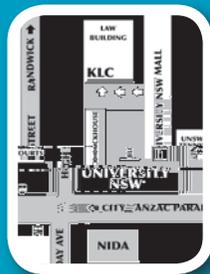




Keith Ball commenced work with the KLC on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2008, as the Aboriginal Access Worker. Keith completed his Bachelor of Applied Science (Indigenous



On November 20 KLC was delighted to host the Indigenous pre-law students to chat to them about the centre and community law. This year was the biggest ever with 20 young people attending. Staff love being a part of this program and meeting such bright and determined young people. We wish them all luck in the future and look forward to having an ongoing relationship with many of them through our clinical courses.

(KLC Director Anna Cody is currently on sabbatical in Mexico)

We have settled well into Oaxaca Mexico which is a beautiful colonial town with strong Indigenous communities all around it. There are many languages spoken on the streets and some inspiring non-governmental organisations working with them. For the last couple of months I have been working with one organisation called Centre for Indigenous rights, Flor y Canto. They are a small organisation working in the area of economic, social and cultural rights particularly right to water for Indigenous communities and around rights affected by mining activities. There are 12 communities who are organising to try and take control of their access to water and their ability to use water for farming activities. This is based in the Mexican Constitution but faces an uphill battle as the State would have a lot to lose to give control over water use to these communities. It has been fascinating to watch these lawyers experiment with the law to try and improve the situation for these communities.

I have also been working with another slightly larger organisation called "EDUCA" which focuses on civil and political rights but also economic and cultural human rights and community, grassroots education. My work is writing up some evaluations of economic rights projects they run in 2 communities about 6 hours from Oaxaca. Both NGOs are inspiring and exciting to see how they work with communities.

While doing this, I'm also trying to write about our work at Kingsford Legal Centre, teaching students how to work with





Welcome to Laura Brown, KLC's new Allens



Javeria Khan, a student from summer 06/07 has returned to do 16 days practical legal training with us. Michelle White, an employment student from semester 2, has stayed on to do PLT with us. Welcome Javeria & Michelle.

KLC's shut down dates are as follows:-