



The Community Legal Centres WA in conjunction with Community Legal Centres Queensland would like to give members the opportunity to take part in the following Webinars in 2018.

Western Australian solicitors who work in community legal centres can claim **1 CPD point** for each session as this session is endorsed by, and delivered in partnership with, the Community Legal Centres Association of WA. Click [here](#) for more information, download the Individual Attendance Sheet, and registration for each of the Webinars.

**Thursday
9 August**

Human rights advocacy tool

CPD: 1 point (CA 2 – Professional Skills)

Presenter: Bill Mitchell, Townsville Community Legal Service and Jessica Chapman, Wotton Kearney | **1 PM AWST**

The United Nations has long provided a benchmark for international human rights and the issues confronting humanity in the 21st century. Bill Mitchell from the Townsville Community Legal Service and Jessica Chapman from Wotton Kearney are currently developing a human rights advocacy tool using the United Nations' human rights standards as a yardstick to assess the human rights implications of proposed domestic laws and policies.

In this webinar, Bill and Jessica will outline which international human rights norms are relevant to social security laws and policies, and how those norms can be used in a domestic advocacy setting. Although this process is being developed as an advocacy tool for the National Social Security Rights Network, it has potential to be adapted to any area of law reform or policy advocacy. *Delivered in partnership with the [National Social Security Rights Network](#)*

**Tuesday
14 August**

Industrial obligations for CLCs facing funding cuts or restructure

CPD: 1 point (CA 1 – Practice Management)

Presenter: Rebecca Fairs, Lead Industrial Officer, The Services Union | **12 Noon AWST**

In an uncertain funding environment, where restructure may be required in order to maintain organisational sustainability, it is essential for community legal centres and other community organisations to have a clear understanding of their industrial obligations and responsibilities regarding their staff.

Join Rebecca Girard, Lead Industrial Officer at The Services Union, who will provide guidance to managers and staff about employment contracts, notice periods, redundancy and reclassification, to ensure a smooth process for both centres and staff.

**Tuesday
21 August**

Upcoming changes to migration agent regulation

CPD: 1 point (CA 2 – Professional Skills)

Presenter: Rob Lachowicz, Refugee & Immigration Legal Service | **9 AM AWST**

The [Migration Act 1958](#) (Cth) regulates the provision of immigration assistance, so unless you're a registered migration agent, you can't prepare visa applications, or assist with court or review proceedings. The current scheme has been the subject of multiple reviews regarding the dual regulation of legal practitioners providing migration advice, leading to confusion and duplication for both lawyers and consumers.

In this presentation, Rob Lachowicz from the [Refugee and Immigration Legal Service](#) will discuss upcoming amendments to the Act, which will allow lawyers to provide migration advice/assistance without being registered with the [Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority](#) (MARA), and how these changes might allow community legal centres to assist more people with immigration law problems.

**Thursday
23 August**

The impact of problem gambling

CPD: 1 point (CA 2 – Professional Skills)

Presenter: Carrie Hatchett & Steve Novak, Gambling Help Service at Relationships Australia, Queensland | **9 AM AWST**

Problem gambling is a serious issue, resulting in considerable social and economic costs to gamblers, their families, employers, taxpayers and services. Because problem gambling often co-occurs with other addictions and dysfunctional behaviours, community legal centres and other professionals interested in the treatment of drug addiction, suicide and domestic violence are well placed to screen, treat or refer people to help minimise the negative impacts.

In this webinar, Carrie Hatchett & Steve Novak from the Gambling Help Service at Relationships Australia Queensland will outline the characteristics of problem gambling, the groups most at risk, the use of the Problem Gambling Severity Index screening, and referral pathways for counselling and support.

**Wednesday
12 September**

Sex worker rights are human rights: Barriers in accessing justice

CPD: 1 point (CA 2 – Professional Skills)

Presenters: Elena Jeffreys and Kayla Rose from Respect Inc | **9 AM AWST**

Sex work is one of the most heavily regulated workforces in Queensland. The current laws force sex workers to choose between working safely or illegally. Police statistics show offences in 2016-17 increased by up to 450%, while sex workers experienced significant barriers to reporting crime. Migrant sex workers are disproportionately impacted, often not fully understanding the offence or even that they are breaking the law.

