



FREE LEGAL TRAINING MODULES

**JULY-NOVEMBER
2018**

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LAW FOR NON-LAWYERS

Legal Aid ACT, the Community Legal Centres, and other organisations are delivering a range of legal training sessions during 2018.

Following, are details about each session that will be delivered during July to November. Registration details are listed below. Each session will be held on a Wednesday morning. Each session is at the same time and in the same location.

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am
Location: Legal Aid, 2 Allsop Street, Canberra City
Cost: FREE. Materials and morning tea included
RSVP: Eventbrite [link here](#),

You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

Contact Lauren Dreyar at Legal Aid ACT at lauren.dreyar@legalaidact.org.au if you have any questions about the training .



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Wednesday 4 July - Bankruptcy & Debt Arrangements

Bankruptcy and debt arrangements can have long-term consequences that may not be obvious to clients looking to declare bankruptcy to get a fresh start. This session will provide workers with information so that they are in a better position to support clients who are considering declaring, or have declared, bankruptcy. This session will cover the following topics:

- What 'bankruptcy' means
- What happens to debt during bankruptcy
- Debt arrangements
- Restrictions placed on a person who is bankrupt
- The impact of bankruptcy on employment and other areas of a person's life

This session will be delivered by Stephen Hundy, Partner of Worrells Solvency & Forensic Accountants.

Wednesday 1 August - Consumer Law

The majority of people living in Canberra will have a consumer law problem at some stage. Problems can be about the warranty of products, contracts, repairs and replacement of goods. This session will provide workers basic information about people's rights under consumer law. This session will cover the follow topics:

- Obligations under the Law in relation to consumer guarantees and unconscionable conduct
- Express and manufacturer's warranties
- Examples of breaches in consumer guarantees
- Definitions of major faults and defects of goods or services
- Remedies and consequences for breaches of consumer guarantees

This session will be delivered by Care Financial Counselling Service.

Wednesday 15 August - Elder Abuse

Elder Abuse is any act which causes harm or distress to an older person and is often carried out by someone they know and trust such as a family member or a friend. This session is designed to assist workers in identifying and responding to the different types of elder abuse. The training will cover a number of case studies to highlight the often complex scenarios workers encounter.

This session will be delivered by Liz Samra from Care Financial Counselling and the Consumer Law Centre.

Wednesday 5 September - Neighbourhood Disputes

Neighbourhood disputes can arise over many issues including incessant partying, barking dogs, fence repairs, overhanging branches, and invasion of privacy. This session will provide an explanation of the law, and practical information on how disputes can be resolved including conflict resolution. This session will cover the following topics:

- Fences
- Noise pollution
- Overhanging branches
- Burning off
- Trespass
- Privacy

This session will be delivered jointly by a lawyer from the Environmental Defenders' Officer and the Conflict Resolution Service.



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Wednesday 19 September - The Criminal Justice System

Understanding and navigating the Criminal Justice System can be difficult. This session aims to assist workers understand:

- Key terminology
- Basic court processes
- Potential consequences of offences
- What clients can expect when appearing in court
- What happens after court

This session will be delivered by lawyer from the criminal practice of Legal Aid ACT.

Wednesday 17 October - Mental Health in the ACT

This session will cover key parts of the *Mental Health Act 2015* (ACT) including:

- Rights of people with mental disorder or mental illness
- Supported decision making
- Capacity
- Nominated person
- Advance agreements
- Advance consent directions
- Mental Health Orders
- Emergency detention & treatment

This session will be delivered by a lawyer from Legal Aid ACT.

Wednesday 7 November - Support for Victims of Crime

Many people in the ACT have experienced crime in one way or another. People may have experienced crime directly, have witnessed an incident or have been close to someone who has experienced a crime. Victim Support ACT is an independent statutory agency that provides a range of services to assist victims of crimes.

This session will cover:

- The impact of crime on victims
- Services available to victims of crime in the ACT
- The work of Victims Support ACT and how it can assist your clients
- The ACT Victims of Crime Financial Assistance Scheme
- Raising a concern with the Victims of Crime Commissioner
- An ACT Charter of Rights for Victims of Crime

This session will be delivered by Heidi Yates, ACT Victims of Crime Commissioner.

Wednesday 21 November - Child Support

This session will provide information on child support including:

- Responsibilities and arrangements under the Child Support Scheme
- How child support is calculated
- Paternity matters
- How to challenge a decision of the Child Support Agency
- Where clients can get help

This session will be delivered by a lawyer from the family practice of Legal Aid ACT.

