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## Partnership Forum Pre-Briefing for Community Sector 11th August 2011

The Partnership Forum will host a Pre-Briefing for not for profit sector organisations to give participants a chance to raise priority issues for the Partnership Forum to consider in planning it's activities for the coming year.

The session aims to promote forward thinking and engagement of ideas, so to help achieve this we ask you to consider some key questions for the event.

- To ensure we address key matters at the Community Sector Pre-Briefing we would like your feedback on:  
What do you believe are the main issues relevant to the community sector that the Partnership Forum should address in 2011-12; and / or
- Provide any specific questions for the Partnership Forum members to address at the Pre-Briefing.

Please register online now at <http://www.wacosstraining.org.au/index.cfm/booking.361>. To download a copy of the flyer [click here](#)

## WACOSS PBS Regional Consultation Underway

Every year WACOSS presents a pre-budget submission (PBS) to the State Government that outlines the priorities of the community service sector for social expenditure in the next year's State Budget. WACOSS is running a series of workshops in Regional locations across WA over the next month. Including Geraldton, the Pilbara, Kimberly and South West regions. [Click here](#) to book.

The Council considers this an important part of its role as an advocate for the sector, and is keen to continue to improve the effectiveness of its consultation, the quality of the information we compile, and the influence of the PBS process on the State Governments funding and policy priorities. [Click here](#) to read more

## Expressions of interest to join the 2012 WACOSS Conference Planning Committee.

WACOSS has commenced planning for our biennial Conference held on the 8th to 10th May 2012.

This is an opportunity for our members to actively participate in the planning of one of the State's premier community service event. We are looking for a cross section of community organisations to be involved. If you are selected to participate on the committee you will be required to attend up to 5 meetings and participate in the selection of abstracts received from the sector.

Please contact Christine Patton [Christine@wacoss.org.au](mailto:Christine@wacoss.org.au) at your earliest convenience if you are interested in participating in the planning this high profile event for the WA Community services sector.

### Complete our survey to go in the draw to win a free conference registration

If you don't have much time on your hands and are unable to join the committee, you can contribute your thoughts and ideas to the conference by following the link and filling in the short survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WACOSS2012Conference> which will also put you in the draw to win a free registration to the conference valued at approximately \$400.

## My Life My Way: Self Directed Supports in WA Forum Update

Registrations for the My Life My Way: Self Directed Supports in Western Australia Forum closed on Friday 29 July. Due to significant interest in the Forum the number of places was expanded from 200 to 225. 100 places have been reserved for people who use services. 50 places each have been reserved for people from community sector and government agencies. Table facilitators will make up the remaining 25 places. [Click here](#) to read more

## WACOSS wants to hear from you on implementing;

- the state governments new procurement contracting reforms,
- 15% state funding increases

- **Industrial relations reforms**

WACOSS would like to hear your experiences of the roll out of the new procurement contracts.

Feedback is important in helping the continual improvement of community services funding and contracting processes.

[Click here](#) to read more

## **Homeless Persons' Week Street Soccer Cup Goes to Penalty Shoot-Out!**

The one year anniversary of the rivalry between the Big Issue Street Soccer team and the WACOSS Sector Workers and Volunteers team was celebrated on Tuesday 2nd August, with the two squads pitting their skills against each other in the name of Homeless Persons' Week 2011.

After enduring pouring rain and gusty conditions for much of the first period, half-time saw the two teams deadlocked at 1 - 1.

[Click here](#) to read more

## **CHOGM 2011 Information Briefings 9th August**

The Australian and Western Australian governments invite you to the next public briefing providing updates on planning and preparations for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth in October this year. [Click here](#) for further information

## **Commonwealth People's Forum 2011**

The next Commonwealth People's Forum will be held in Perth, Western Australia, from **25 to 27 October 2011**.

The Commonwealth People's Forum (CPF), brings together civil society representatives from around the world, to discuss and debate key issues facing Commonwealth people. Held every two years in the run up to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), the CPF is the single biggest opportunity for civil society to engage with Commonwealth leaders on global development issues.

[Click here](#) to read more

## **CHOGM Theme Announcement**

The theme for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) will be **Building National Resilience, Building Global Resilience**.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard says Australia will use CHOGM 2011 to address challenges of food security, sustainable development and natural resource management. [Click here](#) for more information

## **WACOSS Workshops and Seminars**

## Training Calendar Now Available

The WACOSS Semester 2, 2011 calendar is now available! To receive a copy of the calendar, please send your postal address to [training@wacoss.org.au](mailto:training@wacoss.org.au) and we will post one to you.

