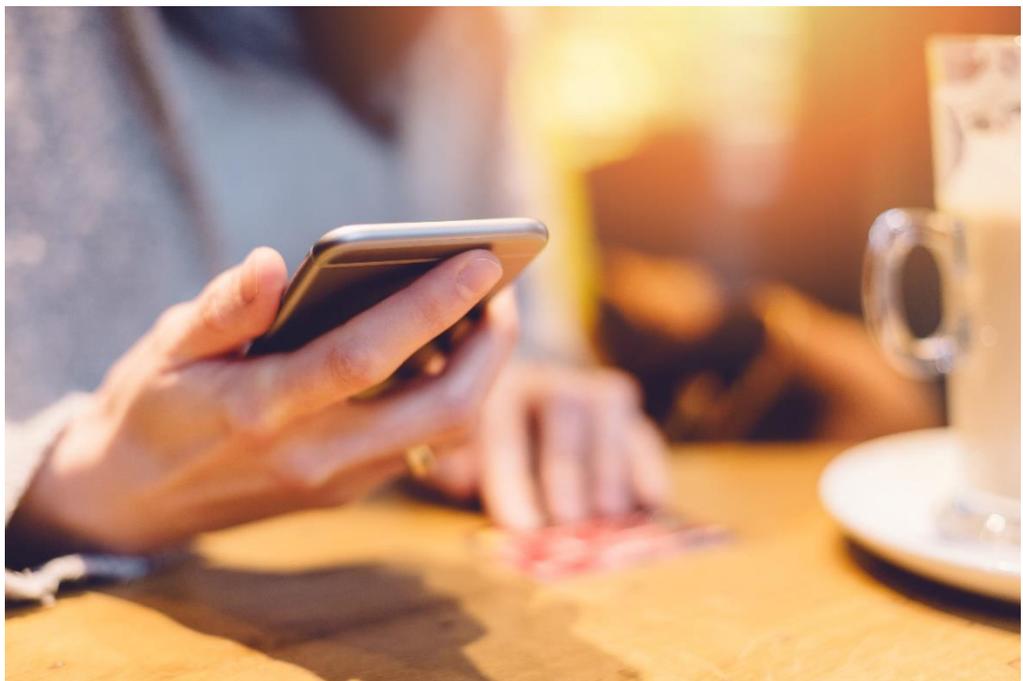


LAW TALKS BY LEGAL AID NSW



A guide to providing law talks by Legal Aid NSW in your library.



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PROGRAM GUIDE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Introduction

The Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC), State Library of NSW has worked with Legal Aid NSW over the past few years to provide community legal education talks to be presented during Law Week. These talks are now available to be presented at any time of year.

Law talks program

Topics

Four law talks are available for presentation:

- Avoiding scams

Are you worried about sharing private information when you shop or pay your bills online? Have you had a phone call telling you that you need to pay your tax debt now or you'll be arrested?

Scammers are keen to get their hands on our money and our identity details.

Hear from a Legal Aid NSW lawyer about how to protect your identity and how the law can help if you get scammed.

- NDIS: how the law can help

Do you want to find out more about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)? If you have a disability or you're a participant, carer or family member, it's important to know your rights.

Hear from a Legal Aid NSW lawyer about NDIS basics and how the law can help if you're not happy with a decision or a provider.

- Your money and the law

Dealing with money troubles can be stressful. Sometimes you need help to know your rights and how the law can help. This workshop will introduce the organisations and resources you can use to help with some of the more common money problems like being chased for money, being owed money and borrowing money.

- Your neighbours and the law

Disputes can happen between neighbours for many reasons and can make life stressful. This workshop will introduce the resources, organisations and laws you can use to help with some of the more common neighbour issues like fences, trees, animals and noise.

Program

The sessions last one hour and consist of:

- an introduction by the host library
- presentation by the Legal Aid NSW solicitor
- questions and answers.

