

This audio download explains how to appoint someone to make decisions for you under a general or enduring power of attorney, or as an enduring guardian. It is also available on a CD that can be played on a standard CD or DVD player or run on a computer.

**Work and development orders: breaking the cycle of fine debt. (NSW)**, 2012, [DVD], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028, [publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publications@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://youtu.be/YDfn8DFM0Ts>

This DVD explains how work and development orders can allow people to pay off debts from fines with volunteer work, treatment programs, counselling, courses and other activities. Anyone who is homeless, has intellectual disability, cognitive impairment, mental health or addiction issues, or who is in serious financial hardship is eligible. It can be ordered from Legal Aid NSW, <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/publications/factsheets-and-resources>. Duration: 12 minutes.

## 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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