### Rockingham - Submission Writing and Fundraising – Friday 12 August 2011

Want to secure more grants to continue your organisation's great work? This workshop will cover where to look for funds and grants for not-for-profits, essential information for grants and submissions and practical tips for writing successful applications. Presented in partnership by WACOSS and The City of Rockingham.

[Click here](#) for more information, and to register online. [Click here](#) to download the flyer

### Mandurah - Presentation Skills for the Mortally Terrified – Friday 19 August 2011

This course is designed for those with little or no experience preparing presentations and those who want to learn to combat these presentation nerves. If the mere mention of public speaking sends you running for the door, then this is the workshop for you!

Contact [Peel Community Development Group](#) to register – 9535 0011

### Dealing with Aggressive Clients – 26 August 2011

This workshop will help you to understand aggression, and learn ways to maintain your safety whilst communicating effectively when others behave aggressively towards you.

[Click here](#) for more information, and to register online. [Click here](#) to download the flyer

## Sector News

### WA Social Worker of the Year Awards-Closing Date Extended to Monday 15th August

The WA Social Worker of the Year Awards Organising Committee has extended the closing date for Awards nominations to **Monday 15th August 2011**.

Now is your chance to nominate that deserving colleague that you thought you might but ran out of time.

The Organising Committee urge you to check out the website at [www.socialworkeroftheyear.com.au](http://www.socialworkeroftheyear.com.au), download the information; the type-in form and get writing!

Contact Cindy Gorton on 0417 789 162 or via email address ([cindy@socialworkeroftheyear.com.au](mailto:cindy@socialworkeroftheyear.com.au)) for more details.

## WA Guidance Documents for the National SCOA

WA Guidance Documents for the National SCOA are now available on the Department of Treasury website. [Click here](#) to view

## Panel Contractors Expression of Interest: Bicultural Inclusion Support Service (BISS) in WA and NT

BISS provides additional resources to government funded childcare services in WA & NT to assist with the inclusion of children from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds, refugee children and Indigenous children.

Child Australia manages the delivery of the BISS program and is currently seeking expressions of interest from individuals and organisations to contribute to the delivery of this program by:

- assisting educators in communicating with culturally diverse families and children
- facilitating cultural awareness and understanding relevant cultural issues within childcare services
- supporting services to implement culturally and linguistically appropriate programs and practice

This work will be on a panel contract basis. Preference for contractors who have a presence and local knowledge in the NT and/or WA is required. Please contact Leanne Lee [leannel@childaustralia.org.au](mailto:leannel@childaustralia.org.au) for EOI document and selection criteria

## Aussie Eyes Opened by Photographic Exhibition Linking Disability and Poverty

People with disabilities in Cambodia and the Solomon Islands have been empowered to tell their stories for a unique photographic exhibition at the Bell Tower, Perth 12 August to 26 August.

[Click here](#) to view the full Media Release. [Click here](#) to view the flyer and [click here](#) for further information

## StreetSmart's CafeSmart Campaign

CafeSmart is the first event of its kind with StreetSmart to engage coffee makers, baristas cafes restaurants and roasters to donate \$1 from every coffee sold on **Friday August 5th** to the campaign (ties in with National Homeless Persons Week). It is one of those amazing small things people can do that requires no effort, apart from buying a coffee.

100% of funds raised from StreetSmart's CafeSmart are distributed to local agencies in the form of grants. Since its commencement in 2003, StreetSmart has raised over \$1.6 million for 362 projects across Australia

- Cafes are need to sign up to donate \$1.00 for every coffee they sell on Friday 5th August (Ties in with National Homeless Persons week).
- Participating cafes receive CafeSmart media, website + google maps recognition and local area media
- 100% of the money raised on the day is fed back into local grassroots homelessness project
- So far over east the project has raised over \$1.6 million, direct to homeless people
- This is the first time Perth has engaged in this scheme (or anything comparable)

[Click here](#) for further information

## **Caring Together – Understanding the Carers**

Cares Recognition Act 2004 – Staff training Resources

The government of Western Australia – Disability Services Commission was pleased to announce a new training resource aimed at increasing the knowledge and understanding of disability support staff to the requirements of the Carers Recognition Act 2004.

The initiative arose from outcomes of surveys and other evidence indicating the need for additional training materials to be available for staff working directly with people with disability and their carers. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

## **Women and Housing Affordability Survey**

The Swinburne University's Institute for Social Research, in conjunction with the Salvation Army, is conducting a survey on women and housing affordability in Australia.

