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CASE for Refugees

CASE for Refugees is a community legal centre, formed by concerned people like you, who are working to ensure that the rights of refugees and asylum seekers are protected. CASE for Refugees aims to strengthen the human rights of asylum seekers, refugees and persons of concern, through legal representation, research, educational initiatives and policy development, and to promote the interests of asylum seekers, refugees and persons of concern individually and collectively through law and public policy. CASE for Refugees is a non-profit, non-government organisation.

Aims of CASE for Refugees

- To provide free legal advice, representation and advocacy to refugees, who are disadvantaged in their access to the legal system.
- To provide legal information and education to refugees and to assist them to participate fully and completely in legal matters affecting them.
- To provide coordination and a clearing house for pro bono legal services offered by the legal profession to refugees.
- To initiate, promote and undertake research and law reform in the areas of immigration and refugee law, policy and procedures.
- To work in conjunction with other organisations, including refugee organisations, to promote structural and legislative change to overcome disadvantages experienced by refugees.

What can volunteers do with CASE for Refugees?

Interviewing clients (suitable for lawyers, law students, social workers, etc)

- obtaining information for legal claims and monitoring the clients emotional state during the interview

Migration Advice (must be a registered migration agent)

- Interviewing clients and supervising the interviews by other volunteers
- Signing off on client applications and claims
- Giving advice to clients
- Presenting client briefings

Refugee Review Tribunal (suitable for migration agents, lawyers, law students)

- Review DIMIA decision rejecting client application
- Preparing submissions to the RRT
- Asses needs for further evidence and obtain further evidence

Interpreting and Translating (must be an accredited interpreter or translator)

- Interpreting during client interviews
- Translating general correspondence to go out to clients

Administration and Coordination

- Typing up applications/claims
- Maintaining a records system
- Maintaining a data base of the volunteers
- Organising client interviews
- Staffing the office, responding to general enquiries
- Writing up organisational policies and procedures
- Book keeping
- Incidental client contact

Country Research

- Finding information relevant to persecution arising from religious, ethnic, political, and other social reasons. Researching the country/village/family groups relevant to client applications.
- Skills in doing research using the internet

Fund Raising

- Holding events and activities that will raise money for CASE for Refugees. For example, a movie night.

Writing Funding Submissions

- Applications for funds to cover the cost of employing staff and covering other costs such as interpreters

Information Technology Skills

- Troubleshooting
- Advice on programs and software

Marketing/Public Relations/Media

- Media releases
- Marketing to promote the organisation and attract suitable sponsors
- Newsletter

Support and Training for Volunteers

- Initial interviewing of new volunteers
- Matching of volunteers to volunteer jobs
- Organising and coordination of training for new volunteers

Information Sessions for Clients

- Organisation and coordination of information sessions for prospective clients

Website

- Maintenance