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CHOGM – Perth October 2011

The Commonwealth Foundation, UK, has appointed WACOSS to be the local host NGO to support the Commonwealth People's Forum, one of the parallel events to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) to be held in Perth in October 2011.

WACOSS, as the local host NGO, will support the Steering Committee, and the Commonwealth Foundation Project Manager. WACOSS has received support from the WA Government to undertake this role.

The Commonwealth People's Forum provides an opportunity for;

1. Cultural engagement and understanding.
2. The people of the Commonwealth to put across their views to the Heads of Government.
3. The drafting and finalisation of the Civil Society Statement, and presentation of the Statement to the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers. There are some changes to the process for this in 2011. Previously the development and drafting took place at the People's Forum however in 2011 the development will take place in a number of regional and national consultations with the presentation of the Statement in September 2011. The consultations will take place in the U.K., Caribbean, Southeast Asia, Australia-Pacific, and 2 in Africa. Rapporteurs would develop the consultations and other relevant submissions into a final Statement.

The programme for the People's Forum will be:

- Tuesday 25th October: Official Opening, plenary session and reception
- 26th and 27th October: People's Forum
- 28th October: Learning Journeys
- 29th October: Roundtable with Foreign Ministers (tentative)

The Steering Committee held the first meeting in late January 2101. Membership consists of representatives from Dept. Prime Minister & Cabinet CHOGM 2011 Taskforce, Dept. Premier & Cabinet CHOGM Taskforce, The Commonwealth Foundation, Civil Society Advisory Committee, and local Australian and Western Australian representatives. The appointment of people to the Steering Committee is an evolving and incremental process. The current WA members are – Sue Ash, Chris Hall, Francis Lynch, Ray De Silva, Steve Joske and Ann White.

For information or clarification contact Ann White - cpf@wacoss.org.au

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Commonwealth People's Forum – WA Consultation Friday 11th March

WACOSS is commencing the process for engagement of the WA community and Civil Society to be involved in the development of the WA contribution to the national statement of the Commonwealth People's Forum.

We plan to hold a full day consultation on Friday 11th March – Please save the date now, and keep watch for further details to be announced soon.

There will be financial assistance for rural and remote agency involvement. More information will be circulated early next week.

For information on the consultation contact Ann White – cpf@wacoss.org.au

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Showerhead Swap: Replace your old showerheads for new efficient ones FREE!

Water Minister Bill Marmion launched the Water Corporation's Showerhead Swap program on Tuesday, 2 February. As part of the new program old showerheads can be swapped free of charge for more water efficient ones.

Showerhead Swap is open to all households in the metropolitan area and up to two old, inefficient showerheads can be replaced free of charge.

Showerheads can be swapped at any Bunnings store in the Perth metropolitan area. All that is required is a 2011 water use account.

If you are a Water Corporation customer (property owner, managing agent or an authorised person on the property account) but do not receive a water use account you can call the Water Corporation on **1300 133 646** and arrange a letter with the information you will need to take to Bunnings to swap your showerhead/s.

If you are renting and do not receive the water use account for the property, you will need to contact your landlord or managing agent. If they agree to the swap, they can arrange it on your behalf.

Mr Marmion said on average, 22 per cent of all household water consumption can be attributed to shower use. "By switching to a highly efficient showerhead you can still enjoy a good pressure shower and save between 20 and 30 litres of water per person, per day," he said.

The Showerhead Swap program is one of several under way aimed at driving down individual water use to 125 kilolitres a year (equivalent to about three backyard pools).

By 31 March, through this initiative, the Government aims to save 13 billion litres of water.

For more information visit the Water Corporation website:

http://www.watercorporation.com.au/S/showerhead_swap.cfm?uid=1961-7353-4372-4599

To read Minister Marmion's media release announcing the launch of Showerhead Swap [click here](#)

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Economic Implementation News

To view the latest edition of the WACOSS Community Sector Reform Update [click here](#)

Bushfire Legal Help WA

The WA legal sector has come together to form Bushfire Legal Help WA to assist victims of the recent bushfire disasters. Free legal assistance is being offered through a consortium of the Gosnells Community Legal Centre, Legal Aid WA, the WA Community Legal Centres Association, the Law Society of Western Australia and the WA Bar Association.

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International Women's Day- WA Women's Hall of Fame

Locally, the centrepiece of IWD 2011 will be the establishment of a WA Women's Hall of Fame.

This unique awards program will be dedicated to our unsung heroines from all walks of life, from all over our State.

Inaugural inductees to WA Women's Hall of Fame will be a mix of prominent contributors, past and present, living and no longer with us, young and old, high-profile and little known.

