EQUAL JUSTICE PROJECT

Community Team Information Pack 2019





WAITEMATA COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE (WAILAW)

OUTLINE OF THE ROLE

WAILAW provides free legal help to people who are most in need living in the Waitakere, North Shore and Rodney districts and deals with a ride range of legal issues. Volunteers will work either a morning or afternoon shift of 4 hours in length from the WAILAW offices in Henderson.

The role involves answering the 0800 help line and creating a capture of the legal question needing to be answered. Although sometimes advice can be provided immediately it is often the case that further research is required. Volunteers will conduct the research and then meet with one of the centres lawyers to discuss their findings and make suggestions for the advice to be given.

The clinic does not take appointments and runs on a walk-in service system. Volunteers will be required to speak with the customers and help them fill in the triage form where required. Once the form has been filled in it is often that a meeting with the customer is required. A lawyer will conduct this meeting with the assistance of one or two volunteers to ensure the full scope of the situation is appreciated.

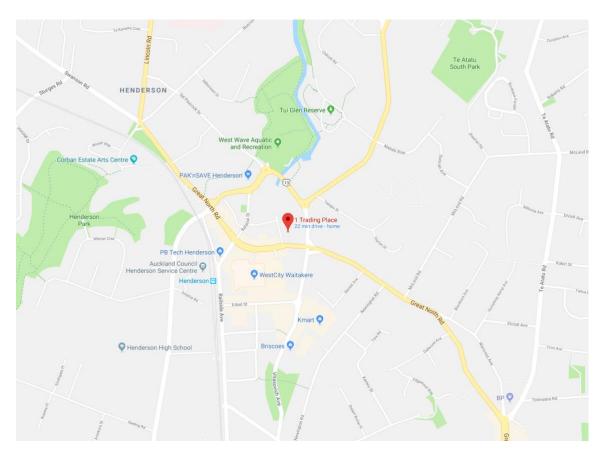
After the initial meeting it is often that further legal research will be required, this will be discussed between the lawyer and the volunteers working.

Other work that may be required of you is assisting the lawyers in drafting documents for court or mediation. It is not required of you to have any prior knowledge as court forms all have templates.



LOCATION

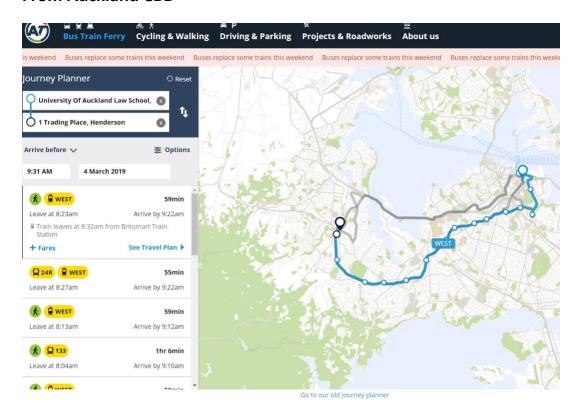
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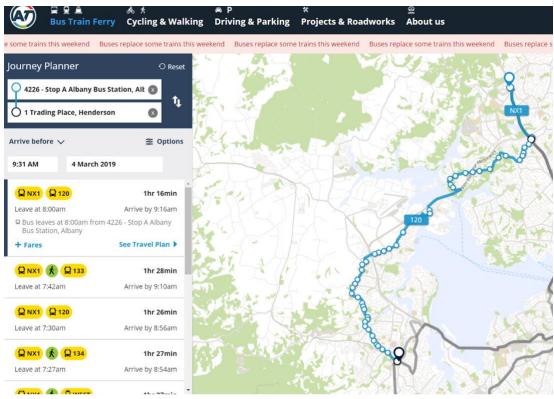
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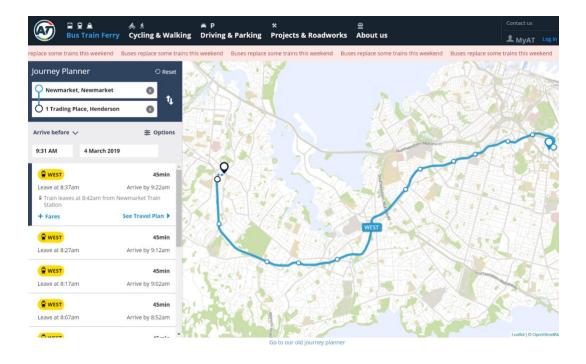


From Albany





From Newmarket



WEBSITE for further information

http://www.waitematalaw.org.nz/



AUCKLAND COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE (ACLC)

OUTLINE OF THE ROLE

Being a volunteer at ACLC is a two hour time commitment each week. This volunteer role involves calling clients and noting the material facts of the case. It is often the case that you will need to conduct legal research around a specific area of law related to the case, which you do so independently. After discussing the issues and your research with a legal adviser, you will formulate advice in an email, which is checked by a lawyer and then relayed to the client via a phone call.

