

## Press Release

### 'Welcome to the International Year of Youth!'



Peninsula Community  
Legal Centre Inc

In December 2009, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming the Year commencing this International Youth Day (12 August 2010) as the International Year of Youth.

The theme for this year's International Youth Day is "Dialogue and Mutual Understanding" and reflects the importance of dialogue between young people with different cultural backgrounds and the importance of dialogue between different generations.

"Peninsula Community Legal Centre has seen a 400% increase in the numbers of young people seeking legal advice and assistance in the past 5 years. The International Year of Youth promotes the importance of youth participation and youth development and PCLC is pleased to be able to support this participation and development through community education and specialised youth programs", says Victoria Mullings, Principal Lawyer.

One of the specialised youth programs offered at PCLC is the Young Renters Program.

Cath Currie, Young Renters Program Worker, says, "The Young Renters Program has introduced many young people to tenant's rights and responsibilities which assists them to obtain rental accommodation. The program has been operating for more than 5 years and many young people have secured rental properties after attending the workshops.

"The program aims to establish connections and mutual understanding between young people and those providing rental accommodation. Certificates are provided to participants so that applications of young people for rental accommodation are looked upon more favourably after participating in the program.

"The program has been very well supported by a number of estate agents who attend workshops as well as promote the program to potential young renters".

For more information about free legal services and specialised programs, contact Peninsula Community Legal Centre on 9783 3600 or visit [www.pclc.org.au](http://www.pclc.org.au).

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