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General Grants now open

The Law and Justice Foundation of New South Wales is pleased to announce that the March round of the 2016 Grants Program is now open. Our Grants Program is aimed at projects that will identify effective reforms, initiatives and programs to address legal need. Not-for-profit and community organisations are able to apply.

For more information, see the Grants page of our website or email grants@lawfoundation.net.au

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Community legal education

Advocacy training (NSW), 2016, [Workshop], Public Interest Advocacy Centre - Workshops, 02 8898 6503, piac@piac.asn.au

The workshop calendar starts in March. All three of the workshops are all in the Sydney CBD. They are: Advocacy strategies, 16 Mar 2016; Advocacy skills, 17 Mar 2016; and Tenancy law for non-lawyers, 30 Mar 2016. For further information and to sign up, go to the PIAC website.

Ask LOIS upcoming webinars: AVOs: varying and extending orders (NSW), 2016, [Webinar], Women's Legal Services NSW, 02 8745 6900, reception@wlsnsw.org.au

These fortnightly webinars are for community workers on legal issues and practical skills to help in supporting clients. Since the calendar is password protected, details of the webinar are as follows: Thursday 11 February 2016, 11:00-11:30am. This webinar looks at common scenarios where clients may want to have their AVO changed, and how they can go about this, including: Applying for a variation, Preparing grounds for a variation application, Applying to have an AVO extended so it continues to be in force, The court process in variation and extension applications, and Getting support.

(For a refresher on AVOs, see the many past webinars on AVO at www.asklois.org.au/webinars/past-webinars). Presented by Rebecca Frost, Senior Solicitor, Women's Legal Services NSW.

Ask LOIS upcoming webinars: Domestic violence and immigration (NSW), 2016, [Webinar], Women's Legal Services NSW, 02 8745 6900, reception@wlsnsw.org.au

These fortnightly webinars are for community workers on legal issues and practical skills to help in supporting clients. Since the calendar is password protected, details of the webinar are as follows: Thursday 25 February 2016, 11:00am-12:00pm. Looks at options for immigrant and refugee women experiencing domestic violence: What are the domestic and family violence provisions in Australian Immigration Law? Which visas do the provisions apply to? How is domestic and family violence proven? Where can your client get help? Presented by Xanthe Emery, Senior Solicitor, Registered Migration Agent, Immigration Advice & Rights Centre (IARC).

Ask LOIS upcoming webinars: Surrogacy law in Australia (NSW), 2016, [Webinar], Women's Legal Services NSW, 02 8745 6900, reception@wlsnsw.org.au

These fortnightly webinars are for community workers on legal issues and practical skills to help in supporting clients. Since the calendar is password protected, details of the webinar are as follows: Thursday 24 March 2016, 11:00am-11:30am. The webinar will look at: What types of surrogacy are legal in Australia, which are illegal? Who can be a surrogate? Who is the legal parent of the child? How is parentage transferred? What are the rights of the surrogate mother? Presented by Mari Vagg, Women's Legal Services NSW.

Ask LOIS upcoming webinars: Understanding privacy law: your obligations as an organisation (NSW), 2016, [Webinar], Women's Legal Services NSW, 02 8745 6900, reception@wlsnsw.org.au

These fortnightly webinars are for community workers on legal issues and practical skills to help in supporting clients. Since the calendar is password protected, details of the webinar are as follows: Thursday 10 March 2016, 11:00am-11:30am. Topics covered are: How to legally collect, use, handle and store personal information documents, Systems and checks you should put in place today, Practical examples of good and bad practice and The latest amendments to privacy laws. Presented by Natalie Neumann, Lawyer, Justice Connect.

Ask LOIS upcoming webinars: Victims support: reviewing and appealing decisions (NSW), 2015, [Webinar], Ask Lois (Women's Legal Services NSW), Free, 0287 456 900, asklois@wlsnsw.org.au

These fortnightly webinars are for community workers on legal issues and practical skills to help in supporting clients. Since the calendar is password protected, details of the webinar are as follows: Tuesday 2 February 2016, 11:00-11:30am. This webinar looks at the different mechanisms that can be used by clients when they are unhappy with a determination of Victims Services, including The internal review process, Writing grounds and particulars for an internal review, The external review process through the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) and Tips for preparing submissions.