The researchers are seeking the views of single women, aged 40 and over (with or without children) who do not expect to own their home outright before they retire. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

### **Sector Events**

## **Walk against Parkinsons!**

Join the 800 people in Western Australia and the golden voice of 6PR Radio, Tony Mac, who will be taking a united stand at the Parkinson's WA 2011 Unity Walk.

The event is a fun way for family, friends, loved ones and supporters to make a difference in the lives of people living with Parkinsons. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

## **Free Community Education Workshops**

City of Stirling Family Services would like to invite you to attend the following FREE parenting teenagers workshops;

August 17th- Raising Teenage Girls

August 24th- Mums Raising Boys

August 31st- Parenting with Today's Technology

September 7th- Solving Differences Using S.I.R

Bookings essential. [Click here](#) for more information

## **Living Life to the Full with a Chronic Condition Forum 27th October**

Do you have a chronic condition?

Do you care for someone with a chronic condition?

Then this FREE forum is for you. It's been developed by consumers and carers like you!

**You can:**

- Learn about living life to the full with a chronic condition
- Find out about help available to manage your condition
- Understand Chronic Disease Care Plans and how to get the best care from your GP
- Discover how your chronic condition story can make a difference
- Obtain up to date information for consumers and carers
- Hear from the Chief Medical Officer of the WA Department of Health

**Most importantly...**

Share your experiences and build relationships with others living with chronic conditions

**Date** Thursday, 27 October 2011

**Time** 10.00 am – 3.30 pm (registration from 9:30 am)

**Venue** The Boulevard Centre, 99 The Boulevard, Floreat

[Click here](#) to download a Registration Form

## Count Me In Awards 2011

The Disability Services Commission's Count Me In Awards recognise and reward the outstanding efforts of individuals, government, private enterprise, business and education and training organisations for projects or initiatives which create more welcoming and accessible communities for people of all abilities.

The Awards are part of Disability Awareness Week and will be presented on Thursday, 1 December at Burswood Entertainment Complex, in recognition of the large number of events held on 3 December, the International Day of People with Disability.

Submissions are now invited for the 2011 awards from individuals, businesses, education and training providers, state and local governments, developers, planners and architects. This year, organisations funded by the Disability Services Commission are also eligible to nominate activities or projects not funded directly by the Commission.

The closing date for submissions is **5pm Friday, 30 September 2011**. [Click here](#) for further information

### Community Sector Jobs

The following position are currently advertised on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page. [Click here](#) to view the vacancies in full.

- [Program Support Officer- Sector Services & Development](#)
- [Senior Policy Officer- Strategic Sector Policy](#)
- [Coordinator Accommodation Services](#)
- [Coordinator Youth Outreach](#)

- [Manager Clinical Services](#)
- [Executive Manager](#)
- [Coordinator-Parent Peer Support Program \(0.8\)](#)
- [Manager Clinical Services](#)
- [Business Development Officer](#)
- [Client Services Officer](#)
- [Youth Worker Case Management](#)
- [Community Development Resource Officer](#)
- [Support Worker](#)
- [Family Support Worker](#)
- [Team Leader Residential Youth Work](#)
- [Community Care Services Officer](#)
- [Senior Solicitor \(Outreach\)](#)
- [Day Program Worker](#)
- [Residential Support Worker](#)
- [Youth Justice Coordinator \(P/T\)](#)
- [Part-time Receptionist](#)
- [Manager](#)
- [Team Leader Early Intervention Program](#)
- [Registered Nurse \(Part Time\)](#)
- [Big Brothers Big Sisters Caseworker](#)
- [Client Services Officer Young Carers Program](#)
- [Youth Diversion Service Officer \(Part Time\)](#)
- [Personal Helpers and Mentors Program Officer \(Full Time\)](#)
- [Housing Support Programs Coordinator \(Full Time\)](#)
- [Program Manager](#)
- [Client Services Officer](#)
- [Youth and Community Services Program Manager](#)
- [Coordinator Warrabee Womens Refuge](#)
- [Solicitor \(Maternity Leave Contract\)](#)
- [Part time BIS Facilitator/Counsellor](#)
- [Part time Counsellor/Project Worker- PEPISU Women and Childrens Program](#)
- [Part time Counsellor- Drug and Alcohol Program](#)
- [Executive Officer](#)
- [Domestic and Family Violence Workers](#)

**If you would like to advertised your vacancies on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page please contact John Broweleit at ANSON at [jbroweleit@anson.com.au](mailto:jbroweleit@anson.com.au)**

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