

Media release

Community legal education projects to help Queenslanders understand their rights

COMMUNITY legal centres across Queensland will be able to help more people to understand their legal rights and responsibilities, thanks to additional project funding provided by the Queensland government.

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Yvette D'Ath said the funding would help vulnerable people identify legal problems early, understand their legal rights and responsibilities and how to access legal help.

"These projects will help people with targeted and effective education programs," Mrs D'Ath said.

"This program is also a great example of collaboration between the Queensland Government, Legal Aid Queensland and the community legal sector."

Funded by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, and provided through Legal Aid Queensland's Community Legal Education Collaboration Fund, the funding will see grant recipients delivering a range of projects and initiatives including workshops and education packages, through to online educational videos.

"Educating the community about their legal rights and responsibilities is an important part of Legal Aid Queensland's role and our collaboration fund provides grants to legal assistance sector agencies to deliver collaborative community legal education projects across Queensland," Legal Aid Queensland CEO Anthony Reilly said.

"People with disabilities, people who identify as LGBTI, young people, older people and regional Queenslanders are among the community members who will benefit from the CLE initiatives supported through the fund in 2017."

The recipients sharing in \$95,000 in funding are:

Pine Rivers Community Legal Service: will deliver a series of community legal education sessions based on 'Street Law' methodology. The information session will be for young people attending Worklinks at Caboolture, Strathpine, Mitchelton and Kippa Ring. The sessions will be followed by one-on-one, face-to-face legal advice on site immediately afterwards.

The Nundah Community Legal Service (NCLS): will work collaboratively with the Northside Alliance of Neighbourhood Centres (NANC), along with aged care, disability, mental health and community organisations to deliver community legal education and information via a series of monthly podcasts. The project will also engage with local community radio stations to explore the potential for a regular segment or "spot" dedicated to legal education and information.



The LGBTI Legal Service: will partner with the Anti-Discrimination Commission of Queensland Legal Aid Queensland to develop and distribute a package of resources to educate schools, students and other stakeholders about the legal aspects of practical issues facing transgender students. The project will address issues such as uniforms, sports teams, toilets, change rooms, pronouns, names, school records, parental consent, excursions, gender specific activities, single sex/religious schools and a practice guide to transition. The package will include a written resource and videos available as YouTube clips.

Suncoast Community Legal Service: will produce a series of five to six 'webisodes' (between two to five minutes duration) outlining the legal rights, pathways and legal processes available to older people who are acting as 'parents' for their grandchildren. The webisodes would include an audio visual guide to filling out forms, collecting evidence and initiating applications among other things.

South West Queensland Regional Legal Assistance Forum: will partner with key stakeholders to build on its ongoing school program in the region to present information sessions to school students on discrimination issues.

Community Legal Centres Queensland: will design and deliver a two-day professional development workshop on Community Legal Education for legal assistance sector workers. The workshop will help workers to increase their skills and knowledge to deliver best practice community legal education.

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