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General WACOSS News

WACOSS Member Consultations (August 2015) – REGISTER YOUR INTEREST!

Each year around this time, WACOSS invites members to attend a range of consultation forums (held in both metropolitan and regional areas) as a means of hearing directly from the community sector about their issues, concerns, and priorities. The Council uses this information and feedback to inform its policy and advocacy priorities for the coming year, including preparation of the Council's annual Pre-Budget Submission to the State Government. This year, we'd love to hear what YOU have to say! [Read more...](#)

DropIN Training: September

Do you want to learn more about how DropIN can help your network or organisation create a bigger impact? Join DropIN users and sector representatives for our free online training webinars. Each training webinar builds on the knowledge of the previous starting at the very basics of editing and navigation through to comprehensive engagement strategies to help boost activity in your network or project. [Find out more here!](#)

Vulnerable Communities and Climate Change - Mon 31st

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- What role should the community sector play in climate policy?
- Which communities are particularly vulnerable and why?
- How can we apply a climate lens to our existing policy areas?

Climate change poses serious and perennial risks to all facets of society. However, some communities face greater risk than others because socioeconomic and health factors constrain their ability to take appropriate adaptation responses.

ACOSS and the Vulnerable Communities Network are partnering to facilitate engagement and dialogue between researchers, policy makers and the community sector on the complex causes of social vulnerability to climate change.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Employment Opportunities at WACOSS

The following positions are currently vacant. Full information on all jobs can be found on our [website](#).

Program Support Officer – Sector Services and Development (SSD)

Part Time Position – 22.5 hours per week

Fixed 9 Month Contract from Oct 2015 to June 2016

Finance Officer – Corporate Services

Full Time Position – 38 hours per week

Minimum 6 Month Contract from Oct 2015 (Maternity Cover)

Project Officer Community Engagement

Full Time Position – 37.5 hours per week

WACOSS Staff Agreement Salary Scale – Level 3

Changes to the Associations Incorporations Bill 2014

The long awaited Associations Incorporation Bill 2014 was introduced into Western Australian Parliament and passed by the Lower House in March 2015. The Bill is currently being debated in the Upper House.

When the Bill is passed, all 18,000+ incorporated associations will need to understand how the changes will impact on them. WACOSS will be working with the WA Department of Commerce to provide resource on line. However it is important you stay in touch with the changes.

Therefore we strongly advise all incorporated associations subscribe to [Department of Commerce "Association Info"](#) to receive the latest updates on the Associations Incorporation Bill.

Risky Business: Are Your Standards Slipping? Online Presentation - Wed 2nd Sept

Without the right systems for maintaining standards, your organisation may be vulnerable. Your organisation may only go through accreditation every 2 or 3 years, but meeting standards needs to be an ongoing and regular activity for your organisation if it is to maintain its reputation. This online presentation, run by BNG NGO Services Online, will give you a guide to maintaining standards beyond accreditation, and ensuring that the critical systems are in place for regularly monitoring risk and managing compliance. The presentation is free, online (so you can join from the comfort of your desk!) [Register here](#)

Design for Social Innovation Conference 2015 - Wed 23rd Sept

WACOSS is a proud supporter of the Design for Social Innovation 2015, a one-day conference on the latest thinking, doing and change emerging in the field of design-led approaches for social innovation.

Building on the success of Design for Social Innovation 2014, this year the aim is to explore what design methods can offer for rethinking service delivery, business models, processes and communication in an environment that is demanding not only innovative but impactful responses. [Read more...](#)

The Development of Social Enterprise in WA

The Development of Social Enterprise in WA is a publication by Mission Australia and WACOSS, reporting on a project that explored opportunities for the development of social enterprise in Western Australia. Initial research was undertaken in 2011, and updated to reflect the exciting and rapid changes in the social enterprise eco-system in WA since 2011. To access the report [click here](#).

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars

- [Writing Great Reports](#) - Tue 25th Aug
- [HR Management: Compliance & Best Practice](#) - Wed 26th Aug
- [DropIN Champions L3: Maximising Online Engagement](#) - Thu 27th Aug
- [Communicating & Connecting with Aboriginal Clients](#) - Tue 1st Sep
- [Reviewing your Boards Effectiveness](#) - Wed 2nd Sep
- [Risk Management for Boards](#) - Wed 2nd Sep
- [Developing Business & Operation Plans](#) - Tue 8th Sep
- [Writing Winning Grants](#) - Wed 9th Sep
- [Nuts & Bolts of Measuring Outcomes](#) - Wed 9th Sep
- [DropIN Champions L1: Advanced Editing](#) - Thu 10th Sep

- [Developing a Strategic Plan](#) - Tue 15th Sep
- [Developing a Reconciliation Action Plan \(RAP\)](#) - Wed 16th Sep
- [Self-Care & Professional Boundaries](#) - Thu 17th Sep
- [Finance Fundamentals for Managers of Not for Profits](#) - Tue 22nd Sep

[**Subscribe**](#) to our events alert and keep informed on the latest events and workshops.

