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### General WACOSS News

## **Justice and Community Services in WA: Efficient investment in effective outcomes: Launch of the joint report**

WACOSS, WANADA and WAAMH have launched a joint report titled: Justice and Community Services in WA: Efficient investment in effective outcomes today. [Click here](#) to download the report. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **WACOSS WA State Election Website**

This week the focus of our public agenda is [People with Complex Needs](#).

We have just released three factsheets for this week, [Mental Health](#); [Alcohol and Other Drugs](#); and [Justice](#).

This morning a joint discussion paper on Justice and Community Safety produced by

WACOSS, WANADA and WAAMH was launched.

In the meantime, keep an eye out for our Infographics – and follow us on Twitter @wacoss to get the latest news as it happens.

The week starting 8th March is the last week of the State Election campaign. We will be focussing on Poverty and the Cost of Living, [click here](#) to view our website and to keep update to date.

The WA State Election will be held on Saturday 9th March 2013 – not long to go!

## **Community Sector Leaders Forum on Emerging Issues – Thursday 4th April 2013**

The WACOSS Emerging Issues Forum provides detailed up-to-date information and analysis directly relevant to the service planning needs of community service providers, to inform the strategic planning of their executives and Boards.

It is an environmental scan of the WA community in 2013 and beyond – with independent external experts providing insights about the changing social, economic and political context – to identify 'over the horizon' issues that are likely to become key priorities for Community Services in WA

The forum will be held on Thursday 4th April 2013, 1 pm to 4 pm. [Click here](#) for more information or to register.

## **Care Issues: A Forum with Jill Rubery – Wednesday 3rd April 2013**

Care Issues: A forum with Jill Rubery has been organised by the Centre for Research in Applied Economics (CRAE) and the Curtin Graduate School of Business. The forum to be held from 10am to 12 on Wednesday, 3rd April 2013 will present recent research from both Australia and the United Kingdom and include perspectives of expert research offering insights into these issues in Western Australia.

Helen Creed, WACOSS Policy Manager for Vulnerable People will be providing a discussant response to Professor Fiona McKenzie's and Professor Jill Rubery's presentations in this forum. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **Better Targeting of Not-For-Profit Tax Concessions**

The Federal Government has announced that the 2011-12 budget measure "Better Targeting of NFP Tax Concessions" will now commence from 1 July 2014. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **Save these dates for upcoming Learning Exchanges**

Learning Exchanges are informal, interactive and dynamic conversations for individuals to come together to discuss, gain ideas and be inspired.

The Learning Exchange will consist of approximately 20 minutes of presentation, followed by facilitated discussion which will provide opportunities to share and learn.

### **Emergency Relief Conference 2013– Save the Date**

The biennial Emergency Relief Conference will take place on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th May 2013 at The Salvation Army Fortress, Northbridge. The theme of the conference in 2013 will focus on DivERSity - diversity in the ways our services assist those who are vulnerable in times of financial crisis and hardship, the diversity of services across the State and the environments in which they operate, and most importantly the diversity among people - the volunteers, workers and those using the services. [Click here](#) to read more.

### **Upcoming Learning Exchanges**

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**Next Learning Exchange:** Thursday 14th March 2013 : Outcomes 10am-12pm at the City West Lotteries House West Perth.

[Register here.](#)

We are currently confirming speakers for our final two Learning Exchanges, so save the date for 26th March and 9th April or email [Maija@wacoss.org.au](mailto:Maija@wacoss.org.au) to be placed on the expression of interest list.

### **WACOSS Releases Regional Services Report, 15th February 2013**

The Western Australian Council of Social Services launched the Stronger Together: Regional & Remote Community Consultation report – the result of extensive consultation with regional community service providers during September 2012. [Click here](#) to read more.

### **ACOSS National Conference 2013 - Mon 25th & Tue 26th March 2013**

#### **Community: The Heart of the Economy**

On 25th-26th March ACOSS will be getting past the numbers and focusing on the importance

of putting people and community at the centre of economic and social policy.

