

Policy and Advocacy Work

Our work at the grassroots leads us to identify areas in the public policy arena about which Asian women workers wish to have a voice. We have been the mouthpiece for our membership on a range of issues including programs to stop the exploitation of outworkers in the clothing industry and bullying at work.

Groups of our members come together to work on common issues through our Action Group and Outworker Advocates.

Vocational Training Opportunities

We are able to provide Asian migrant women introduction to vocational training opportunities provided by TAFE and other training providers. From time to time we organise specific training courses for our members. These include Pattern Making courses for clothing workers, and Aged Care courses.

Members

We are a membership-based organisation, inviting our target group to join and become part of the organisation. Our members are mostly Chinese and Vietnamese women, with some Filipinas. Our regular mail outs to members inform migrant women about our activities as well as their rights and the issues affecting their lives and that of the community.

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Membership Fee: \$5

Ring and ask us to send you a membership form.

Asian Women at Work Inc is a not for profit community organisation.



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亞裔女工互助會

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Outreach to Asian women working in clothing, cleaning, restaurant, metalwork, furniture, food, aged care, packing, meatwork and other industries.

**Evening telephone information and referral service – TUESDAYS
from 5pm to 8pm**

**Mandarin and Cantonese
Ph (02) 9793 9708**

**Vietnamese
Ph (02) 9793 9062**

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MISSION STATEMENT

Asian Women at Work is working to empower Asian migrant women workers who experience significant injustice and exploitation in our Australian society. These women have the ability to stand up for their rights and contribute more significantly to Australian society as they gain access to information, resources, relationships and confidence in themselves.

English Classes

We provide free lessons in practical English for survival in the workplace and the broader community. While women learn English, the classes also provide information about systems, structures and rights in Australian society. The aim is to assist women in developing the confidence to act on their rights.

Workplace English Language and Literacy classes for outworkers are offered in partnership with the Textile Clothing and Footwear Union (TCFUA). We can also facilitate access to Skill recognition and up-skilling programs.

Workplace Outreach

Many migrant women workers do not have the opportunity to access migrant, government and community organisations and information due to their long working hours and language difficulties. An information package (in community languages) outlining community services, women's rights and other relevant information has been developed for distribution in factories, restaurants and other workplaces. We identify workplaces with a high number of Asian migrant women workers, and negotiate to visit those factories for lunchtime information sessions.

Invite us to your workplace! Or we can meet a group of you outside the factory after work. Ring Angela Zhang (0448 708 003), Ronnie Wang (0408 663 992) or Bich Thuy Pham (0404 841 025)

Support Groups

We are establishing support groups for working Asian women across Western Sydney. Groups get together by locality or by industry to share their experiences, support one another, learn about issues of common concern as well as relax and enjoy themselves. So far groups have been established in Bankstown, Lidcombe, Blacktown, Fairfield and Cabramatta. Aged Care workers are getting together and so are outworkers.

If you want to be part of a group contact Angela Zhang (9793 9150), Ronnie Wang (9793 9708) or Bich Thuy Pham (9793 9062)

Seminars and Information Sessions

Seminars are held on topics of concern to our members. Some are organised for our own English classes or other small groups; and others are organised for our whole membership. Some are provided at Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) classes.

Topics include Family law, tax, Centrelink policy, rights in the workplace, consumer credit information and so on.

Information, Referral and Casework

These are provided on a very wide range of issues including workers compensation, domestic violence, workplace issues, local government issues and family law issues.

This service is provided by phone on Tuesday evenings, and at outreach points in English classes and support groups, in addition 10am to 5pm on weekdays from our offices in Bankstown and Cabramatta.

Social Activities

Social activities give women an opportunity to see and understand something of Australia, get some exercise and fresh air, and meet Australian friends with whom they can practice English. We organise picnics, visits to festivals and occasional bus trips.