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COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

Criminal justice system workshop for community workers (NSW), 2013, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW - Workshops, 02 9219 5879, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/calendar-community-workers>

This workshop will provide an overview of the criminal justice system for adults in New South Wales. Upcoming sessions: Thursday 10 October in Newcastle, Wednesday 16 October in Tamworth and Thursday 24 October in Nowra. Registration is essential.

Family law: law for community sector workers (NSW), 2013, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW - Workshops, 02 9219 5879, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/calendar-community-workers>

This workshop will cover separation and divorce, de facto relationships, arrangements for children, family dispute resolution and property settlements. Upcoming sessions: Tuesday 29 October in Bathurst and Shellharbour. Registration is essential.

Fines and WDOs: Law for community sector workers (NSW), 2013, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW - Workshops, 02 9219 5879, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/calendar-community-workers>

This workshop will explain options for dealing with fines including internal reviews, time to pay options, partial write-offs and Work and Development Orders (WDOs). Topics include helping clients get their licence back. Upcoming session: Wednesday 23 October in Gosford. Registration is essential.

Mental health and the law: law for community sector workers (NSW), 2013, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW - Workshops, 02 9219 5879, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/calendar-community-workers>

This workshop will cover the law relating to community treatment orders, involuntary admissions, primary carers under the Mental Health Act and diversionary processes in the local court. Upcoming session: Thursday 31 October in Hunter. Registration is essential.

Sex, young people and the law (Australia), 2013, [Kit], Victoria Legal Aid, 03 9269 0120, cle@vla.vic.gov.au <http://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au/about-us/community-education/resources-for-educators/sex-young-people-and-law-education-program>

This kit includes speaker's notes, PowerPoint, activities and answers and covers cyberbullying and sexting. It can be used in classrooms with teacher support.

What's the law? Newly arrived education kit (Australia), 2012, [Kit], Victoria Legal Aid, 03 9269 0120, cle@vla.vic.gov.au <http://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au/about-us/community-education/resources-for-educators/whats-law-australian-law-for-new-arrivals-kit>

This kit containing a DVD and activity and answer sheets looks at common legal problems that people newly arrived to Australia may encounter. The topics cover Australia's legal system, buying a car, car accidents, Centrelink, child protection and parenting, driving, family law, family violence, police and renting.



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What's the law? Train the trainer (NSW), 2013, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW - Workshops, 02 9219 5879, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

<http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/calendar-community-workers>

What's the Law? is an education kit developed by Legal Aid NSW for newly arrived migrants. It seeks to improve their understanding of some common legal issues, while developing English language skills. The Train the Trainer Workshop covers key legal concepts from the kit and aims to provide community workers, teachers and tutors with the basic legal knowledge to assist their clients. Upcoming sessions: Friday 4 October in Parramatta, Thursday 10 October in Coffs Harbour, Monday 14 October in Wollongong and Wednesday 16 October in Fairfield. Registration is essential

Wills and planning ahead: Law for community sector workers (NSW), 2013, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW - Workshops, 02 9219 5879, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/calendar-community-workers>

This workshop will cover wills, power of attorney, enduring guardianship and elder financial abuse. Upcoming sessions: Wednesday 9 October at the Twin Towns Club, Tweed Heads and Thursday 17 October at the Mercure in Wagga Wagga. Registration is essential.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Ripped off? Your rights about unpaid wages and entitlements at work (NSW), 2013, [Booklet], Legal Aid, 02 9219 5028, <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/civil-law/employment-law-services>

This booklet has been developed for young workers and provides information about wages and entitlements and how to claim and recover unpaid amounts. Ripped Off will be available for ordering from Legal Aid from mid-October 2013.

GUIDES TO THE LAW

Young workers (Australia), 2013, [Web page], Fair Work Ombudsman, 02 8276 0999 <http://www.fairwork.gov.au/employment/young-workers/pages/default.aspx?friendlyURL=1&youngworkers>

This webpage gives information to young workers about their work rights including entitlements and pay.

Employment essentials: ending employment (NSW), 2013, 4p., [Factsheet], NSW Industrial Relations, 131 628, http://www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au/biz_res/oirwww/pdfs/ending_employment.pdf

This factsheet describes the different ways employers and employees can end the employment relationship and provides a guide to help manage the process.

Employment essentials: introducing workplace flexibility (NSW), 2013, 4p., [Factsheet], NSW Industrial Relations, 131 628, http://www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au/biz_res/oirwww/pdfs/intro_workplace_flexibility.pdf

This factsheet explains legislation and information about flexible work practices.

Family law property settlement workbook (NSW), 2013, 1st ed., 42p., [Book], Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre Inc, \$4.00 + P/H, 02 4422 9529, info@shoalcoast.org.au

This workbook is designed to assist women, particularly from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, who have separated from their husband or partner and are trying to mediate to reach property settlement or preparing an application to a court for property settlement. There is a brief summary sheet of the workbook and key issues, available in English, Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Indonesian, Persian and Arabic.