With the date of the federal election set, the 2013 ACOSS Conference offers an important opportunity to get the latest ideas and directions from key thinkers and to put community at the heart of election debates.

[View the draft program](#)

Come join the discussion and have your voice heard.

For more information, including travel support, accommodation deals and programming updates visit the [ACOSS Conference website](#)

## **WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2013**

- [WEBINAR: Foundations in Governance](#) - Fri 8th March 2013
- [Presentation Skills for the Mortally Terrified](#) - Tues 12th March 2013
- [Foundations in Facilitation](#) - Fri 15th March 2013
- [Oversight and Monitoring of Finances](#) - Tues 19th March 2013
- [Occupational Health and Safety](#) - Thurs 21st March 2013
- [Managing Challenging Behaviours of Clients](#) - Thurs 4th April 2013
- [WACOSS Funding Reform Webinar Series II](#) - Thurs 4th April - Thursday 11th April
- [Community Sector Leaders Forum on Emerging Issues](#) - Thur 4th April 2013
- [Leading and Chairing Board Meetings](#) - Mon 8th April 2013
- [Emergency Relief Essentials](#) - Tues 9th April 2013
- [Learning Exchange Outcomes](#) - Thurs 14th March

## **Sector News**

### **Affordable Rentals for City-Based Workers**

The City of Perth is leasing 48 brand new one or two bedroom apartments in East Perth at 20% below market rates for low to moderate income earners who work within the City's boundaries.

The City recognises the need to provide more affordable inner city living options to essential city workers employed in community services, hospitality, tourism and retail etc. [Click here](#) to read more.

### **Ready for a Challenge? Volunteer Opportunities Now Open!**

HepatitisWA operates a telephone information & support service which is maintained by volunteer staff, and provides information on hepatitis A, B and C to the general community, and phone support to people affected by hepatitis. Volunteer staff can also participate in our

Needle & Syringe Program (NSP) which provides information, equipment and referral to people who chose to inject drugs. Additionally volunteer staff have the opportunity to participate in health promotion and community education events such as University Orientation Days and Health Promotion Fairs at schools and local councils as well as information stalls at Big Day Out and other community events.

Applications can be downloaded from the link on our website, and should be forwarded by post, fax or email to: Nadia O'Leary, NSP/Volunteer Co-ordinator. [Click here](#) to view the application kit.

## **New YACWA Campaign: 'WA Coming First Isn't Everything'**

On the 24th of February, YACWA was very pleased to launch a new campaign calling for mandatory Sex Education in Schools and Easier Access to service for young people. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **What does Reconciliation mean to you?**

National Sorry Day (26th May) and National Reconciliation Week (27th May – 3rd June) What does reconciliation mean to you, as an individual, an organisation and a community? Organisations can demonstrate their commitment to the reconciliation process by sponsoring a banner with your corporate logo and unique reconciliation message to be displayed within the City of Perth CBD. **Applications close Monday 18th March 2013.** [Click here](#) to read more.

## **2013 scholarship for the not-for-profit sector**

In conjunction with the Australian Scholarships Foundation and the Origin Foundation, Chief Executive Women is offering a national scholarship for women involved in the Not-for-Profit sector. For further information, [click here](#).

## **What do you think of Youth Workers?**

The Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC) – the national voice for young people and youth affairs sector – has commissioned Nielsen research to create a measure of awareness and perceptions of youth workers within other professional fields that work to support young Australians. This is a unique opportunity to represent the views of those in the community sector in working cooperatively with others who seek to improve outcomes for young Australians. Complete the survey for your chance to win an iPad, [click here](#).

## **ACCAN Grants Scheme Open**

Have a great idea for consumer research or advocacy on telecommunications issues? Why

not apply for an ACCAN Grant. The ACCAN Grants Scheme provides up to \$60,000 of funding for education, advocacy and research projects that aim to make the communications market work for consumers – a market that should be available, accessible and affordable for all. ACCAN's 2013 Grants Scheme opened on Monday 18th February and has a total pool of \$265,000. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Beware of scammers asking for NDIS fees

People are being warned to be aware of contact from anyone claiming to work for the Government who tries to make them pay an administration fee to access the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). These claims are false.