In this webinar, Elena Jeffreys and Kayla Rose from Respect Inc will outline the barriers sex workers face in accessing justice, how Respect Inc is responding, the sex worker lead #DecrimQLD campaign, and the sex worker self-determined solution: decriminalisation.

**Thursday
20 September**

How JobWatch can help people experiencing employment issues

CPD: 1 point (CA 4 – Substantive Law)

Presenter: Zana Bytheway, JobWatch Executive Director | **12:30 PM AWST**

JobWatch is a not-for-profit employment rights legal centre working in conjunction with community legal centres across Australia and the Fair Work Ombudsman to provide assistance to employees about their rights at work. In January 2017, JobWatch extended its free and confidential telephone service to Queensland, with around 25% of callers now coming from Queensland.

In this webinar, JobWatch Executive Director, Zana Bytheway, will discuss the major areas of employment law and the most common queries received at JobWatch, including unfair dismissal, bullying, general protections, redundancy and underpayment.

**Thursday
11 October**

Law Yarn: Lawyers working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Organisations

CPD: 1 point (CA1 – Practice Management / CA 2 – Professional Skills - TBC)

Presenter: Sue Garlick and Donnella Mills, LawRight | **8 AM AWST**

Through their work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in its Cairns-based Homeless Persons Legal Clinic and Health Justice Partnership with Wuchopperen Health Service, LawRight has developed LawYarn - a new, culturally safe legal needs identification tool, which aims to build the capacity of clients, community and health staff.

Join Sue Garlick and Donnella Mills from LawRight as they discuss LawYarn and the Health Justice Partnership, including the challenges and rewards of integrating with community-controlled health organisations.

**Thursday
25 October**

Police responses to domestic violence in the LGBTI community

CPD: 1 point (CA 2 – Professional Skills)

Presenter: Snr Constable Ben Bjarneson, Qld LGBTI Liaison Officer | **9 AM AWST**

While there have been many positive steps taken to raise awareness of and improve responses to domestic violence (DV) in Queensland in recent years, there is still significant under-reporting of DV among the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) community, and much work to be done to provide appropriate and targeted support services and better police responses to LGBTI victims. Senior Constable Ben Bjarneson, Queensland Police LGBTI Liaison Officer, recently completed Churchill Fellowship research with the aim of better understanding DV issues within LGBTI communities, and capturing best practice in policing responses.

In this webinar, Ben will discuss his research, unpack the dynamics of LGBTI DV, propose factors that may prevent people identifying DV in their relationship and reporting the violence to police and support services, provide guidance on how support services can be more inclusive of LGBTI people, particularly victims of violence.

**Tuesday
6 November**

Unpacking search engine optimisation: How to get the most out of your centre's website

CPD: 1 point (CA 1 – Practice Management)

Presenter: Matt Cooper, Alpha Digital | **8 AM AWST**

SEO - or search engine optimisation - is a powerful marketing tool and can be the strongest driver of visitors to your organisation's website. However, to the uninitiated, SEO can be confusing and is sometimes viewed as a 'dark art', due to the highly secretive search engine algorithms involved.

Presenting this webinar is Matt Cooper, Managing Director of Alpha Digital. Matt has over 20 years' experience in web design and digital marketing, and his company is a Google Premier Partner (Google's highest level of accreditation). Matt will explain the basics of SEO in an easy-to-understand way, to help your organisation gain a solid grasp of the essentials.

**Wednesday
14 November**

Understanding intellectual property and content development for CLCs

CPD: 1 point (CA4 – Substantive Law)

Presenter: Trudie Sarks, The Arts Law Centre of Australia | **8 AM AWST**

Community legal centres are frequently creating and using content and resources as part of their work, whether that's producing community legal education resources and fact sheets, PowerPoints for training and agency visits, marketing collateral for the organisation or other kinds of material. As content creators and users, it is important for centres to be aware of their intellectual property rights and obligations.

In this webinar, Trudie Sarks, Senior Solicitor at The Arts Law Centre of Australia, with expertise in advising in intellectual property law, will discuss the intellectual property issues you need to be aware of when creating content yourself or using content developed by others. In particular, she will focus on copyright and moral rights, and explain what you need to know and provide helpful tips on what you can and can't do.

NOTE: The times of the sessions listed in this flyer are WA times.

If the time of the webinar does not suit you, make sure you register for the session and you may be able to receive a copy.

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