Sector News

Financial Counselling, Capability and Resilience Hubs

The Australian Government is inviting applications from eligible organisations interested in delivering Financial Counselling, Capability and Resilience Hubs in targeted locations across Australia. The Hubs will deliver more integrated and coordinated services including financial counselling and money management education and may offer no interest loans and other microfinance products.

Applications close at **2:00pm AEST on 29 September 2015**. For further information about eligibility and how to apply, refer to the [Funding Open for Application page](#).

1 Week left to apply for the 2015 Anti-Poverty Awards

The Anti-Poverty Awards acknowledge and highlight the hard work and dedication of individuals and schools across Australia who demonstrate a deep understanding of those in need. Applications for the Anti-Poverty Awards are now open.

Any Australian school or young person aged 16-30 who are working to overcome poverty and are making a difference in the lives of others are encouraged to apply.

For more information about the Anti-Poverty Awards,
visit [antipovertyawards.org.au](#). **Applications close 31 August 2015**

WA Youth Awards 2015 - Nominations Open

The WA Youth Awards were established in 1999 to recognise West Australians aged 12 to 25 years for their contributions to the community, as well as outstanding youth groups and organisations that serve and support the State's young people.

The winners will be announced at a gala ceremony at the Crown Ballroom on Friday 27 November. [Click here](#) for more information.

Inquiry into the Child Support Program

On the 20th July 2015, the House Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs tabled their report entitled "*From conflict to cooperation: Inquiry into the Child Support*

Program".

[Click here](#) to download a summary of their findings. Alternatively you can visit aph.gov.au/childsupport for more details.

New report outlines views of WA Aboriginal children and young people

"*Listen To Us*" report by the Commissioner for Children and Young People provides a strong and compelling voice for making practical changes to the way agencies support Western Australia's Aboriginal children and young people's healthy development and wellbeing. [Read more...](#)

Office space available for lease

Advocare Inc. will be moving from our current office location In the Byblos Building on Abernethy Road, Belmont over the coming months. As a result our office is available under a new tenancy agreement with our landlords. The ground floor space (341m2) is completely fit out with individual offices, meeting rooms, board rooms, COMS room, open work space are and separate male and female toilets with a kitchen. It is networked, cabled and ready to move into. 12 car bays are also included in the lease. For further information regarding cost of lease or to arrange an inspection please contact Lisa Mitchell at lisam@advocare.org.au.

Survey of Children and Young People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds

Jenni Perkins is the Commissioner for Children and Young People in Western Australia. Jenni would like to hear from children and young people from migrant or refugee backgrounds about their lives and experiences. Jenni will use the results of this survey to help write reports about how children and young people from migrant backgrounds feel and what can be done to make their lives better. Jenni might use some of the comments you make in the survey in these reports, or when she talks about her work, but will not use your name. If you are under 18 and are from a migrant or refugee background and living in WA, you can do this survey. [Click here](#) to find out more.

\$199,476 Grant to Support Problem Gamblers

NEDLANDS-based not-for-profit community support organization – Linkwest – is proud to announce it has obtained a grant for \$199,476 to facilitate help for problem gamblers in Western Australia.

Linkwest CEO Jane Chilcott said: "About 115,000 Australians are classified as problem gamblers with a further 280,000 people at moderate risk and many families, from all walks of

life, need urgent community support. [Read more...](#)

Sector Grants

City of Wanneroo - Community Development Funding

Funding in the amount of \$27,500.00 is available in the Community Development Fund to be divided across two funding rounds this financial year. These grants aim to support not-for-profit community groups, organisations and schools with initiatives that bring positive benefits to any of the following groups:

- Youth
- Seniors
- Children
- People with disabilities
- People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Volunteers.

For more information [click here](#).

Amnesty's Human Rights Innovation Fund

Amnesty's Human Rights Innovation fund is now seeking applications from Indigenous organisations for small grants (of up to \$8000) for programs that support ending Indigenous youth detention, or support individuals, families or communities experiencing youth detention.

For more information please see: <http://www.amnesty.org.au/features/comments/37615>

The next round closes on 31 August.

