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COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

Law for community sector workers: care and protection (NSW), 2013, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5879, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

<http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/law-for-community-workers/employment-law9#CareProtection>

This workshop will be at Parramatta on Tuesday 13 August 12:30pm–3:30pm. It will cover the care and protection system, reporting, care plan agreements, parental responsibility contracts and temporary care arrangements, as well as Children's Court processes and where to get legal help. Registration is essential as places for this workshop are limited.

Law for community sector workers: criminal justice system (NSW), 2013, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5879, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

<http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/law-for-community-workers/employment-law8#CrimJustSystem>

This workshop on Friday 20 September 9:30am–12:30pm in Parramatta covers the criminal justice system in NSW for adults (18 years and above), basic principles of criminal law and legal representation, supporting clients at court, and where to get legal help.

Law for community sector workers: mental health and the law (NSW), 2013, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5879, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

<http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/law-for-community-workers/employment-law10>

This workshop on Wednesday 4 September 12:30pm–3:30pm in Bankstown covers: involuntary admissions and community treatment orders, guardianship and financial management; processes for diverting mentally ill people from the criminal justice system and where to get legal help.

Training for community workers: domestic and family violence provisions for migration regulation – Australian immigration law (NSW), 2013, [Workshop], Marrickville Legal Centre, \$11, 02 9559 2899

This workshop on 18 September will provide information on family violence relating to temporary visa holders and pathways to permanent residence for certain visa and circumstances.

Training for community workers: legal rights and obligations of youth workers (NSW), 2013, [Workshop], Marrickville Legal Centre, \$11, 02 9559 2899

This workshop on 7 August will cover legal issues relevant to youth workers such as duty of care, client confidentiality, privacy, child protection, mandatory reporting, subpoenas and privilege.

GUIDES TO THE LAW

Consumer law (Hot topics 83) (Australia), 2013, [Online], Legal Information Access Centre, 02 9273 1558, liac@sl.nsw.gov.au

http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/guides/consumer_law/index.html This issue looks at the new consumer legislation, the Australian Consumer Law (ACL), which provides new laws relating to product safety, unfair contract terms, national consumer guarantees, door-to-door sales, lay-by agreements and information standards for services as well as products. It describes the complexity of creating this national legislation and what the changes mean. Available online.

Copyright & online technologies (Australia), Australian Copyright Council, 2013, 1st ed., 68p., [Book], \$45, <http://shop.copyright.org.au/product.php?productid=17123>

This book covers copyright issues for anyone in the online environment. Topics include how copyright applies online, digital rights management, contract and business models for distributing content online, risk management and intermediary liability, and the cloud, linking, embedding, data mining, caching & other online issues.



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Debt self help (Australia), 2013, [Website], Financial Counselling Australia, 07 3004 6911, info@financialcounsellingaustralia.org.au <http://www.debtselphelp.org.au/> This website has information and self help tools for people experiencing financial difficulty. The site includes fact sheets, videos, links and a local service finder.

Family matters (NSW), 2013, [DVD], Fairfield City Council, 02 9725 0222, mail@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au Family Matters is a 20 minute DVD which looks at different views and beliefs that stop people reporting domestic and family violence. The DVD can be viewed in Arabic, Vietnamese and English and is accompanied by facilitators' note.

Family reunion (Australia), 2013, 6p., [Factsheet & Online], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9211 4001, admin@racs.org.au <http://www.racs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Family-Reunion.pdf> This factsheet explains how a protection visa holder can apply to have their family move to Australia.

Grandparents' family law information guide (NSW), Coral Slattery, 2013, 5th ed., 28p., [Book & Online], Family Law Reform Association of NSW Inc., 02 9542 2459, fira@comcen.com.au <http://www.familylawreform.org.au/Grandparents%20Family%20Law%20Information%20Guide%205th%20edition.pdf> This fifth edition of the guide includes all known support groups who provide various services for grandparents raising their grandchildren, as well as other kinship carers.

How to complete and lodge an application for a Protection visa (subclass 866) with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) (Australia), Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 2013, 8p., [Factsheet & Online], Refugee Advice Casework Service (RACS), 02 9211 4001, admin@racs.org.au http://www.racs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/FS1_How_to_complete_and_lodge_an_application_for_a_protection_visa_ver21.pdf This factsheet explains the process for completing and lodging an application for a Protection visa (subclass 866) with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC).

How to write a letter to request Ministerial Intervention under Section 417 and Section 48B of the Migration Act (Australia), 2013, 12p., [Factsheet & Online], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9211 4001, admin@racs.org.au http://www.racs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/FS6_how_to_prepare_s417_Ministerial_Req_est_print.pdf This factsheet explains how to write a letter to request Ministerial Intervention under sections 417 and 48B of the Migration Act.

How to write a statement for a Protection visa application (Australia), Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 2013, 8p., [Factsheet & Online], Refugee Advice Casework Service (RACS), 02 9211 4001, admin@racs.org.au http://www.racs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/FS2_How_to_write_statement_of_claim_ver2_1.pdf This factsheet explains how to write a statement for a Protection visa application.

Information for people who have been granted a protection visa (Australia), 2013, 6p., [Factsheet & Online], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9211 4001, admin@racs.org.au http://www.racs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/FS8_post_pv_print.pdf This factsheet provides information to people who have been given a Protection Visa.

knowmore (Australia), 2013, [Website], Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, 1800 099 340 registerinterest@childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au <http://knowmore.org.au/> *knowmore* is a free service, independent of the Royal Commission and government, offering legal advice and information to help you navigate your options in speaking with or providing information to the Royal Commission.

