

Training on

Refugee and Asylum-Seeker Protection for Lawyers

13 Nov 2026 (Friday) | 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

George Town Meeting Room
Royale Chulan Penang
No 1 & 2, Pengkalan Weld
10300 George Town
Penang

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This event is free of charge, but advance registration is required

The Bar Council National Legal Aid and YBGK Committee, in collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (“UNHCR”), will be organising a training session for lawyers on the protection of refugees and asylum-seekers.

This session is the final of the series of training sessions organised in collaboration with UNHCR, following the first session in Kuala Lumpur on 9 Oct 2026 and the second session that will be held in Johor on 30 Oct 2026.

What Will the Training Cover?

Refugees and asylum-seekers in Malaysia face a number of challenges when seeking protection and accessing justice. But what does the refugee protection framework look like in Malaysia? What are some of the legal gaps that lawyers may encounter when assisting refugees? And what can lawyers do to help improve access to justice for refugee communities?

This training will provide an introduction to the refugee situation in Malaysia, including the migration movements in the region, an understanding of the refugee and asylum concepts under international law, and the protection situation in Malaysia.

The training will also explore some of the legal gaps affecting refugees and asylum-seekers and look at strategic approaches to improving their access to justice.

Programme

8:30 am	Registration
9:00 am	Welcoming Remarks Muhammad Arif b Shaharuddin <i>Chairperson, Bar Council Legal Aid Centre (Penang)</i>
9:15 am	Opening Remarks <i>UNHCR Malaysia</i>
9:30 am	Introduction to the Workshop <i>(ice-breaking and housekeeping)</i>
10:00 am	Session 1: Overview of Mixed and Onward Movements in Southeast Asia <i>UNHCR Malaysia</i>
10:30 am	Coffee Break
10:45 am	Session 2: Definition of Refugees <i>UNHCR Malaysia</i>
11:15 am	Session 3: Protection Situation of Refugees in Malaysia <i>UNHCR Malaysia</i>
12:30 pm	Lunch
2:15 pm	Session 4: Navigating Legal Gaps Collin Arvind Andrew <i>Co-Chairperson, Bar Council National Legal Aid and YBGK Committee</i>
3:00 pm	Session 5: Strategic Approaches to Improving Access to Justice for Refugees Collin Arvind Andrew <i>Co-Chairperson, Bar Council National Legal Aid and YBGK Committee</i>
3:45 pm	Coffee Break
4:00 pm	Session 6: Case Study <i>UNHCR Malaysia</i>
5:00 pm	Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks Collin Arvind Andrew <i>Co-Chairperson, Bar Council National Legal Aid and YBGK Committee</i>

Terms and Conditions

Event Policy

Admission is free, but advance registration is required.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The registration for this training will close on **9 Nov 2026 (Monday)**, at **5:30 pm**.

The organiser reserves the right to modify, cancel or postpone the event, should circumstances arise that make such action necessary.

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You are allowed to transfer your place to another participant, but you must notify the organiser with the necessary details at least **three** days in advance.

Attendance

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