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General WACOSS News

WACOSS Conference 2016 – “WAY Ahead: Leave no one behind”

The WA Council of Social Service (WACOSS) would like to invite you to participate in the WACOSS Conference 2016, "WAY Ahead: Leave no one behind" by submitting an abstract for consideration by the conference committee to present at the WACOSS Conference 2016 or Sector Networking Day.

The conference theme, "WAY Ahead: Leave no one behind" will look at the future of the Community Services Sector in Western Australia. We know that there are amazing projects, service designs and initiatives being undertaken in the Community Services Sector in WA, nationally and internationally. We are looking for presenters to share, discuss, debate and reflect on the emerging issues in the WA community and share how the sector can meet the challenges of these complex issues now and in the future.

For more information on the themes for the Networking day and Conference, please visit the WACOSS website by [clicking here](#).

To submit your abstract, please visit our online submission form [here](#). Submissions are open until 30th November 2015.

Information Session – Diploma of Leadership & Management

WACOSS has partnered with MODAL for the past 12 years to deliver the Diploma of Leadership & Management to help improve the leadership capability within the not for profit services sector. This program over the many years has added to the quality and value of the services provided to the community more broadly.

This Diploma program consists of 12 units conducted over a 12 month period. For more information on the units please visit http://www.wacoss.org.au/Events/Accredited/community_management_program.aspx.

An information session to introduce you to the program will be held on:
28th October 2015, 3 – 4pm
Westcentre, Level 1260 Hay St, West Perth

To register your interest in attending, please [click here](#).

Early Years Network Program Receives Lottery West Grant

A State-wide support network for families with young children will receive a Lotterywest funding boost of \$550,000, Community Services Minister Tony Simpson announced Wed 23rd Sept.

Speaking at the State Government's Parenting WA Centre in Mount Lawley, Mr Simpson said the funding would enable the peak community services body, the Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS), to deliver the Early Years Networks Support Program. To read more please [click here](#).

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars

- [Work Health & Safety for Not for Profits](#) - Tue 20th Oct
- [Customer Service Skills in Community Services Sector](#) - Wed 21st Oct
- [DropIN Champions L1: Advanced Editing](#) - Thu 22nd Oct
- [Taking the Stress out of Time Management](#) - Tue 27th Oct
- [Foundations in Facilitation](#) - Wed 28th Oct
- [Developing a Reconciliation Action Plan \(RAP\)](#) - Wed 4th Nov
- [Designing Surveys](#) - Wed 4th Nov
- [DropIN Champions L2: Smart Navigation Design](#) - Thu 5th Nov
- [DropIN 101](#) - Tue 10th Nov
- [Mergers, Acquisitions & Strategic Alliances](#) - Tue 10th Nov

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Sector News

Historic Bill Recognises Noongar People - Wed 14th Oct

The introduction into State Parliament of the Noongar (Koorah, Nitja, Boordahwan) (Past, Present, Future) Recognition Bill 2015 marks a turning point in our shared history, Premier Colin Barnett said today.

A centrepiece of the historic South West Native Title Settlement, signed by the State Government and the Noongar people last June, the Bill honours the Noongar people as the traditional owners of the South-West and one of the oldest surviving cultures on earth. Mr Barnett said the significance of the Bill could not be underestimated.

"It recognises Noongar customs and culture, their unique contribution to the heritage, cultural identity and economy of the State, and represents a commitment to a shared partnership to build a stronger Western Australian community," he said.

"While the Bill does not create new rights or impact on other laws, it is highly symbolic for all members of the Western Australian community, and indeed the nation". Please [click here](#) for more detail.

Lotterywest - Grants Information Session - Tues 27th Oct

Lotterywest can help convert your ideas into opportunities; together we can make a difference. Are you planning a project or event that may require grant support? Looking for help so your group can deliver great work in the community? Keen to hear more information from the Lotterywest Grants team?

Lotterywest is hosting information sessions where their Grants team will share their experience, connect you to a network of contacts and offer ideas and advice. To register for this information session please follow [this link](#).

HUGS Now Unavailable Through Financial Counsellors

As of 1 Oct 2015, people who wish to apply for a Hardship Utilities Grant will need to negotiate a payment arrangement directly with their utility. Hardship Utilities Grants will no longer be available through financial counsellors.

"If you approach a utility for a HUGS grant and are told you must meet with a financial counsellor before it is granted, be aware that recent funding cuts mean the number of financial counsellors across WA has been greatly reduced," Charlie Brown, Executive Officer of

FCAWA. "It's likely you won't be able to get an appointment for several weeks."