Grant Opportunity for Youth Projects in Canning Region of Perth

The Canning Coalition Inc Board would like to provide grants for programmes and/or projects within the Canning Region, which meet at least one of following criteria;

- Promote a positive view of employment options for young people
- Promote the value of education and citizenship through the development of young people via training and lifelong learning opportunities
- Assist young people in their transition from school to further education, training and employment.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Building Safe Communities for Women projects—funding available

The Australian Government is inviting applications for projects under Building Safe Communities for Women and their Children funding round which is open to local community groups, not-for-profit organisations and local governments. [Read more...](#)

Health projects encouraged to apply for funding

Not-for-profit groups, health and rehabilitation organisations and research bodies are encouraged to apply for new philanthropic funding for projects to enhance the lives of people who face challenges to their health and wellbeing.

The Slater and Gordon Health Projects and Research Fund, now in its second year, is calling for applications for grants of up to \$25,000 as part of a \$2million philanthropic program in Australia and the United Kingdom. [Click here](#) to read more...

WACOSS would like to acknowledge the support WACOSS receives from Slater and Gordon as our Honorary Solicitor.

The Real Needs Program: Grants of up to 20,000 Available

The 'Real Needs' program is a community initiative of Real Insurance, which provides grants of between \$5,000-\$20,000 to community organisations that work with disadvantaged or under privileged Australian children and youth. Grant applications are considered on a monthly basis. For more information about eligibility requirements, and how to apply, visit realneeds.realinsurance.com.au.

Nabo Community Grant - \$10,000 Grants Available

Nabo has launched the Nabo Community Grants program that forms part of their commitment to supporting and strengthening local communities. The program will provide community groups and charities with an opportunity to apply for one-off funding of up to \$10,000 for projects or programs that help build safer and stronger communities across Australia.

You can find all the information about the Nabo Community Grants including the Terms and Conditions, eligibility requirements, funding available to each state and territory, and key dates by [clicking here](#).

Sector Events

Conference to bring capacity building of small NFPs Into

the Spotlight - 26th - 28th Aug

Linkwest and ConnectGroups' Into the Spotlight conference is all about building the capacity of Self Help and Support Groups and small community managed Not for Profits.

The Into the Spotlight Conference brings together Linkwest's 19th Conference for Community, Neighbourhood and Learning Centres in WA and ConnectGroups' inaugural conference for WA-based Self Help and Support Groups.

Registrations are now open, for more information [click here](#).

Community ExecNet Perth - Innovation on a shoestring: Doing more with less - Tue 1st Sept

Differentiate yourself from the competition. Attract financial support from the corporate sector. Cut overheads and improve outcomes. Use technology to scale your impact. Step up your marketing...

This event will explore how through creative thinking and innovative practices your organisation can craft long-term, sustainable and cost-effective outcomes, helping you to "do more with less". [Click here](#) for more information.

Associations Incorporation Act: What the changes mean for your organisation - Thu 3rd Sept

National Disability Services (NDS) WA invites your organisation to attend the 3rd of its 2015 'Hot Topics' Breakfast events for Board Members, CEO's and Senior Management on Thursday 3 September.

In this focused and practically orientated presentation, Professor David Gilchrist will discuss the likely impacts for CEOs and board members of the Associations Incorporation Bill currently before Western Australia's Legislative Council. Once legislated, the Bill will impact the vast majority of Disability Service Providers in WA which are incorporated as Associations. New governance, management and financial reporting arrangements will build on and expand the ACNC requirements and, for many organisations, establish some additional requirements. [Click here](#) for more information

Come to our house - A conference for families experiencing challenging behaviour - Mon 7th & Tue 8th Sept

The 'Come to our House' conference will bring together WA families in a supportive environment to hear stories from other families about what they are doing, how they are

managing and how they have developed a sense of hope for the future. You will also hear from local and international speakers including Linda Perry (CEO—Vela Canada) and Norman Kunc & Emma Van der Klift (also from British Columbia) who all have a wealth of experience with person-centred and relationship based responses to behaviours which can be seen as challenging. [Click here](#) for more information.

Migration and Mobilities WA Update Conference - Thu 10th Sept

Based on the successful 'Migration Update' annual conference in Adelaide supported by the Dunstan Foundation, the Mobilities and Belonging research group at UWA will host the inaugural WA Migration and Mobilities Update focused on Western Australian issues around migration and internal mobility. The event will be dedicated to the late Professor Graeme Hugo, one of the leading figures in Australian migration studies. Linked to the In The Zone initiative, this conference applies academic expertise to policy questions through a unique dialogue approach involving policy makers, academics, service providers and community. [Click here](#) to find out more.