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(This webinar follows on from the introductory webinar on Victims Support which can be viewed here: http://www.asklois.org.au/webinars/past-webinars#victims_support.) Presented by Women's Legal Services NSW.

Workshops and webinars for community workers. (NSW), 2016, [Workshop & Webinar], Legal Aid NSW - Workshops, Free, 02 9219 5879, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

The calendar starts on 27 January. Topics include Domestic and family violence, Family law, Legal words for interpreters and bilingual workers and Public housing antisocial behaviour changes.

Forthcoming publications

Giving evidence in care proceedings in the Children's Court Association of Children's Welfare Agencies

This training video and guide is scheduled to be launched in February 2016.

Guides to the law

Are you applying for an AVO? (NSW), 2015, 16p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This revised brochure explains how to get a court order and what happens in court.

Are you experiencing domestic violence?, (NSW), 2015, 12p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This revised brochure explains how Legal Aid NSW can help those experiencing domestic or family violence.

Australia's Christmas spending (Australia), 2015, [Online], Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), 02 9230 9133

This Moneysmart infographic explains how much Australians plan to spend at Christmas, how they pay for it and how long it takes them to pay off their credit card debts. It is also available as text.

Credit law toolkit (Australia), Katherine Lane, 2015, 221p., [Book], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028

This toolkit is aimed at both financial counsellors and lawyers, particularly those lawyers in legal aid offices and generalist community legal centres who do a range of civil law work, but do not necessarily specialise in credit law. The toolkit is intended to assist financial counsellors to assist their clients more effectively, but not to replace timely legal advice. All caseworkers are advised to pay particular attention to the relevant time limits for taking action noted throughout this kit. It has been jointly produced by the Financial Rights Legal Centre & Legal Aid NSW and covers the law as at December 2015.

Dealing with telecommunications providers: three migrants' stories (NSW), [Video], Justice Connect (NSW), 02 9114 1793, admin@justiceconnect.org.au

These videos explore the issues experienced by new migrants when dealing with telecommunications providers, and getting themselves into unfair and unaffordable contracts. The videos are accounts in their own language by Kirupa (2:00 minutes), Moukhtar (2:12 minutes) and Sabrina (1:18 minutes) in Tamil, Arabic and Bengali.

Domestic violence help at court (NSW), 2015, 7p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This brochure explains how those experiencing domestic violence can get help to apply for an AVO. It is written in Easy English for anyone who has difficulty reading English, including people with low literacy levels, intellectual disabilities or whose main language is not English.

Drugs and the law (Hot Topics update) (NSW), 2015, rev.ed ed., [Online], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), liac.library@sl.nsw.gov.au

This update covers NSW law relating to drugs, including possession, use and supply, manufacturing, importing and exporting. Case studies are also included.

Family law: child support (Auslan only) (NSW), 2015, [Video], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This video, produced in collaboration with the Deaf Society, explains what child support is, how to collect child support, paying child support and the how the child support service at Legal Aid NSW can help. Running time is 15.27 minutes.

Family law: mediation (Auslan only) (NSW), 2015, [Video], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This video, produced in collaboration with the Deaf Society, explains how the family dispute resolution process works and how the mediation service at Legal Aid NSW can help. Running time is 8:49 minutes.

Get court smart (NSW), 2015, 30p., [Booklet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This revised pocket book tells young people how things work in the Children's Court, what they can expect and gives tips on how to prepare for court in NSW. It now comes minus staples in a cotton binding.

Getting help after a disaster (NSW), 2015, 6p., [Online], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This guide explains how Legal Aid NSW can help those affected by storms, floods, or bushfires.

Have you breached your parole, home detention nor intensive correction order? (NSW), 2015, 4p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This brochure outlines the consequences of breaching parole, home detention or intensive correction orders.

Legal topics for older people diary 2016 (NSW), 2015, 176p., [Book], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028

This diary has information on a range of important legal topics relevant to older people including seniors' rights, consumer law, aged care, community phone numbers and a list of agencies and services for older people. Hardcopies are available from Legal Aid offices, public libraries and some community organisations. It can also be ordered online from the Legal Aid NSW website.