The criteria and electronic and pdf nomination forms are now available at the official website www.powerof100.com.au

The nomination process is designed to take no more than 3 minutes of your time and nominations are open until **5.00pm on Friday 25 February 2011**.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact event manager Anne-Maree Ferguson on 0439 820177

For further information on the nomination process and criteria [click here](#)

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Celebrating 100 Years International Women's Day

The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence (WA) invites you to attend an interactive morning tea to celebrate 100 years of Women's Activism: Social Change and Challenges Ahead

Date: 8 March 2011

Venue: 2 Delhi Street, West Perth

City West Lotteries House (Conf Room)

Time: 9.30-11.00am (Morning Tea provided)

For further details [click here](#)

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Save the Date to Make Every Australian Count

NDIS will be kicking off the EVERY AUSTRALIAN COUNTS campaign (formerly NDIS) with a rally on Sunday morning 13th Feb 2011 (9.30am to 11.30am)

Aside from meeting all of you and letting you know what the campaign has planned, one of the aims of the day is to attract media coverage to show the rest of Australia how important a National Support Scheme is for People with Disabilities and their Families/Carers. To make this happen we HAVE TO HAVE really large numbers of people who will attend and help us spell out the message that WE COUNT in giant human letters. So please save the date, RSVP that you're coming at the online address below, and bring with you family, friends, colleagues and supporters all **wearing red**.

After the formalities you can be part of the family fun including meeting your favourite sports stars over a free sausage sizzle with face painting and other entertainment for the young and young at heart.

So we can keep track of numbers please [RSVP HERE](#)

To view the Rally Flyer [click here](#)

For further information and to voice your support electronically [click here](#)

If you would be willing to help out on Rally day (e.g. sausage sizzle marquee, parking etc.) please email mary.butterworth@nds.org.au or Geraldine Mellet, geraldine.mellet@ndis.org.au

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WACOSS Workshop: Train your Mind to be Focused, Calm and Clear 23rd February

Contemporary living and the working environment is becoming increasingly stressful and research indicates that people are enjoying their work less. Research indicates that long term stress without intervention predisposes people to depression. This one day course provides participants with both a theoretical framework and practical skills and strategies to increase self-awareness of both their mind and emotions, so that they are more likely to be productive, happier and engaged in their working and personal life.

[Click here](#) for further information and to book your place

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WACOSS Workshop: Developing Teams 10th March

Research clearly shows that when people cooperate and are empowered to act productivity increases, effectiveness is heightened and people become more satisfied in their work. At the heart of this is the leader's ability to develop and engage the team.

This one day workshop is highly interactive, utilising a variety of team tools and experiential learning techniques. The workshop is designed to provide leaders at all levels with some insights and practical ideas to develop their own work team.

For further details and to book your place [click here](#)

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WACOSS Workshop: So you think you can EXCEL?! 16th March

Using spread sheets can be tricky if you are not sure what you are doing!

This day-long workshop will teach you to navigate confidently around an Excel spread sheet, using basic functions to make some simple calculations, and change the sheet to look the way you want it to.

For further details and to book your place [click here](#)

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WACOSS WORKSHOP: Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) 22nd March

This course teaches adults how to assist other adults experiencing mental health problems or in a mental health crisis. Mental Health First Aid is the help provided to a person developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves.

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Social Policy Seminar: Community Sector Procurement Reform 17th February

The community sector is working with the State Government to develop a sustainable funding solution to ensure the ongoing viability of the sector. Contract reform is a critical step to deliver this outcome.

Come to the Procurement Reform Forum to find more about the proposed funding policy which aims to achieve better outcomes for Western Australians, by facilitating a genuine partnership between Government and not for profit organisations.

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Social Policy Partnership Forum Briefing 23rd February

The Partnership Forum invites you to the second community sector briefing.

The briefing will be attended by Peter Conran, Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet. He will be joined by Sue Ash, WACOSS CEO, community sector representatives and agency Director Generals who sit on the Forum.

[Click here](#) for further information and to book your place

Gimme Shelter 19th February

Gimme Shelter, the annual fundraiser for the homeless on the south lawn at Fremantle Arts Centre is on again on 19th February with another amazing line-up. Hugely popular hip-hop/R&B outfit The Last Kinection (Newcastle, NSW) are flying over to help the cause. The Last Kinection get regular air-play on Triple J and the trio recently hosted RAGE. Rocking it with the best of them, The Last Kinection have been blessed with sharing the stage alongside Paul Kelly, Missy Higgins, John Butler, Bernard Fanning and The Herd to name a few, at the sell out tribute to Australian music legend Kev Carmody at the 'Cannot Buy My Soul' concert last year at the Brisbane River Festival. They've recently supported Arrested Development, Public Enemy and The Herd, won a Deadly, and played just about every major festival in Australia.

