

## Free advice about workplace rights at the Cabramatta Moon Festival

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The Fair Work Ombudsman will provide free information and advice about workplace rights and entitlements at the Moon Festival at Cabramatta next month.

Advisors will be at stall J16 on Sunday, September 23, where they will be speaking with festival-goers and answering their questions about working in Australia.

They will direct people to the range of educational tools and resources that are available for workers and employers on the Fair Work Ombudsman's website.

Advisors will also speak with employers about their obligations under workplace laws, and provide advice about compliance with workplace laws to people interested in starting a business in Australia.

Fair Work Ombudsman Nicholas Wilson says providing assistance to workers and employers from non-English speaking backgrounds about their workplace rights and obligations is important.

"The Fair Work Ombudsman devotes considerable resources to informing and protecting workers from culturally and linguistic diverse backgrounds," Mr Wilson says.

"We are conscious that these workers can be vulnerable if they are not fully aware of their workplace rights under Australian laws.

"Youth, language and cultural barriers also make it difficult for foreign workers to negotiate their employment conditions. The best defence for all workers in Australia is an awareness of their workplace rights."

Fair Work advisors at the Moon Festival will also be speaking to international students seeking employment in Australia.

"It is important that international students working in Australia know their workplace rights," Mr Wilson says.

"Foreign workers have the same rights as any other worker in Australia."

Workers and employers seeking information and advice can visit [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au) or call the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94.

A free interpreter service is available on 13 14 50 and information on the website is translated into 27 languages.

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