Strengthening Community Forum
LRCD Student Project Presentation

Date: 5th October 2011
Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: The Hall
5 Osborne Street Springvale
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SMLS Refreshments Provided

SMLS is a community organization providing free, confidential legal advice to all members of the community. Since the emergence of community legal centres in the 1970s, the philosophical basis of SMLS has been the provision of accessible legal assistance and information, community legal education and law reform to disadvantaged members of the community.

Law Reform and Community Development (LRCD) LAWS217 provides students with the opportunity to experience first hand and to understand the impact of the law on members of the community, particularly those who come from marginalised or disadvantaged backgrounds.

LRCD is conducted from the Springvale Monash Legal Service (SMLS). The hands-on experience students receive through advocating for social justice for community groups enable them to develop a unique understanding of how law impacts upon the community. Further, students enrolled in this subject are often working and consulting with other agencies which promote social justice, such as other community legal issues, and have the opportunity to network with workers from these agencies.

Student Project Presentations:

Katie McGorian
Katie is collecting data required in order to allow the “Making Rights a Reality” Project to begin in July. The project aims to provide equal advocacy and legal rights to those people with a cognitive disability. The project is a collaboration of South Eastern Centre for Sexual Assaults, Springvale Monash Legal Centre and the Federation of Community Legal Centre in Victoria.

Camille Davies and Matt Kaplan
Inclusion Melbourne is a disability service provider that aims to make it possible for people with intellectual disability to live in an inclusive community and to take their place in society as respected citizens. We are working with the organization to ensure that their rights are upheld.

Talia Levy
Talia will be discussing her work with the Monash University Indigenous Advisory Council which is currently considering the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan, as well as the inclusion of Indigenous issues in the Monash curriculum across various faculties.

Nicolette Muratti and Mavis Law
‘Young People and Stop and Search Laws’. Our presentation will be on educating young people about police stop and search powers and why it is important to do so. This project is in collaboration with Youth Links and Secondary Schools in order to best achieve a reduction in youth arrests.

Clare Hughes
We are working with Te Weka One Ocean to address issues encountered by members of the Pacific Island community in the local region.