

# Young, Female and Homeless

## A Panel Discussion

Victorian Women Lawyers' Justice Committee is responsible for using panels, projects, and events to bring justice and human rights issues to attention of VWL, justice related groups, and members of the legal profession.

This year the Justice Committee has selected "Women and Homelessness" as the focus and theme for the Committee's panels, projects, and events.

Please join us for a panel discussion to examine, consider, and highlight the plight of young homeless women and the legal and social issues they face.

The panel discussion will provide a forum to consider why younger women may face homelessness and then examine life for younger homeless women.

### EVENT DETAILS

**DATE:** Tuesday, 20 November 2018

**LOCATION:** KHQ Lawyers  
Level 15, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne

**TIME:**

6pm: Registration

6.30pm: Panel Discussion

**COST:**

Free for members

\$10 for non-members

**RSVP** at [vwl.asn.au/events](http://vwl.asn.au/events)

Do you have a question for our panel?  
Send an email to [vwl@liv.asn.au](mailto:vwl@liv.asn.au)

**Vicki Sutton, CEO, Melbourne City Mission**

Melbourne City Mission runs a number of youth initiatives, including the Young and Pregnant Parenting (YAPP) program which assists those between 16 and 25 who are pregnant or parents who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, Frontyard Youth Services, and Australia's first fully integrated 24/7 youth crisis accommodation centre.

In addition to her role as CEO of Melbourne City Mission, Vicki is a Non-Executive Director of the Victorian Council of Social Service and the Co-Chair of the Victorian Anti-Poverty Week 2018.



**Jo Swift, CEO, Kids Under Cover**

Kids Under Cover is focused on implementing preventative measures for youth homelessness by building family focused accommodation and providing scholarships for at risk youth. This charity assists those between 12 -25 who are vulnerable, disadvantaged and at risk of being homeless due to extreme conflict, mental health issues and the housing affordability crisis.

Jo has been CEO of KUC since 2007 and is also a Board Member of the Council to Homeless Persons CHP and Acting Chairperson of Nestd.



**Anna Radonic, Principal Lawyer, Youthlaw**

Youthlaw provides free legal advice to young people under 25 and works to address the legal issues facing young people through legal services, advocacy, law reform and preventative education programs within a human rights and social justice framework. Anna has been a principal lawyer at Youthlaw for 15 years.

**MODERATOR**

**Jenni Smith, CEO, Northern Community Legal Centre**

Northern Community Legal Centre (NCLC) provides free legal assistance to the most vulnerable people in Melbourne's North West. NCLC assists victims of family violence, youth, persons with mental illness, newly arrived, and the elder community. Jenni has dedicated her legal career to working in the community sector, seeking to improve access to justice for the most vulnerable, many being homeless women or women fearing homelessness.