The grants enable Western Australians experiencing financial hardship to keep connected to their electricity, water or gas services. [Read more...](#)

Never Alone - Campaign to End Domestic Violence

Many of you will have heard Rosie Batty's story. Last year her son Luke was murdered by his own father at cricket practice. It was a horrifying event that captured the attention of the entire nation. Soon after, Rosie spoke passionately about the need to address family violence. Since then Rosie has made it her mission to lift the burden from victims and make family violence every Australian's business.

"If Luke hadn't died in such an extreme way, I'd just be one of those 'family violence' people no one listens to". Rosie Batty

Rosie started the Luke Batty Foundation so her son Luke did not die in vain. Now she is asking Australians to stand with her beside every victim. Please stand with Rosie and the [Never Alone campaign](#).

Children and Community Services Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2014

Prepared by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, this electronic briefing will provide you with a summary of key features and legislative changes made to the Children and Community Services Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2014. To learn more please follow [this link](#).

Forum to Address Bullying Behaviour in Children and Young People - Tues 27 Oct

The Commissioner for Children and Young People WA invites you to attend a free forum during Children's Week, which will address bullying behaviour in children and young people. To register for the forum please [click here](#).

Join Other Organisations that are Making Smoking History

People experiencing social and financial disadvantage carry an unjust burden of death, disease, grief and financial stress caused by high smoking rates. Health and community services are well placed to support people from at risk groups to quit or cut down their smoking. Some organisations have already committed to be part of the solution to tackle health and financial inequalities caused by smoking in their organisation by following a two-

step process:

Step 1: Committing to do something about unacceptable high smoking rates of at risk groups
Step 2: Completing a smoke check

Commit your organisation to be part of the solution [here](#).

Consumer Protection Awards 2016 - Nominations Open

The Consumer Protection awards aim to reward and recognise consumer advocates in the community. They are seeking nominees whom are working to protect consumers such as: educating the community about scams, assisting people with money management, striving for a better deal for consumers in the marketplace or creating safer products. If you would like to submit a nomination please follow [this link](#). Note that nominations close Fri 27th Nov.

Call for Submissions – Developing Social Housing on NFP Land

The Housing Authority is calling for Submissions from not-for-profit and local government organisations to develop social housing on land in priority locations. If your organisation has land in priority locations, the Housing Authority is interested in working with you to develop new social housing dwellings on those sites.

The Call for Submissions (HOU1701315) is now advertised on [Tenders WA](#) and will be open for four weeks, closing Tuesday, 3 November 2:30pm WST. Ensure you are registered with [Tenders WA](#) so you can download and submit the documents. To read more about this opportunity please [click here](#).

Sector Grants

OMI alert: National Youth Week 2016 Grant Program - Applications now open

The Department of Local Government and Communities is seeking applications for the National Youth Week 2016 Grants Program.

Funding of up to \$1000 will be available for organisations to host an event during National Youth Week, which takes place from 8 to 17 April 2016. For more information please follow [this link](#).

OMI Alert: Young People and the Arts Grants -

Applications Now Open

The Department of Culture and the Arts (DCA) Young People and the Arts program supports creative, skills and market development for arts workers and practitioners aged 26 years and under, as well as individuals, groups and organisations creating work with and/or for young people. For further information on grant categories please [click here](#).

OMI alert: Project Grants to Engage At-Risk Youth in Sport Now Open

Applications are now open for grants to involve 'at-risk' young people in sport and recreation activities. The Youth Engagement Scheme targets young people aged eight to 18 years who live in lower socioeconomic areas in metropolitan and regional locations.

Administered by the Department of Sport and Recreation, the scheme supports local governments and not-for-profit organisations in delivering programs to targeted local youth. Grants for projects of up to \$40,000 will be considered. For more detail please [click here](#).

Sector Events

Register to Attend IKON's OPEN Day and Discover Your Study Options for 2016!

IKON open days are relaxed, engaging and all about starting your career, formally recognising your existing skills or diversifying your skills to support your existing vocation. Pop in for a session or stay the entire day - it's up to you! To register your attendance please follow [this link](#).

FIFO Focused Communities Workshop - Tues 20th Oct

Ngala and the Geraldton Regional Community Education Centre invite service providers in Geraldton to partner with us for a free workshop to begin the exploration of the local needs of long distance commuting families and their use of services. This is a repeat opportunity for those who missed our first workshop. To register [click here](#).

CLAN WA is Hosting a Free Workshop - Stand Up To Bullying - Wed 21st Oct

This workshop will help to provide strategies which will reduce the incidence of being bullied or bullying. It can be distressing for parents to find out their child is being bullied or bullying others. This workshop identifies bullying behaviours and supports participants in teaching children strategies to reduce this behaviour. For parents/carers of children aged 0-18 years.

