

WA Tenancy Conference 2021

Coming Full Circle

18-19 November 2021, Bendat Community Centre, Wembley

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Circle Green Community Legal was formed by a merger of three established specialist community legal centres in Western Australia – namely, Tenancy WA, the Employment Law Centre of WA and The Humanitarian Group – on 1 October 2020.

Circle Green is a community legal centre in WA that provides state-wide specialist legal services in residential tenancy law, employment, family and domestic violence, and migration services, which are aimed at assisting people who are otherwise disadvantaged in their access to legal services.

Circle Green is currently planning the **WA Tenancy Conference**, to be held in **18-19 November 2021**. A key event for WA's housing and community sectors in particular, Tenancy Advice and Education Services, the conference welcomes professionals from the government, private and community sectors, along with people with personal lived experience of residential tenancy, unstable housing and homelessness issues. The conference offers the opportunity for:

- professional development and capacity building
- cross-sector dialogue, sharing and collaboration
- addressing the longer-term impacts of the COVID-19 crisis
- innovative approaches and new solutions for tenant rights
- hearing diverse voices

The conference has applied for funding from Lotterywest and will be coordinated and administrated by Evolve Events and Training.

The Reference Group

We are seeking expressions of interest from community and sector representatives to help advise on the conference content and promote participation on a voluntary basis.

The Reference Group is an **advisory body** who will contribute ideas and guide the development of the project. The Reference group is not a final decision making body and members are not expected to undertake administrative or operational tasks or hold specific roles at the event.

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We are seeking to appoint individuals, representing a diversity of skills, background and expertise. The purpose of the Conference Reference Group is:

- To provide advice and support to the conference operational team
- To help ensure the event is inclusive and engaging for diverse interest groups
- To contribute ideas and expertise, especially in terms of program ideas
- To help promote the conference across WA's community and encourage attendance among their own networks

Call for Expressions of Interest

All nominees must:

- Have an awareness of **housing and tenancy issues** in WA
- Be an appropriate **representative and/or offer specialist expertise** related to the conference needs and objectives (see below)
- Be able to prepare for and attend **four Reference Group meetings** to be held on 4pm-5pm in the afternoons on:
Friday 30 April, Mon 31 May, Mon 2 August and Monday 6 September in Subiaco.
- Be willing to help **promote the conference and encourage attendance** among their colleagues and networks

The reference group seeks to include people who are each appropriate representatives and/or offer specialist expertise in such areas as:

- Tenant advocates and/or solicitors
- Government departments or agencies related to housing
- Housing and homelessness sector organisations and / or workers
- Other community sector organisations working with:
 - communities who experience housing disadvantage and / or have specialist housing needs
 - people who have life experiences impacting their housing needs, such as domestic violence, unemployment, incarceration, homelessness
- Past, present or future tenants and / or people with lived experience of unstable housing or homelessness issues

Nominations close 4pm, Wed 21 April 2021

[Click here](#) to nominate now.

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