Making a complaint (NSW), 2016, [Web page], LawAccess, 1300 888 529

This webpage provides information and resources about making a complaint, including: tips on how to make a complaint, who to make a complaint to and the names of complaint bodies, including links to their websites.



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My Blue Sky (Australia), 2015, [Website], Anti-Slavery Australia, (02)9514 8115, help@mybluesky.org.au

This website offers support for people who have experienced all forms of human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like practices including forced labour and forced marriage.

Our dream ... stopping the violence (NSW), 2015, 3rd ed., [Booklet], Women's Legal Services NSW, 02 8745 6900, reception@wlsnsw.org.au

This booklet is about domestic violence and the law. It is designed primarily for Aboriginal women but may also be a useful resource for non-Aboriginal service providers. It looks at what domestic or family violence is, what to do about it and what will happen at court if applying for an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO). It also addresses some common questions about domestic violence and the law, as well as listing services to obtain more information. Free to download. To order hard copies go to <http://www.wlsnsw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/WLSNSW-Publications-Order-Form.pdf>. Cost is \$2.75 per copy for community organisations and \$5.50 for government or business.

Police powers (NSW), 2015, 24p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This revised brochure explains police powers and what rights and responsibilities exist for people in situations such as arrest, people and property searches, public disorder, move along directions and more.

Publications catalogue 2016 (NSW), 2015, 16p., [Booklet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This catalogue is designed for organisations who order and maintain stocks of Legal Aid publications.

Rental Bonds Online: the smart way to manage your bond (NSW), 2015, [Video], NSW Fair Trading, 13 32 20

This video shows how to access Rental Bonds Online (RBO), which helps tenants, agents and private landlords to lodge and refund a bond securely and easily. It is translated into Arabic, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese. Running time is 3:15 minutes.

Representing yourself videos (NSW), 2016, [Video], LawAccess NSW, 1300 888 529

These videos are part of LawAccess online and on the playlist on Justice NSW YouTube Channel. They now have audio descriptions. The videos are on the following topics: Finding your courtroom, Asking for an adjournment, Pleading guilty, Pleading not guilty, Presenting your case at a defended hearing, Responding to an application for an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO), Applying for an Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO) and Small claims.

Ripped off (NSW), 2015, 48p., [Booklet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This booklet has been updated with the new minimum wage and explains employees' rights to unpaid wages and entitlements at work.

Spot the signs employment law (NSW), 2015, 2p., [Factsheet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This factsheet has been updated with the new minimum wage and gives employment law advice for a range of employment problems.

Squeezed over debt (NSW), 2015, 5p., [Pamphlet], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This newly revised brochure explains some of the legal steps to take for people who owe money and receive a letter of demand including information about external dispute resolution schemes.

Talking factsheets (NSW), 2015, [Video], Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd, 02 8303 6600

A series of 19 short videos on legal issues produced by Aboriginal people in communities across NSW. The videos explain legal information in an accessible and easy to understand manner.

You and your lawyer (Hot topics 78) (NSW Australia), 2015, rev. ed., 24p., [Online], Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), liac.library@sl.nsw.gov.au

This online version explains the role of lawyers and other organisations in the legal services sector, including how to work with a lawyer, professional responsibilities of lawyers, costs and charges and complaints. It was revised and updated by Georgia Millar to reflect changes to the law following the introduction of the Legal Profession Uniform Law, Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014. It is based on the previous edition, written by Lynda Muston. LIAC wishes to thank the Office of the Legal Services Commissioner for their assistance with this issue.

Searchable Plain Language Law (PLL) database

Resources included in past editions of the newsletter can be found in our PLL Database which contains over 1200 resources and is searchable using the PLL search tool. Resources are searchable by format (e.g. DVD, booklet, etc.), language, law type and target group.

About PLL

PLL is produced by Anna Russell and Jane Kenny, Law and Justice Foundation of NSW, (02) 8227 3200, with assistance from the Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC).

Additional sources of plain language law material can be found at LIAC's website, www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au, or call LawAccess on 1300 888 529 or check the LawAccess website at www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au.

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