Light refreshments & handouts will be provided.

The workshop will be held at 9am - 11:30am, Collier Primary School, 17 Hobbs Ave, COMO

Please email workshops@clanwa.com.au to register your attendance.

Methamphetamine Forum – From Research to Practice - Thurs 22nd Oct

Are you concerned about methamphetamine use in your community? WANADA invites health and community service workers to attend From Research to Practice on Thursday 22 October 2015, facilitated by National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction's Professor Ann Roche. Guests include Professor Amanda Baker (NHMRC), Paul Dessauer (WASUA), Sandra Harris (Palmerston Association), Supt James Migro (WA Police), and Dr Amanda Stafford (RPH).

Cost: Free to WANADA members (full and associate) / \$50 for non-members. Morning tea and lunch provided. To register your attendance please [click here](#).

Free Youth Mentor Summit - Fri 23rd Oct

This Summit will include a keynote speaker Kenzie Dann of AIME Mentoring and 4 elective workshops to choose from throughout the day! These workshops will involve an overview of Mentoring Young Aboriginal People, the Mentoring Worx resources, the Mentor Handbook, Adolescent Brain Development and much more.

Venue is the Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre, Murdoch University, 90 South Street, Murdoch, WA, 6150. To register your interest in attending please [click here](#).

Foodbank WA's 21st Anniversary - Come Celebrate! - Sun 25th Oct

On Sun 25th of October Foodbank will be celebrating with a Family Fun Day. All guests can enter by simply donating a gold coin or bringing a canned food item. There will be food, rides, games, music and more. For more detail about the event please see the [flyer attached](#).

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. We are committed to workforce and sector development delivering the latest research and best practice and sharing our expertise

and experience.

Bookings are essential for all courses. To register, please send a completed registration form to: training@anglicarewa.org.au

SPECIAL EVENTS

[Small Acts of Living: Promoting Effective Responses to Interpersonal Violence, presented by Dr Allan Wade](#) (23 November 2015)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2015

[Introduction to Australia's Family Law System](#) (27 Oct 2015)

[Responding to Challenging Behaviours](#) (28 Oct 2015)

[Engaging and Planning with Complex High Needs Clients and Families](#) (4 Nov 2015)

[Working with Complicated Grief](#) (5 Nov 2015)

[Child Abuse and Neglect from a Manager's Perspective](#) (11 Nov 2015)

[Introduction to Family and Domestic Violence](#) (12 Nov 2015)

[Working Therapeutically with Children](#) (12-13 Nov 2015)

[Dangerous Liaisons](#) (18 Nov 2015)

[Children and Domestic Violence](#) (23 Nov 2015)

[Supervision Skills for Community Based Settings](#) (24-25 Nov 2015)

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

Addressing Bullying Behaviour in Children and Young People - Tue 27th Oct

Presented by internationally recognised researcher Winthrop Professor Donna Cross from the Telethon Kids Institute and University of WA, this forum is an excellent opportunity for both parents and professionals to increase their understanding of practical strategies to deal with incidents of bullying. Professor Cross will outline key strategies developed from 12 years of ongoing research into online and offline bullying, with presentations from young people involved in pilot anti-bullying programs.

This forum will be held during 2015 Children's Week, on Tuesday 27 October, from 7pm to 8.30pm, at Churchlands Concert Hall in Churchlands. See the [flyer](#) for further information or [book your place](#) now.

Breakfast with Dr David Russell-Weisz - Tue 27th Oct

Please join this event to listen to Dr Russell-Weisz (Director General, WA Health ex Fiona Stanley Hospital Chief Executive) discuss:

- The strategic direction of health and ageing for the future
- His experience of opening a major hospital, its pitfalls and successes

- Crisis management and dealing with negative media

To register your attendance please follow [this link](#).

Free Stakeholder Engagement Awareness Workshop - 27th Oct & 11th Nov

Join the Department of Finance for this workshop to learn about effective engagement strategies, hear from local community service collaborators about inclusive engagement in community services procurement and build your personal engagement awareness and skills. To view dates and locations please click on the [flyer attached](#).

Staying Connected and Making a Difference: Reflecting on Professional Identity - Wed 28th Oct

This skills based, one day workshop is for social workers who would like to connect or reconnect with their professional identity, in the context and frameworks from which they work. The facilitators are Dr Brenda Clare and Graham Chapman. For more information please [click here](#).

