

BLURRED BORDERS WORKSHOP

3 CPD
points

(substantive law
— self-assessed)

6 October, 9am to 12.30pm

JCU Cairns — Bada-jali City Campus, 36 Shields Street

Facilitated by John Jablonka from the original project committee.

The ‘Blurred Borders’ material is a set of visual resources that use plain English, pictures, storytelling and other communication tools to help people working in the legal system strengthen their communication skills and connect well with clients, audiences and other stakeholders.

The project was a collaboration between 8 legal services in the ‘cross-border’ region of NT/WA and worked with services and regional and remote communities in the area between Katherine, Kununurra, Balgo and Lajamanu from 2016 to 2018. It built on prior work in the region on plain language legal definitions and storytelling and visual aids to illustrate legal concepts and processes.

Though developed in remote and regional NT and WA, it has been used and is adaptable for diverse settings.

There are kits on criminal law, family violence laws, child protection and related issues. They include story telling cards, court wallets and stickers, board games, charts, posters and are able to be flexibly used by service providers with clients and families.



John Jablonka

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John Jablonka was born in Melbourne and has lived and worked in the NT since 1995 as a community development worker, trainer and educator, in the health, arts, youth and justice sectors as well as project work in countries across the Asia Pacific region. From 2010 to 2020 he worked in community legal education with NT Legal Aid, designing and delivering education for diverse communities and service providers.

John holds a masters in social science focussed on participatory and rights based approaches in community development.

He enjoys gardening, camping out bush, political action, music and playback theatre.

John will briefly outline the process by which the materials were developed then facilitate an interactive workshop on how to use the Blurred Borders resources and the principles on which they are based to ensure our client service delivery, training, community legal education and other communication work is effective, meaningful, ethical and respectful.

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Details about the project and resources can be found at <https://blurredborders.legalaid.wa.gov.au>

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