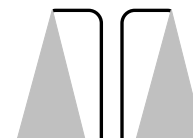


Press Release
Women Leading the Way in Glen Eira



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Peninsula Community Legal Centre's Bentleigh office is celebrating International Women's Day on 8th March, in a day to honour women's actions and achievements and to recognise continuing challenges in achieving equity and fairness.

Symbolic of international Women's Day are the colours, green (hope and new life), violet (dignity and self respect) and white (purity), which have been worn since International Women's Day was first held in 1911.

While the women of the world have much to celebrate this International Women's Day, much remains to be done to achieve equality between men and women. The theme in Victoria this year is "Equal rights, equal opportunity: Progress for all".

"70% of staff at PCLC are women and 60% of our clients are women", says Principal Lawyer, Victoria Mullings.

"Changing male attitudes towards women to achieve gender equality is essential. It is essential for building a healthy, educated, more peaceful and prosperous society. When women are fully empowered and engaged, all of society benefits. Only in this way can we successfully take on the enormous challenges confronting all of us," Ms. Mullings said.

PCLC is committed to playing an active role in advancing women's rights and our work in Glen Eira to provide legal support that benefits both men and women will make a major contribution to this.

Peninsula Community Legal Centre provides cost free legal assistance for people who live, work or study within the catchment area. Each year PCLC assists hundreds of clients from Glen Eira through their Bentleigh office.

PCLC staff at Bentleigh will be proudly wearing their colours this International Women's Day and they encourage you to do the same.

PCLC has been providing free legal services in Glen Eira for over 10 years. For more information about free legal services, please call Peninsula Community Legal Centre's Bentleigh Branch on (03) 9570 8455 or visit www.pclc.org.au.

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