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COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

Disability law training (NSW), 2014, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW - Workshops, 02 9219 5879 cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/law-for-community-workers/>

This workshop covers disability discrimination and appealing NDIS decisions for advocates and community workers. Upcoming sessions: Wednesday 9 April in Newcastle. Registration is essential.

Law for community sector workers: child support (NSW), 2014, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW - Workshops, 02 9219 5879, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/law-for-community-workers/>

This workshop covers how child support works and the child support formula, proof of parentage, dealing with the Child Support Agency and where to get legal help. Upcoming session: Tuesday 8 April in Dubbo and Tuesday 6 May in Newcastle. Registration is essential.

Law for community sector workers: criminal justice system (NSW), 2014, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW - Workshops, 02 9219 5879, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/law-for-community-workers/>

This workshop will provide an overview of the criminal justice system for adults in New South Wales and where to get legal help. Upcoming session: Wednesday 2 April in Gosford. Registration is essential.

Law for community sector workers: young people and the law (NSW), 2014, [Workshop], Legal Aid NSW - Workshops, 02 9219 5879, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/law-for-community-workers>

This workshop will cover under 18's and criminal law and sentencing, as well as diversionary options and where to get legal help. Upcoming session: Thursday 22 May in East Maitland. Registration is essential.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Defend yourself: facing a charge in court (NSW Vic), Tim Anderson, 2014, 3rd ed., 128p., [Book], Federation Press, \$34.95, 02 9552 2200 info@federationpress.com.au <http://www.federationpress.com.au/bookstore/book.asp?isbn=9781862879614>

The third edition of this book has been updated with law changes. This book is for people who want to defend a charge in court and to better understand court processes.

GUIDES TO THE LAW

First Australians (Hot topics 86) (Australia), 2013, 24p., [Booklet/Online], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), 02 9273 1558, liac@sl.nsw.gov.au http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/guides/hot_topics/first_australians/index.html

This issue looks at the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, how they are defined, where they live and levels of cultural engagement. It examines socio-economic profiles in relation to health, education, housing, employment and criminal justice. Also discussed are the concepts of self-representation, self-determination and sovereignty. A section on land covers Mabo, land rights and Native title. Available online and in print in all NSW public libraries.

Game design and development (Australia), 2014, 18p., [Factsheet], Arts Law Centre of Australia, 02 9356 2566, artslaw@artslaw.com.au <http://www.artslaw.com.au/info-sheets/info-sheet/game-design-and-development>

This factsheet covers the legal issues that can arise for game creators and provides necessary information concerning what steps can or should be taken to protect and secure rights.



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Information for performers (NSW), 2014, 2p., [Factsheet], NSW Industrial Relations, 131 628
http://www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au/biz_res/oirwww/pdf/s/Fact_sheet_for_performers.pdf

This factsheet gives performers information on understanding their rights and the obligations of their representatives under the Entertainment Industry Act 2013.

National disability insurance scheme (NDIS) factsheet (NSW), 2013, 4p., [Factsheet], Ageing, Disability and Home Care
http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/about_us/strategies/national_disability_insurance_scheme

This factsheet provides information for people with disability, their families and carers who receive services from Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Available in Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese, as well as easy read English.

Need legal help? – call LawAccess NSW (NSW), 2014, [Video], LawAccess, 1300 888 529
http://info.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au/lawaccess/lawaccess.nsf/page/s/about_us

This video provides information in Auslan about LawAccess NSW.

Negotiation (NSW), 2014, [Web page], LawAccess, 1300 888 529
http://www.lawassist.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au/lawassist/lawassist_what_you_should_know/negotiation.html

This webpage provides information and resources for people who are involved in a dispute. It aims to develop their skills and give them confidence to try to resolve their problem by talking to the other party and without going to court.

New alcohol laws in force (NSW), 2014, [Web page], New South Wales Government
<http://www.nsw.gov.au/newlaws>

This webpage gives information about the new alcohol laws that started on 24 February, including lock out, last drink times and new mandatory sentencing.

New bigger fines (NSW), 2014, 2p., [Factsheet], Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd, 02 8303 6600,
<http://www.alsnswact.org.au/media/BAhbBIsHOgZmSSJKMjAxNC8wMy8xMC8wMV8xN18xNF84MTRfQmlnZ2VyX2ZpbmVzZzgucGRmBjoGRVQ>

This factsheet covers new on-the-spot fines for offensive language, acting in a disorderly way and refusing a police order to 'move on'.

New laws: alcohol, drugs and violence (NSW), 2014, 2p., [Factsheet], Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd, 02 8303 6600

<http://www.alsnswact.org.au/media/BAhbBIsHOgZmSSJKMjAxNC8wMi8xNy8wMI8zNF8wNF8yOTNfcmV3X2xhd3NfYVxib2hvbF9kcnc19hbmRfdmVbGVuY2VfRkIOQUwucGRmBjoGRVQ>

This factsheet is for Aboriginal people in NSW with information about the new laws on drinking and violence.

NSW supreme, district & local courts online registry (NSW), 2014, [Website], Department of Attorney General and Justice, 02 8688 7777

<https://onlineregistry.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/content>

This new website is for civil court matters and can save time and money. Users can file forms and keep track of cases online, as well as other services.

Parents fact sheet (NSW), 2014, 2p., [Factsheet], NSW Office of the Children's Guardian, 02 8219 3600,
kids@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au

http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/example-folder-5/children-s-employment/OCG_Parents_fact_sheet.pdf

This factsheet about the laws for employing children is for parents of children under 15 years of age in the entertainment, exhibition and still photography industries, and under 16 years of age in modelling.

ABOUT PLL

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Please note that from 1 January 2014 the LIAC Centre in the State Reference Library will be staffed, Monday to Friday, 10am - 5pm. The Centre will no longer be staffed on Sundays. Telephone inquiry hours remain unchanged: 02 9273 1558 Monday to Friday, 10am - 1pm.

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www.lawfoundation.net.au/pllsearch

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