

Diplomacy Training Program launches new law app for migrant workers' advocates

Advocates for migrant workers will now have access to a powerful new web-app after the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) launched its *Migrant Worker International Law Reference Tool*.

Initially designed by students undertaking the University of New South Wales' *'Designing Technology Solutions for Access to Justice'* course, run in conjunction with legal technology provider Neota Logic supported by law firm Gilbert + Tobin, the web-app has been expanded and readied for launch by Corrs Chambers Westgarth's 2017-18 Sydney summer clerk intake.

The new legal tool will allow advocates of vulnerable migrant workers to quickly identify sources of international law relevant to more than 65 migrant worker issues across 19 countries of origin and destination (sending and receiving countries), making the UN standards and mechanisms more accessible and potentially eliminating hours of legal research. The new *Migrant Worker International Law Reference Tool* can be accessed through the link - <https://corrs.neotalogic.com/a/dtptool>

DTP Director Patrick Earle said the new web-app would provide advocates an important tool in assisting some of the world's most vulnerable workers, particularly in Asia and the Middle-East.

"The exploitation of migrant workers is a growing global problem," Mr Earle said. "Often advocates are not clear what rights migrant workers have, what the obligations of governments and employers are, or where to find the information that can help protect workers and end abuses.

"The purpose of the DTP's legal reference tool is to make the task of identifying migrant worker rights and protections quick and easy for those advocating on their behalf. We know from early trials that it provides an important and much-needed service to migrant worker advocates."

The Diplomacy Training Program is an independent NGO which seeks to advance human rights and empower civil society through quality education and training in the Asia-Pacific, and the building of skills and capacity in non-governmental organisations and for individual human rights defenders and community advocates.

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