ACA Approved Clinical Supervisor Training - Wed 9th - Fri 11th Sept

Australian Counselling Association Approved three day training course: Clinical Supervisor Training suitable for Counsellors, Social Workers, School Counsellors, OT's and anyone in the helping professions. Upskill, formalise your experience, and gain valuable Professional Development with ACA approved training over three days at very competitive cost. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

AASW – WA Branch: Setting Up A Private Practice in The Helping Professions – Getting Started Workshop - Thu 10th Sept

Establishing a private practice can be exciting and bring many rewards. However, anyone planning to do so need to: - be clear and realistic about their motivations and their capacities, to undertake good planning and preparation as well as having a good understanding of the regulatory requirements involved. They also need to have the ability to market and promote themselves, handle all the necessary day to day requirements of a small business as well as maintaining their growth and development as a professional. [Click here](#) for more information.

Understanding and Working with Young People who Self-Harm - Mon 21st Sept

SPSW is pleased to announce its September Continuing Education Workshop in conjunction

with YouthLink that aims to increase people's professional understanding of self-harm and how to work with young people who self-harm.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Tenancy WA Conference 2015 - Mon 21st - Wed 23rd Sept

Open to everyone with an interest in residential tenancy issues, There's No Place Like Home - Tenancy WA Conference 2015, is a full day of interesting and informative presentations on a variety of residential tenancy issues.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

Save the Date: Domestic & Family Violence and The Law - Fri 25th Sept

Presenters:

- Guest speaker: **Yvonne Henderson** former Equal Opportunity Commissioner (EOC and the Complaints Process)
- **Michael Hovane** Manager, DV Unit Legal Aid
- **Heather Jones** Telethon Kids (FASD and Justice)
- **Sue Gordon** Former Children's Court Magistrate and Chair of the Gordon Inquiry
- **Corina Martin** Principal Legal Officer, Aboriginal Family Law Services
- **Donna Regan** Families Stakeholder Coordinator—Western Australia, Department of Human Services (Centrelink and Child Support Services for DV victims)

[Click here](#) to download the flyer.

Upcoming Training With Anglicare WA

Anglicare WA draws on over 30 years' experience as a leading service provider to develop and deliver quality training and professional development. They are committed to workforce and sector development delivering the latest research and best practice and sharing their expertise and experience.

Special Events

Dr Allan Wade presents the final event in Anglicare WA's Family and Domestic Violence series, on his work on Response Based Practice (23 November 2015), details to follow.

Professional Development 2015

- [Accidental Counsellor](#) (27th Aug)

- [Introduction to Australia's Family Law System](#) (8th Sept)
- [Worker Safety for Home Visits](#) (16th Sept)
- [Case Management Tools for Community Workers](#) (22nd Sept)
- [Children and Domestic Violence](#) (24nd Sept)

Please [click here](#) for more details, or contact us on training@anglicarewa.org.au or 9263 2122 if you have any questions or would like to register.

Relationships Australia - Professional and Workplace Training

August/September 2015

- [Family Patterns](#) – Thursday, 6 Aug – 10 September
- [Enhancing Self-Esteem in Adolescents](#) – Tuesday, 25 August
- [Parenting Between Cultures](#) – Wednesday, 23 September
- [Emotional Intelligence](#) – Tuesday, 8 September
- [Introduction to Couples Counselling](#) – Thurs/Fri 24 & 25 September

For more information on our Professional training [click here](#).

Smarter than Smoking Perth Basant Festival 2015 - Sat 17th Oct

So Change Inc. pleased to announce, Perth's First Basant Festival to be held on 17th October 2015 at Curtin Stadium Bentley WA with the generous sponsorship of Healthway and Town of Victoria Park. Festival is proudly supported by Indian Society of WA (ISWA), Pakistani Association of Western Australia (PAWA) Inc, Australia Pakistan Youth Association, Australian Arab Association, Bangladeshi, Chinese, South African, Malaysian, Philippine and Sri Lankan community. [Click here](#) for more information.

Victim Awareness Training Program - Jan 2016

angelhands Inc presents the launch of the Victim Awareness Training Program.

- Lived-experience and theoretical approaches to better management of traumatised Survivors of violent crime,
- Delivered by the only free ongoing trauma specialised service in Perth.

Workshops are also FREE to attend or host. These will be a half day in duration, plus networking time. Workshops are to be scheduled on agreement between angelhands and the organisation, and will begin in January 2015. [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.

- [Regional Coordination Manager – Country WA PHN – Goldfields](#)
- [Administrative Officer \(Part-Time\)](#)
- [Assessment and Support Officers \(x2\)](#)
- [Support Worker](#)
- [Live-in Carers – Family Group Homes](#)
- [Board members – EOI](#)

If you would like to advertise your vacancies on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page please contact John Broweleit at ANSON at jcho@anson.com.au

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