

## **LEARN ABOUT IMMIGRATION**

The South Brisbane Immigration & Community Legal Service (SBICLS) is holding free community information sessions about immigration law. This is part of a **Community Migration Agents Project (CMAP)** which aims to assist people from refugee and disadvantaged migrant communities to become registered migration agents so they can provide migration assistance within their communities.

### **Session 1: Australia's Immigration Program**

The first community information session will be held on  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2005 from 5pm - 7pm at**  
**Multicultural Development Association**  
**57 Old Cleveland Road, Stones Corner**

At this session you will gain a general overview of Australian immigration law and focus on:

- Australia's migration program – permanent and temporary visas
- Roles of DIMIA, the Minister, the courts, parliament and migration agents
- Brief overview of the Migration Act 1958 and Migration Regulations

During this session we will discuss the Community Migration Agent Project and gauge the level of interest in the Project.

#### **FUTURE COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS**

- **Fundamental Migration Procedure (Wednesday 13 April 2005)**– learn about visa classes and subclasses, making a valid visa application, restrictions on on-shore applications and general requirements
- **On-shore Refugee Visas (Wednesday 4 May 2005)**– learn about temporary and permanent protection visas, who is a refugee, what is persecution and who can apply within in Australia,
- **Off-shore Refugee and Humanitarian Visas (Wednesday 25 May 2005)** – learn about off-shore Refugee and Humanitarian Visas, limitations on applying for Refugee Status and sponsoring immediate family members (Split Family Program)
- **Family Visas under Family Migration Program (Wednesday 14 June 2005)** – learn about sponsoring family members for spouse, child, parent and other family visas.

**IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2005, SBICLS WILL HOLD INTENSIVE TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY PEOPLE INTERESTED IN BECOMING REGISTERED MIGRATION AGENTS.**

### **All Welcome**

Please draw this invitation to the attention of any people within your communities you feel may be interested in attending, particularly those who may be interested in participating in the Community Migration Agents Project. Community Workers are also welcome. Participation in the Project will be free of charge to people from refugee and disadvantaged migrant communities.

### **About us**

The South Brisbane Immigration and Community Legal Service (SBICLS) has operated since 1980 and is the only agency in Queensland that provides free legal assistance on immigration and refugee issues. SBICLS appreciates the support of Multicultural Development Association and other organisations in this project.

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