Family reunion (Australia), 2013, 6p., [Booklet], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9114 1600, admin@racs.org.au <http://www.racs.org.au/publications-by-racs/>

This booklet explains how a protection visa holder can apply to have their family move to Australia. Available in Arabic, Chinese, Dari, English, Farsi, Tamil, Turkish and Urdu.

How to complete and lodge an application for a Protection visa (subclass 866) with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) (Australia), 2013, 8p., [Booklet], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9114 1600, admin@racs.org.au <http://www.racs.org.au/publications-by-racs/>

This booklet explains the process for completing and lodging an application for a Protection visa (subclass 866) with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). Available in Arabic, Chinese, Dari, English, Farsi, Tamil, Turkish and Urdu.



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How to write a letter to request Ministerial Intervention under Section 417 and Section 48B of the Migration Act (Australia), 2013, 12p., [Booklet], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9114 1600, admin@racs.org.au

<http://www.racs.org.au/publications-by-racs/>

This booklet explains how to write a letter to request Ministerial Intervention under sections 417 and 48B of the Migration Act. Available in Arabic, Chinese, Dari, English, Farsi, Tamil, Turkish and Urdu.

How to write a statement for a Protection visa application (Australia), 2013, 8p., [Booklet], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9114 1600, admin@racs.org.au

<http://www.racs.org.au/publications-by-racs/>

This booklet explains how to write a statement for a Protection visa application. Available in Arabic, Chinese, Dari, English, Farsi, Tamil, Turkish and Urdu.

Human rights (Hot topics 85) (Australia), Jane Stratton, 2013, 32p., [Booklet], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), 02 9273 1558, liac@sl.nsw.gov.au

This issue provides an overview of human rights law from its origins and sources, through to the development of modern human rights law. It examines the domestic operation of human rights law and explores a rights-based approach with case studies on housing and health in Australia. Available in print in all NSW public libraries.

Information for people who have been granted a protection visa (Australia), 2013, 6p., [Booklet], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9114 1600, admin@racs.org.au

<http://www.racs.org.au/publications-by-racs/>

This booklet provides information to people who have been given a Protection Visa. Available in Arabic, Chinese, Dari, English, Farsi, Tamil, Turkish and Urdu.

My consumer rights (NSW), 2013, [Video], NSW Fair Trading, 02 9895 0111, <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLV64F1V8Flu-VruvtBNVqmqMSjq6v-SiO>

These six videos contain information about consumer rights under Australian Consumer Law when buying goods and services, covering shopping rights, shopping refunds, guarantees and warranties, lay-by agreements, contracts and resolving issues and lodging complaints. The videos are in Arabic, Dinka, English, Farsi, Karen, Nepalese and Tamil.

Refused by the Refugee Review Tribunal. What are your options? (Australia), 2013, 6p., [Booklet], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9114 1600, admin@racs.org.au

<http://www.racs.org.au/publications-by-racs/>

This booklet explains the options available if a person is refused a protection visa. Available in Arabic, Chinese, Dari, English, Farsi, Tamil, Turkish and Urdu.

ShopSmart app (NSW), 2013, [Application], NSW Fair Trading, 02 9895 0111,

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/Online_services/Mobile_apps/ShopSmart_app.page?

This free app gives consumers handy access to information on online shopping, refunds, warranty and lay-by rights while you shop. It answers common shopping questions and allows the user to store photos of your receipts and set reminders for your gift-vouchers, lay-bys and warranties. It also includes information about shopper rights as specified in Australian Consumer Law. Available for Android and iPhones.

What happens at an interview for a protection visa application? (Australia), 2013, 8p., [Booklet], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9114 1600, admin@racs.org.au

<http://www.racs.org.au/publications-by-racs/>

This booklet explains what happens at an interview for a protection visa application. Available in Arabic, Chinese, Dari, English, Farsi, Tamil, Turkish and Urdu.

What happens at the Refugee Review Tribunal? (Australia), 2013, 10p., [Booklet], Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), 02 9114 1600, admin@racs.org.au

<http://www.racs.org.au/publications-by-racs/>

This booklet explains what happens at the Refugee Review Tribunal. Available in Arabic, Chinese, Dari, English, Farsi, Tamil, Turkish and Urdu.

Your rights at retirement (Australia), 2013, 256p., [Book], Australian Human Rights Commission, 02 9284 9600 or 1300 369 711, publications@humanrights.gov.au https://www.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/document/publication/yrar_2013.pdf

This book is a guide to making decisions and navigating entitlements for older people at the different phases of ageing. It covers topics from setting up a retirement budget through to considering options for aged care.



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