There are many wide ranging legal issues the centre deals with, from tenancy disputes to criminal sanctions such as drunk driving. Key skills needed include initiative and clear communication skills (both verbal and written).

There are also potential opportunities for volunteers to work in the clinics, which involves face to face meetings with clients where you can assist lawyers with note taking, researching and follow up of the case. This will be more of a time commitment, and will be offered to older students.

LOCATION

Tasman Building 2A/16-22 Anzac Ave, Auckland Central

WEBSITE for further information

https://www.aclc.org.nz/



MANGERE COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

OUTLINE OF THE ROLE

There are no Law firms in Mangere so the use of free legal help from the Mangere Law Centre is essential for the community. The law firm offers the following clinics:

- Consumer Law
- Employment Law
- Minor Criminal Law
- Family Law
- Immigration Law

EJP volunteers in the Mangere centre will be placed mainly within the consumer law clinic. This requires a commitment of 2 hours per week (2pm - 4pm, every Thursday).

The role includes:

- The clinic is a walk-in based service. Volunteers assist interviews with the clients and lawyers, often helping clients fill in triage forms and following up if required.
- When required for certain cases, volunteers help clients formulate documents (e.g. emails, letters to CAB or to the other parties involved etc.)
- Often useful if volunteers spoke a different language to help ease communication (i.e. Maori)
- Possible visits to the courts if the opportunity arises with a case
- Attending community events as the centre is near the community hall

LOCATION

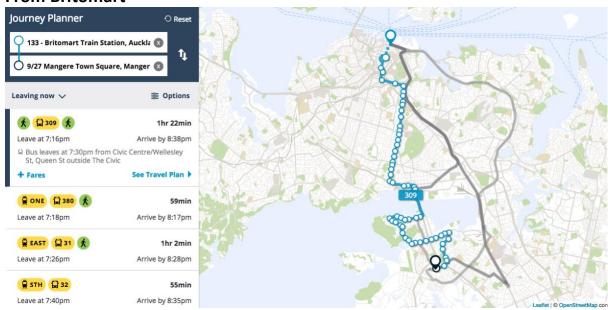
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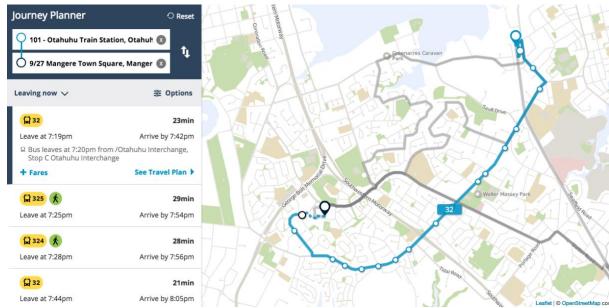
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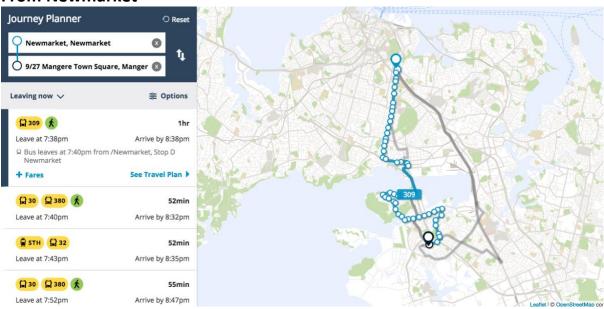


From Tamaki Campus





From Newmarket



WEBSITE for further information

http://communitylaw.org.nz/centre/auckland/mangere/



SHAKTI ETHNIC LEGAL SERVICES

OUTLINE OF THE ROLE

Shakti legal is a branch of the national not-for-profit community organisation – Shakti. They specialise in the area of domestic violence intervention, family law as well as immigration law. Shakti is a specialist provider of culturally competent support services for women, children and families of Asian, African and Middle Eastern origin.

Volunteers can expect to give 2-4 hours of time each week to this role. from EJP shall be divided among two groups this year on a rotational basis. For referrals, volunteers will be working closely with the lawyers on cases, sitting in on client interviews, contacting caseworkers and may be assisting clients further. The Research and Engagement team shall be more heavily involved with a different organisation called Ethnic Legal Services, a not-for-profit start-up tailored to support, advise and advocate for anyone from an ethnically diverse or migrant background who has a legal issue.

Volunteers who speak an additional language may also be asked to help as interpreters in meetings and translating certain legal documents. Due to the sensitive nature of the work, additional training will be provided for the EJP volunteers who are chosen for this centre.

LOCATION

Auckland CBD, near Karanghape Road.

WEBSITE for further information

https://shakti-international.org/