Supporting a Person with an Eating Disorder - Sat 31st Oct

The Parent/Partner Education and Support Program (PESP) aims to:

- Provide information about the nature of an eating disorder and of recovery in order to help people gain a deeper understanding of what their loved one may be experiencing.
- Acknowledge and strengthen family communications and to provide an opportunity for people to learn strategies for self-care.
- Hear from women who have recovered from an eating disorder themselves. Gain resources that will assist you to support the recovery process.

For more information please click on the [flyer attached](#).

Walking Away From Diabetes - Prevention Program - 4th November & 4th December

Come along to Walking Away from Diabetes, a new FREE prevention program that will help you reduce your risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Walking Away is a three hour, interactive program for those who have been diagnosed with pre diabetes or are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The program will identify small changes that you can make now to help reduce your risk in the

future. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.

FIFO Focused Communities Workshop - Wed 18th Nov

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Red Cross Training - Issues in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) course: Health Care in Danger

Violence against health care workers and patients is a significantly overlooked humanitarian issue, most recently in the headlines with the bombing of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSFs) hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan.

This new one day course focuses on the provision of healthcare services in times of conflict and during emergency situations.

Participants will learn from a number of practitioners about the challenges of healthcare provision in conflict, the incidence and nature of attacks on health care workers and facilities, the consequences of insecurity of health care in the field and tensions and harmonies between military practices and healthcare imperatives. It will also look at the possible impact of counter-terrorism legislation on the provision of impartial and neutral aid. The course aims to stimulate reflections and discussion on what participants can do to contribute to the protection of health care workers and facilities in the field.

To learn more about the course please click on the [flyer attached](#).

Listening to the Views of Aboriginal Children and Young People - Wed 11th Nov

This forum will be based on the landmark consultation with 1,271 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people across the state, and the resulting report "Listen To Us" tabled in the WA Parliament in August. The forum will provide a rich source of information about both the consultation project and the content of the report, and will be of great value to staff of government and non-government agencies in their work to deliver effective, culturally secure programs and services.

It will be held on Wednesday 11 November, from 10am to 11.30am, at the State Library Theatre in the State Library of WA.

See the [flyer](#) for further information or [book your place](#) now.

Mental Health Act 2014 - Information Sessions (State Wide) Sept - Nov 2015

On behalf of the Mental Health Commission, and in partnership with the Western Australian Country Health Service, you are invited to attend an information session designed to inform you of the changes associated with the new Mental Health Act 2014 and give you an opportunity to have your questions answered. Lunch will be provided and this event is free to attend. These information sessions will be hosted at a variety of locations throughout the State. To see if there will be one in your area please see the [flyer attached](#).

St Patricks Community Support Centre - Forum on the New Fremantle Family Support Network - Mon 26 Oct

St Patrick's Community Support Centre has been appointed lead agency for the Fremantle Family Support Networks. As the Lead Agency they are tasked with engaging with existing providers to establish the network. If you are interested in learning more about the Fremantle Family Support Network. To learn more about the forum please [click here](#).

Curtin University Health Promotion 4 Day Short Course - 30th Nov - 3rd Dec

This four day course will provide you with an understanding of the role and importance of health promotion and the broader concept of health within a community and national setting. You will develop the skills to plan, implement and evaluate a health promotion program. This course has been developed for those already working in the health sector, those wanting to move into this area and those wanting to incorporate health promotion principles into their roles, such as nurses or teachers.

As part of this course, you will design a health promotion project in small groups with the assistance of highly qualified academic staff. You will be led through an engaging program using discussion, lectures and group work. This course is ideal if you wish to build health promotion skills and knowledge quickly in a stimulating environment. [Read more...](#)

Trauma Triggered Behaviour in Looked After Children and Beyond - Thurs 3rd Dec

This one day interactive, dynamic workshop demonstrates how the legacy of maltreatment and neglect frequently prevents children from growing up 'normally' and demonstrates why therapeutic re-parenting and truth telling is essential for fostered and adopted children.

The day weaves together data on trauma, brain functioning, sensory memories, parenting

strategies and child development with practical strategies and behaviour management tools. Please [click here](#) for more detail.

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.

- [UnitingCare West – Support Workers – Casual](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Community Support Workers \(Disability\) – Full time](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Casual Driver](#)
- [Anglicare WA – Coordinator Training Services – Part Time](#)
- [Anglicare WA – Supervisor Bridges Disability Service – Part time](#)
- [Uniting Care West – Live-in Primary Carers – Full time](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Senior Case Workers – Full time](#)
- [Community First – Mental Health Community Support Worker \(Part time\)](#)
- [Regional Coordination Manager – Country WA PHN – Goldfields](#)

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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