



Plain Language Law

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Community legal education

Advanced Media Skills (NSW), 2016, [Workshop], Public Interest Advocacy Centre - Workshops, \$400, 02 8898 6503, piac@piac.asn.au

Learn how to work the media. Build up your media skills and receive personal coaching in this intensive one-day workshop. 25 May 2016, 9.00am - 4.30pm. Sydney CBD. Register online or call Lena Lowe on 02 8898 6503.

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

The training calendar from April to June includes workshops at Bathurst, Shellharbour, Tweed Heads, Maitland, Dubbo and Lismore. Registration is essential.

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

The training calendar from April to June includes young people and the law; domestic and family violence; and fines and WDOs. Registration is essential.

NSW NFP law masterclass (NSW), 2016, [Workshop], Justice Connect (NSW), \$150-\$300, 02 9114 1793, admin@justiceconnect.org.au

This one-day masterclass training program is for those concerned with governance of not-for-profit organisations. It aims to increase confidence about organisational roles and legal obligations. It is being run by Not-For-Profit Law on 13 April 2016 from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Registration can be for a full or half day. Small organisations receive a discount.

Talking law series (NSW), 2016, Central Coast Community Legal Centre, Free, 02 4353 4988, centralcoast@clc.net.au

Victims' Rights: Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. Wednesday 20th April, 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Aboriginal People and the Law: Access, Rights and Referrals. Monday 30th May 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. At Central Coast Community Legal Centre, 31 Alison Road, Wyong. Please register your attendance by calling 02 4353 4988 or emailing centralcoast@clc.net.au.

Workshops and webinars for individuals and families (NSW), 2016, [Webinar & Workshop], Legal Aid NSW - public workshops, Free, cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

The training calendar from April to June includes webinars and divorce classes. The two-hour classes cover divorce proceedings: how to complete and lodge divorce application forms; step-by-step explanations of the divorce process and information about service of documents and the hearing. They do not include matters relating to children or property settlement. Registration is essential.

Forthcoming publications

Financial rights online self-help tool (Australia), [Online], Financial Rights Legal Centre, 1800 007 007

This online resource generates sample letters for consumers experiencing disputes with financial service providers. It allows consumers to type in their personal details and print out accurate and professional legal letters for dispute resolution purposes. Produced with funding assistance from the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW. It is due to be launched mid-April 2016.

Guides to the law

Bankruptcy: get help before you apply (Australia), 2016, [Web page], Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC), 1300 300 630

This web page outlines the process of bankruptcy, the options available and how to apply for bankruptcy.

Boarding house residents have rights (NSW), 2016, [Poster & Factsheet], Tenants' Union of NSW, Free, 02 8117 3700, contact@tenantsunion.org.au

This poster and factsheet outline the rights of residents in boarding houses. Contact the Tenants' Union of NSW for copies.

Debt agreements (Australia), 2016, [Web page], Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC), 1300 300 630

This web page outlines what a debt agreement is and how it works; things to consider, what to look out for, what it does not cover and the disadvantages in entering into this agreement.

Ending your organisation (Australia), 2015, [Video], Justice Connect (NSW), 02 9114 1793, admin@justiceconnect.org.au

This online animation explains the processes involved in ending an organisation, which can depend on its location and size. It covers include legal issues to consider when: changing the constitution or rules; changing the legal structure (for incorporated associations); working with other organisations (including auspicing agreements, joint ventures agreements, and memoranda of understanding); amalgamating/merging with another organisation (or



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many), and ending an organisation (either voluntarily or compulsorily). Running time is 4:46 minutes.

Five changes to social housing law (NSW), 2016, [Factsheet], Tenants Union of NSW, 02 8117 3700, contact@tenantsunion.org.au

In March 2016 FACS Housing implemented operational policies concerning the new rights and obligations provided in the Residential Tenancies and Housing (Public Housing - Antisocial Behaviour) Act. Community Housing providers are expected to do the same in the near future. This factsheet for tenants and community workers outlines five key changes brought about by the Act and advises tenants on where to get free tenancy advice in NSW.

Getting help (NSW), NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 1300 006 228

This revised fact sheet provides contact details for organisations that can help with free or low cost legal information, advice and assistance.

Giving evidence in care proceedings in the Children's Court (Australia), 2016, [DVD], Association of Children's Welfare Agencies, 02 9281 8822, acwa@acwa.asn.au

This DVD and accompanying facilitator guide are resources for introductory and refresher training for caseworkers and managers who may be called to give evidence in Care Proceedings in the Children's Court in NSW. Caseworkers and managers using this DVD would need to have a fundamental knowledge of the Children's Court in NSW, the Children and Young Person's (Care and Protection) Act 1998 and Care Proceedings, either through prior work or through training - for example in legal issues and affidavit and report writing. A supporting slide pack, with all the slides used throughout the DVD, is available for download. Produced with the financial assistance from the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW. Running time is 25:29 minutes.

Let's talk - Australian law and you (NSW), 2015, [Kit], Legal Aid NSW, Free, 02 9219 5028

This online community legal education resource is about the Australian law and legal system. It is intended for people who have recently arrived in Australia to give them an overview of the Australian legal system. Downloadable materials include speakers notes, powerpoint presentation and a photo activity

Living on a student budget (Australia), 2015, [Web page], Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC), 1300 300 630

This web page provides tips to help students under 25 living on a student budget. The tips include saving money on banking, bills, accommodation and transport and finding a part-time job.

Managing volunteers (Australia), 2015, [Video], Justice Connect (NSW), 02 9114 1793, admin@justiceconnect.org.au

This online animation is about legal issues in managing volunteers. Running time is 4:42 minutes.

Problems with a private training course? (NSW), 2016, [Online], Legal Aid NSW, 02 9219 5028

This flyer explains the options for those who have incurred a VET FEE-HELP debt from a private college that may have been enrolling students in an unfair and misleading way. It is available online only.

Telephone hearings fact sheet (NSW), 2015, 2p., [Factsheet], NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 1300 006 228

This factsheet provides information for parties participating in a telephone hearing conducted in NCAT's Consumer and Commercial Division. Telephone hearings are an alternative for parties who cannot attend the hearing in person.

Working with other organisations (Australia), 2015, [Video], Justice Connect (NSW), 02 9114 1793, admin@justiceconnect.org.au

This online animation explains some of the different ways that organisations can work together, from informal collaborations through to amalgamation or merger. Running time is 4:13 minutes.

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 June McGowan and Jane Kenny, Law and Justice Foundation of NSW, (02) 8227 3200, with assistance from the Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC).

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