There is no need for people to pay a fee to join the National Disability Insurance Scheme. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## WA Youth Awards 2013

There are only 10 days left to nominate someone for a WA Youth Award! Young people aged 12-25, youth workers and youth-led groups are eligible for \$2000 in prize money. Entries close Friday 22 February and winners will be announced during National Youth Week in April. Enter online at [www.communities.wa.gov.au](http://www.communities.wa.gov.au) or call 6551 8700 for more information.

## Country High School Hostels Ex Gratia Scheme

Applications for the Country High School Hostels Ex Gratia Scheme are now open.

This Scheme has been established to provide ex gratia payments to eligible applicants who were subjected to abuse as a boarder of a hostel operating under the auspices of the Country High School Hostels Authority during the period 1960-2006. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Young Leaders Keen on Aged Care

20 young leaders, aged 18 to 35 years old, have been chosen to participate in the inaugural Young Leaders Program which was launched on the 6 February, to arm them with the knowledge, skills and connections to step onto an aged care Board or Committee. The unique four-month program is co-hosted by Southcare, MercyCare and Baptistcare with funding from the Social Innovation Grant through the State Government. A full list of participants and their biographies can be accessed on the website at [www.youngleadersinagedcare.ning.com](http://www.youngleadersinagedcare.ning.com). [Click here](#) to read this article in full.

## Not-for-Profit Reform and the Australian Government Report

[Click here](#) to download the *Not-for-Profit Reform and the Australian Government report*.

## Open Doors Program

Mission Australia is proud to present the [new flyer](#) for the Open Doors Program. After a successful year last year supporting young people and their families in various areas of need we are starting the New Year with room for a couple of referrals for short term therapeutic counselling for young people and their families. [Click here](#) to download the referral form.

## Phone-in day for ACNC consultation

The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) is holding a phone-in day on Wednesday 20 February so people can call to provide feedback on the ACNC's approach to regulation.

The consultation, which opened in December last year, seeks to refine a statement to the public about how the ACNC administers the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and uses its regulatory powers.

[Click here](#) for more information

## Sector Events

### Save the Date: Monday 6th May 2013 One-off training by Dr Allan Wade

#### Lessons from Pippi Longstocking – ' How Children and Young People Resist Violence and Oppression'

Back by popular demand. International trainer from Canada, Dr Allan Wade, is best known for developing a

Response-Based approach to therapy with victims of violence.

In the spirit of Pippi Longstocking, Allan will review recent developments in Response-Based Practice (RBP), with a focus on children.

Should you wish to register an Expression of Interest in attending this one-off training, please contact the Women's Council at [info@womenscouncil.com.au](mailto:info@womenscouncil.com.au)

### Run the Place, A night of comic spin! Friday 1st March

WA has advertised for a new boss. Applications close on 9 March and competition is fierce. Join WA's best comic talent as they pitch you their hilarious plans and policies for WA.

Run the Place features the return of comedy veterans such as Andrew Horabin, Werzel, Alex Manfrin and Malcolm Dix, current stars like Bonnie Davies and Tien Tran, alongside shining new talents like Sian Choyce, Sami Shah and Ciaran Lyons. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## **Play a round to support deafblind in rural WA**

A revitalised format and a new venue are expected to elevate Senses Foundation's annual charity golf day to new heights in 2013, in turn raising vital funds to support people with deafblindness living in rural and remote WA. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **Funds for Freedom Sparkling High Tea - Friday 8th March**

Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) invites you to attend a Sparkling High Tea to celebrate International Women's Day.

