

# HOW THE LAW WORKS FOR YOU

## *an interactive forum on law and order in New Zealand*

### Programme

7 March 2009

10am - 4pm

- 10.00am**      **ARRIVAL and REGISTRATION**
- 10.30am**      **Introduction - Deborah Lam**  
Feedback on consultations on Safety and Security held late last year
- 10.45am**      **Keynote Speaker Minister of Ethnic Affairs (20mins)**  
**Hon. Pansy Wong**  
An opportunity to meet the new Minister of Ethnic Affairs and hear a summary of the Government's law and order policies and an explanation of how the Government sets the policy agenda with a focus on the theme of safety and security
- 11.05am**      **“How does the law in New Zealand actually work?”**  
An overview of the Justice system in New Zealand  
Learn about the democratic system in New Zealand and the roles of the different branches of Government- The executive, Parliament and the judiciary- Including the Bill of Rights - *Speakers to be advised*
- 11.35am**      **Question and answers**
- 11.45am**      **Panel Discussion moderated by Convenor**  
**“YOU AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM”**  
An opportunity for attendees to ask questions of the panel and previous speakers.  
*Panellists to be advised*  
Q and A
- 12.45am**      **LUNCH**
- 1.15pm**      **Workshop A “YES, YOU CAN MAKE A CHANGE!”**  
**Understanding how Laws are made and how the public can participate in the select committee process**  
**(Jane Wallis and Shelley Banks, Fivepeas Ltd)**  
An interactive workshop with a step by step walk through the legislative process using an example of legislation that has recently passed, including practical guidance for making a submission to a parliamentary select committee
- 3pm**      **Workshop B “WHERE DO I GO WHEN I NEED HELP?”**  
**How to access services and support from Government agencies in your local community**  
Each agency to provide a brief overview of the nature of services they provide in the local community. Explaining how communities can access public services and support from agencies
- 4.00PM**      **Where to from here?**  
Gather suggestions from the audience about continued information needs and discuss ways forward for 2009