Introduction by host library

The host library introduces the event with a short presentation about Find Legal Answers, highlighting the plain English information available on the Find Legal Answers website and in the Tool Kit books. Suggested text for this presentation will be provided by LIAC staff. The presentation is a good opportunity to promote the legal information available in public libraries to the community.

Program participation

To host the program, complete the Law talk by Legal Aid NSW expression of interest form available at:

<https://plsnsw.wufoo.com/forms/eoi-law-talk-by-legal-aid-nsw/>

You will then be contacted by Legal Aid NSW who will work with you to finalise the date and other details. Note that while all expressions of interest will be considered, acceptance is dependent on the availability of Legal Aid NSW staff.

Note that there is no minimum number of participants, however Legal Aid NSW reserves the right to cancel if numbers are too low.

Host library requirements

By agreeing to host a Law talk the host library agrees to:

- provide a suitable venue, with enough room to hold the participants, the speaker and a display table for pamphlets
- display the Find Legal Answers Tool Kit
- provide suitable technology including data projection with the ability to show a powerpoint presentation
- promote the event, including displaying the provided poster and promoting on social media
- order and provide copies of free legal information brochures, if available
- arrange bookings for the event
- give a short introductory presentation about the Find Legal Answers service
- provide morning tea for the participants, if required
- complete the evaluation form.

Legal Aid NSW contribution

Legal Aid will provide:

- a solicitor who will deliver the talk and answer questions from the audience
- participant evaluation forms.

LIAC contribution

LIAC will:

- provide an editable pdf the promotional poster
- provide packs of promotional material
- provide suggested text for the introductory presentation to the Find Legal Answers service
- provide lists of free legal pamphlets to order
- survey participating libraries to obtain feedback about the success of the program
- provide feedback from participating libraries to Legal Aid NSW.

Program promotion

You will be provided with an editable pdf of the approved poster.

You are encouraged to promote the event using your usual channels, including:

- adding it your library's 'What's on' publication
- promoting it on your library or council 'What's on' webpage
- displaying the promotional poster in all branches
- promoting it on your library's social medial channels
- promoting to local media.

Legal Aid NSW will discuss with you other opportunities to promote the event to ensure a good audience.

Reporting and evaluation

The Law talks by Legal Aid NSW is an evaluated program and host libraries are asked to complete an evaluation using the online form:

<https://plsnsw.wufoo.com/forms/law-talk-by-legal-aid-nsw-evaluation/>

Evaluation measures used for the Law Weeks talks include:

- how easy it was to communicate with the partner agencies
- how useful you found the promotional poster
- how engaged your audience was with the program.

Images

If possible, please include photos of the event with your evaluation.

Please note that any images received will be attributed to your library and include a caption of the event. We understand most libraries now have consent to release photos for use in print and social media. When you send your photos you are agreeing to them being used in print and social media (online). If you do not want photos to be used online please do not send them. We look forward to receiving and sharing your photos.

Checklist

Use the following checklist to plan your law talk.

Confirmation and bookings

- Confirm date and time of event with Legal Aid NSW
- Book venue
- Set up booking system

Promotion and resources

- Update promotional poster to include your library's logo and event details
- Order Find Legal Answers promotional material from LIAC
- Order free legal resources from the list provided, to give away to the participants
- Organise promotional schedule and discuss with Legal Aid NSW, eg social media posts, inclusion in 'What's on'

Week before

- Confirm numbers attending event with Legal Aid NSW
- Order morning tea, if required

On day – room set up

- Set up data projection screen
- Set up morning tea, if required
- Set up display of Find Legal Answers Tool Kit, legal information pamphlets and promotional material received
- Set up chairs for participants - if there is a large audience, provide a roving microphone so the speaker can hear the questions directed to him/her

On day - presentation

- Welcome the speaker and participants
- Deliver the short introduction to the Find Legal Answers service
- Stay to trouble shoot any technical issues
- Take photographs if appropriate

After event

- Fill in the online evaluation form