

Court of Law - Workshop Template

Explore Legal Aid Services in Your Region

Article 39A of the constitution guarantees free legal aid so that nobody is denied justice due to financial reasons. Don't let uncertainty about where to get free legal advice stop you from protecting your rights. Seek help to safeguard your rights and those of others.

Interact | Discover
20 minutes

Structure of Workshop	Resources	Takeaways	Possible Obstacles
<p>Step 1 (5-10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at question 2 on the FAQ tab of the National Legal Services Authority mobile website or on their mobile app. Read the list of who can apply for legal aid. Find the income limit for legal aid in your state. <p>Extra: Take a look at the free legal aid application form on the website to see the information you might need to provide.</p> <p>Step 2 (5-10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search online for your state's legal service authority, such as "Delhi Legal Service Authority," and locate the helpline number, usually found at the bottom of the webpage. Contact the helpline to inquire about your nearest legal aid clinic. If the helpline is not responsive, consider trying the provided email address as an alternative. <p>Extra: Explore your state legal service authority website to see what other services and schemes are available.</p>	<p>Persons Can be done by an individual or as a group activity of a a maximum 4 persons</p> <p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet access Internet-enabled device <p>References</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website link for FAQs Website link for application form for legal aid Read Manoj's story and section on 39A in the Enforcing Your Rights module 	<p>You will know of the National Legal Services Authority and what it offers</p> <p>You will know who can apply for legal aid</p> <p>You will be aware of where your state legal service authority is located and how to get in touch with them</p>	<p>Participants may find it difficult to access the NALSA website FAQ section due to language barriers. Although the National Legal Services Authority mobile app provides translations, it may not offer income ceiling limits for individual states. Therefore, this activity may require a facilitator who speaks English</p> <p>Participants might encounter challenges accessing the State Legal Service Authority website, either due to limited access means or poor internet coverage in some areas</p> <p>The State Legal Services Authority website might have design issues, like the absence of content in the local language or unclear navigation. Therefore, it's important for the facilitator to thoroughly explore the website beforehand to address any potential challenges when conducting this activity</p> <p>The helpline number may not be reachable or unresponsive</p>

Find Your Nearest Court and Discover its Powers

One of the factors that determines which court will hear your case is your location. You cannot sue a person in Bangalore for a house in Lucknow. Find out your jurisdiction and what your court offers you.

**Discover
25 minutes**

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<p>Step 1 (5 Minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the district court website through the provided link. Start by selecting your state on the India map image, and then locate your specific district within the image of your state. <p>Step 2 (10 Minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click on your district in the graphic representation. It will take you to the website of your district court. Does your district offer online services? What are they? List them out <p>Extra: Take a stroll in your neighbourhood and strike up conversations with people you meet. Ask if they are aware of the district court in the area and if they've ever visited the court themselves.</p> <p>Step 3 (10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the district court website and look for a tab that lists the high courts. Click on the high court specific to your state or within your state. Check for contact details at the bottom of the high court's homepage, and also, find out what online services are offered by the high court if mentioned on the website. 	<p>Persons Can be done by an individual or as a group activity of a maximum 4 persons</p> <p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet access and Internet-enabled device Pen, paper to note down details <p>References</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link to district court website Read the section on which courts, courts in India and writs, rights and remedies in the module on enforcing your rights. 	<p>You will discover which district you belong to and where your district court is</p> <p>You will have a broader understanding about the different kinds of services a court may offer</p>	<p>Participants may encounter difficulties accessing the district court website due to limitations in internet access or poor internet coverage in certain areas</p> <p>The state district court and the high court website might have poor design, lack content in the local language or have unclear navigation for finding information. The facilitator should explore the website before carrying out this activity</p> <p>If the website link for high courts provided on the district court website is not working, you can check the websites of Delhi and Kerala high courts to get an idea of the services typically offered by high courts</p>



How Should You Talk to a Lawyer

Sometimes the most intimidating part of seeking justice is that it feels like you are on your own. Having a good working relationship with your lawyer will ensure that your case is a strong one and that you understand all the ins and outs of the process.

Interact
45 minutes

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<p>Step 1 (5 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose two individuals for this activity: one will act as the lawyer, and the other one to be the client. <p>Step 2 (5 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divide the group into 2. One group will discuss with the client and one group will discuss with the lawyer <p>Step 3 (15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The client group must decide on what is the issue that they are approaching the lawyer for. One possible scenario is in the case of compensation for a vehicular accident. They must determine the details of the case. The lawyer group must think of what questions they could ask the client, and what details they may need. Each group should conduct this discussion separately. <p>Step 4 (10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 'client' and 'lawyer' now meet, with the client explaining the case and the lawyer asking questions. <p>Step 5 (10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a wrap-up discussion to ensure that any points or details missed by either the client or lawyer group are addressed and clarified. 	<p>Persons</p> <p>Can be done by 2-6 persons.</p> <p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blank paper and pens for note-taking <p>References</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the sections on the sections on papers, people and procedures, and meeting a lawyer in the module on enforcing your rights. 	<p>You will learn about the kind of details one needs to keep in mind when approaching a lawyer</p> <p>You will gain confidence to approach a lawyer in case you need one</p>	<p>Participants might struggle to identify relevant details if they have not gone through the reference material beforehand</p> <p>Some participants may find it difficult to put forward their opinion within a group setting</p> <p>Participants may not be comfortable speaking to an audience</p> <p>Participants may be overly concerned about whether they are getting it 'right'. The purpose of this exercise is to focus on identifying as many details as may be necessary. The more the better</p>

