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Introduction to CLCA

Community Law Centres o Aotearoa (**CLCA**) is the national body that coordinates and advocates for the 24 Community Law Centres (**CLCs**) across Aotearoa. The Community Law movement is almost 50 years old; the first CLC was established in 1978. CLCA, as the peak and co-ordinating body for CLCs, was established in 2011.

Our member CLCs work out of over 140 locations to provide free legal help to those who are unable to pay for a private lawyer and do not have access to legal aid. As well as around 300 staff, CLCs' services are supported by over 1,200 volunteer lawyers who run legal advice clinics and deliver free assistance. Each year, these CLCs provide free legal support across a large range of legal issues to 43,000 clients and free law-related education to 24,000 people. In addition, we provide free legal information via the Community Law Manual (the digital version of which has 3,900 views per day on average) as well as an estimated 200,000 people who contact CLCs directly. Te Ara Ture is the nationwide clearinghouse for pro bono legal services, and it is a division of CLCA.

Introduction to Peace Movement Aotearoa

Peace Movement Aotearoa is the national networking peace organisation in Aotearoa New Zealand. Our focus is on humanitarian disarmament, human rights, social justice and climate justice, and the intersections among these. We regularly provide information to UN bodies, including the human rights treaty monitoring bodies and Special Procedures and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council, on a range of human rights, humanitarian disarmament and justice issues in Aotearoa New Zealand.