

# The ASYLUM SEEKER ADVOCACY GROUP & the NATIONAL JUSTICE PROJECT

In association with TheMHS Summer Forum present  
**A workshop for Mental Health professionals**

## *Medico-legal report writing for Asylum Seekers and Refugees: Clinical, legal and ethical issues.*

**When:** 22 February 2018 5 pm - 830 pm

**Where:** Museum Room, Level Two, Mercure Hotel, Sydney

**Cost:** RANZCP Fellows \$120\* (includes GST)  
Trainees and Allied Health Colleagues \$75 (includes GST)

*\*RANZCP CPD recognition has been applied for and the cost included in the workshop fee*

Registration includes a light meal. Please indicate any special dietary needs when you register.

**We hope you can join us. Places are limited so register ASAP.**

**To register please [click here](#)**

**See over for the program outline.**

### **Overview**

- The workshop provides an introduction to psychological and psychiatric assessment and report writing for asylum seekers and refugees. Clinicians face complex issues including the difficulties of obtaining medical records, the complexity of the stories, the politicised nature of assessments and their outcomes, and the requirements of the legal arguments and associated letters of Instruction.
- De-identified case material will be used to illustrate the issues.
- The aim is for an interactive session with plenty of time for discussion.



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## PROGRAM OUTLINE

4.45pm – 5.15pm	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
5.15pm	<b>INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND, REPORT WRITING AND ADVOCACY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair and MC John Highfield, former ABC presenter and Asylum Seeker Advocate.</li> </ul>
5.30pm – 6.30pm <b>Session 1</b>	<b>MEDICO LEGAL REPORT WRITING FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjunct Professor George Newhouse National Justice Project – Essentials of asylum seeker and refugee medical legal reports – principles, practice and working collaboratively.</li> <li>• Professor Louise Newman AM – Psychiatry, Diagnosis and Seeking Asylum.</li> </ul> <p>General Discussion</p>
6.30pm – 7.00pm	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK - Light Meal Provided</b>
7.00pm – 8.00pm <b>Session 2</b>	<b>THE EXPERT REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Sarah Mares – Assessment and Reports for children, families and unaccompanied minors who seek asylum - answering the right questions. (20 mins)</li> <li>• Dr Michael Dudley AM – Ethical Report Writing in an Unethical Context. (20 mins)</li> <li>• Dr Helen Driscoll– Dealing with the Legal Framework and Immigration. (20 mins)</li> </ul>
8.00pm – 8.30pm <b>Session 3</b>	<b>Q &amp; A PANEL and Discussion</b> Speakers with A/Prof Amanda Gordon, former Australian Psychological Society President
8.30pm	<b>CLOSE</b>