MoneySmart rookie (Australia), 2013, [Online], Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC), 1300 300 630, info.enquiries@asic.gov.au <https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/life-events-and-you/under-25s> This website provides young people with information about money decisions like buying a first car, moving out of home, a first job or first big bill.



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Need legal information online? (NSW), 2013, 2p., [Information card], LawAccess, 1300 888 529, [http://info.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au/lawaccess/lawaccess.nsf/files/NLIO_DL_Postcard.pdf/\\$FILE/NLIO_DL_Postcard.pdf](http://info.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au/lawaccess/lawaccess.nsf/files/NLIO_DL_Postcard.pdf/$FILE/NLIO_DL_Postcard.pdf) This information card contains information about LawAccess NSW online services - LawAccess Online and LawAssist. Available to order from the LawAccess website.

Recovery of goods (NSW), 2013, [Online], LawAccess, 1300 888 529 http://www.lawassist.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au/lawassist/recovery_of_goods.html This new LawAssist topic covers goods belonging to a person, including, cars, jewellery, animals and furniture and has information about what to do if a person is trying to get their goods back from someone, or someone is chasing a person to get their goods back. The information is for goods worth \$10 000 or less.

Refused by the Refugee Review Tribunal. What are your options? (Australia), 2013, 6p., [Factsheet & Online], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9211 4001, admin@racs.org.au http://www.racs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/FS5_Post_negative_RRT_print.pdf This factsheet explains the options available if a person is refused a protection visa.

The roof over our heads project (NSW), 2013, [DVD], Kempsey Family and Community Centre, 02 6562 1911. This DVD is for renters or potential renters on their responsibilities and how to keep a tenancy in social housing or private rental accommodation. For copies please call Mavis on 02 6562 1911.

Sexting (NSW), National Children's and Youth Law Centre, 2013, 2p., [Factsheet & Online], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028 <http://lacextra.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/PublicationsResourcesService/PublicationImprints/Files/476.pdf> This factsheet helps young people to understand safe technology and social media use. It raises awareness on sexting and the penalties.

Small business scams (Australia), 2013, 2p., [Factsheet & Online], Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), 02 9230 9133 <http://www.accc.gov.au/system/files/Small%20business%20scams%20fact%20sheet.pdf> This factsheet is for small businesses and how to avoid being the victim of a scam.

Tenants rights factsheet 27: Boarding House Act 2012 (NSW), 2013, 2p., [Factsheet & Online], Tenants' Union of NSW, 02 8117 3700, tunsw@clc.net.au <http://intranet.tenants.org.au/print/fs27.pdf> The Boarding Houses Act 2012 came into effect on 1 July. This factsheet explains the rights of residents of registrable boarding houses under the Boarding Houses Act 2012.

Tool Kit books online (NSW), 2013, [Online], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), 02 9273 1558, liac@sl.nsw.gov.au <http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/about/findlegalanswers/toolkit.html> Most of the Find Legal Answers Tool Kit books are now available online, including the full text of the Law Handbook. The latest Tool Kit books to go online are: the first two chapters of the Family law handbook, 3rd edition by Maree Livermore; and How to run your own court case by Nadine Behan. Printed books in the Tool Kit are in all NSW public libraries.

Voting and elections (Hot topics 84) (Australia), 2013, [Online], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), 02 9273 1558, liac@sl.nsw.gov.au http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/guides/voting_and_elections/index.html This issue covers government elections in Australia, compulsory voting, voting procedures, preselection of election candidates, party registration, drawing electoral boundaries and how votes are counted. Available online.

What happens at an interview for a protection visa application? (Australia), 2013, 8p., [Factsheet & Online], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9211 4001, admin@racs.org.au http://www.racs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/FS3_What_happens_at_a_Diac_interview_print.pdf This factsheet explains what happens at an interview for a protection visa application.

What happens at the Refugee Review Tribunal? (Australia), 2013, 10p., [Factsheet & Online], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9211 4001, admin@racs.org.au http://www.racs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/FS4_What_happens_at_an_RRT_hearing_print.pdf This factsheet explains what happens at the Refugee Review Tribunal.



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Work and development orders - a deadly way to clear your fine debt (NSW), 2013, [DVD & Online & Video], Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd, 02 8303 6600 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDfn8DFM0Ts&feature=youtu.be> This video aims to assist Aboriginal people clear their debts. The Work and Development Order (WDO) Service allows disadvantaged people to pay off their debt with volunteer work, treatment programs, counselling, courses and other activities. Anyone who is homeless, has an intellectual disability, cognitive impairment, mental health issues, or is in serious financial hardship is eligible.

OTHER

Clearing house: the Tenants' Union of NSW's social housing estate redevelopment blog (NSW), 2013, [Online], Tenants' Union of NSW, 02 8117 3700, tunsw@clc.net.au <http://clearinghousetunsw.blogspot.com.au/> The Tenants' Union (TU) of NSW has a new blog that records what's going on in social housing estate redevelopments in New South Wales. The purpose of the blog is to try to keep track of what's happening with estate redevelopment, on the ground in each estate. The TU will try to log announcements, events and changes of plans as they happen, and link back to earlier information so it can be seen how things may have changed.

National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day (Australia), 2013, [Video & Online], Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care, 03 9489 8099 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MiaCNYR5w_Y This online video is promoting National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day on August 4. This year's theme is about standing up for child rights.

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