Spend a lovely International Women's Day celebrating with a scrumptious Sparkling High Tea and raising money to help women and children to make a fresh start after living in a violent relationship.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## **Equal Opportunity Commission's International Women's Day Breakfast 2013 – Friday 8th March 2013**

The Equal Opportunity Commission would like to invite you to their International Women's Day Breakfast 2013 held on Friday 8th March 2013 which focuses on the critical issue of domestic violence. Speakers include CEO Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Angela Hartwig, Relationships WA Manager Domestic Violence Services and Counsellor Robert Andrew and Domestic Violence survivor Angela Russo. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

## **Place Based Approaches: The Australian Context Forum– Monday 18th March 2013**

In Collaboration with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the Royal Children's Hospital Centre for Community Child Health, Ngala is delighted to invite you to take part in their Places Based Approaches: The Australian Context forum on Monday 18th March 2013.

For more information or to register, [click here](#).

## **The Grace Vaughan Lecture by Dr Jacquie Hutchinson – Thursday 21st March 2013**

"Shaky Ground or Firm Foundation? When women's equality depends on a business case" will be a lively presentation exploring some challenging questions about women's equality and the potential effects on women, other diversity groups and the broader Australian society. The annual Grace Vaughan Memorial Lecture is presented by the Australian Association of Social Workers, The University of Western Australia and Department for Communities - Women's Interests and will take place on Thursday 21st March 2013. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **Close the Gap Day – Show your Support at Northbridge Piazza on Friday 22nd March**

Close the Gap Gathering is a way for the WA community to join together and remind our political leaders of their commitments to close the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a generation.

Come down to Northbridge Piazza on Friday 22nd March from 5.30pm to show your support for closing the gap once and for all. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **Train with Us @ RFWA**

Richmond Fellowship WA offers exciting and informative training courses for everyone from a 3 hour snapshot about Recovery to a full day course for people working in care-based environments. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **WASUA Training Calendar 2013**

[Click here](#) to download the 2013 WASUA Training Calendar.

## **Anglicare WA professional development workshops, accredited courses and customised training**

Anglicare WA delivers professional development workshops, accredited courses and customised training for human services organisations across WA. Upcoming workshops include:

- Working with Children and Adolescents Who Have Experienced Sexual Abuse (7-8 Mar 2013)
- Child Abuse and Neglect (20 and 22 Mar 2013)
- Working with Children whose Parents Have Separated (26 Mar 2013)
- Dealing with Sexually Disinhibited Behaviours (27 Mar 2013)
- Children and Domestic Violence (4 Apr 2013)
- Dangerous Liaisons (10 Apr 2013)
- Introduction to Domestic Violence (17 Apr 2013)

Special events and forums:

- How do Services Embrace the Possibilities of a Recovery Framework? (15 Apr 2013)
- MAP Time-In: Using Mindfulness and Self-Compassion to Repair the Parent-Child Relationship (29-30 Apr 2013)

Please [click here](#) for more details, or contact us on [rto@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:rto@anglicarewa.org.au) if you have any questions.

## **Inaugural WA Parenting Support Sector Conference – Wednesday 15th May 2013 to Friday 17th May 2013**

Join Linkwest and CLAN WA for an inspirational gathering that focuses on resilience in times of change. Titled "Talking Up Our Strengths", this will be held at the Tradewinds Hotel, Fremantle from Wednesday 15th May to Friday 17th May 2013. The three day gathering will feature guest speakers, workshops and training in the areas of Community Engagement & Innovation, Skills and Practice to Better Support Parents, Practical Skills for Running a Not-for-Profit Organisation, and Adding Value Through Partnerships. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **WA Active Ageing Conference 2013**

COTA WA and the Conference Organising Committee are pleased to announce that the 3rd Annual Western Australian Active Ageing Conference will be held on Weds 5th & Thurs 6th June 2013 at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **Community Sector Jobs Board**

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

- [WANADA - Executive Assistant and Office Administration](#)
- [The Richmond Fellowship of WA - Manager Outreach Services](#)
- [Community First - Mental Health Community Support Worker \(Part Time\)](#)
- [Anglicare Fundraising Co-ordinator Full-Time](#)
- [St. Bartholomew's House - Activities Coordinator](#)

**If you would like to advertise your vacancies on the  
WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page please contact  
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