Dom Mariani, Perth's godfather of pop, is performing with his new outfit Dom Mariani and the Rippled Souls, Dom's work is a distillation of rock'n'roll energy, sun-streaked melodies, ringing guitar work and headlock chorus hooks, fine-tuned with alchemical precision over 25 years of performance.

Also performing is Brave and the Bird. And who are Brave and the Bird? Gimme Shelter organisers are remaining tight-lipped on this one. "We can't tell you for legal reasons", said event organiser Phoebe Corke. "All I can say is it's a couple of big name performers, we're very excited and the crowd is going to go wild when they see who it is."

The Starlight Hotel Choir will also be singing songs from their just released CD and Jim Fisher will be MC for the night.

Gimme Shelter is a not-for-profit event with every cent from ticket sales going directly to feed and nurture the homeless. Tickets are dirt-cheap at \$25 + booking fee in advance, \$35 on the door from www.heatseeker.com.au, The Fremantle Arts Centre and usual outlets. Under 16's are \$10 and kids under 6 are free. Gates open at 5.30pm.

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Centrecare Corporate Training Calendar

Centrecare Corporate will be holding a number of workshops in both Perth and Kalgoorlie in 2011.

To view the Perth Training Calendar [click here](#)

To view the Kalgoorlie Training Calendar [click here](#)

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Barnardos and Oral B Dental Grants

Before Christmas Barnardos announced a new collaboration with Oral-B as part of the Oral-B Health Program (OBHP). The Oral-B Health Program has been launched with the aim of touching and educating one million people to help achieve healthier mouths for a healthier nation.

A key part of the collaboration is the Oral-B dental grant program. The grants will be administered by Barnardos Australia and are available to community organisations across the country to apply on behalf of children aged between 0-16 years living under disadvantaged circumstances in regional and remote areas so they can access much needed dental services.

Applications are now open and will close on **31 March 2011**.

Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to contribute to direct dental costs as well as important on-costs such as travel.

All applications must be made online via <http://www.oralb.com.au/topics/OralBGrantsProgram.aspx>. More information including the terms and conditions can be found on the Oral-B website and a sample of the online application form can be downloaded from the home page of the online application form.

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Discount Medicine for Indigenous People

Chairwoman of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council, Bev Manton, has urged all Aboriginal patients to take full advantage for the Government's Indigenous Chronic Disease Package.

This package allows Aboriginal patients to obtain heavily discounted or free medicine if the letters 'CTG' are written by their GP only - on their prescriptions. This agreement is valid for all prescriptions for ANY illness, treatment, ailment or disease. Ms Manton said managing disease and illness is often very expensive and simply not an option for many Aboriginal people.

"This government package is designed to reduce the risk factors for chronic disease in Aboriginal communities, improve disease management and improve follow-up treatment. GPs can now hand-write the letters 'CTG' (Close the Gap) on prescriptions, this will then signify that it is to be dispensed under the arrangement," she said.

Aboriginal people suffer under the weight of chronic disease at a rate two and half times that of other Australians. Some of these diseases are killers. They include amongst others:

- Cardiovascular disease
- Diabetes
- Cancer
- Respiratory disease
- Chronic kidney disease

It's important to note that all pharmacists are compelled legally to comply with the CTG arrangements, and cannot adjudicate on individual patients," Chairwoman Manton said.

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Secondary Assistance Scheme

Assistance is available for parents with a child in High School or starting High School in 2011.

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Expressions of Interest for the Arts and Health Visiting Fellow

Expressions of interest are invited from organisations/institutions wishing to invite a leading international expert in the arts and health research or practice to Western Australia for a period of up to three (3) months to work with local arts and health promotion groups in this state. The primary focus of the visit should be for the Fellow to work closely with several key arts, community and health promotion teams as well as presenting a number of seminars to maximise benefits to the Arts and Health Promotion communities. The aim of this program is to expand the knowledge base and increase interest and skills in the relationship between the arts, health promotion and wellbeing throughout Western Australia.

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Join the Wheatbelt Youth Leadership Development Network

'The WYLD Network' is a group that young people can join to receive information by email or post about upcoming opportunities for young people who live in the Wheatbelt.

'The WYLD Network' is managed by a committee of young people called 'The WYLD Team' made up from 'The WYLD Network' members and drawn from different communities of the Wheatbelt. WYLD represents Wheatbelt young people on the Advisory Committee of the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

For further details on the network and how you can join [click here](#)

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2011 Leewin Ocean Adventure Foundation Scholarship Funding

The Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation operates 6 night/7 day voyages on the sailing vessel STS Leeuwin II for young people aged between 14 and 25. Voyages cater for young people from all walks of life, backgrounds and physical abilities.

If you are a young person who needs help to develop these skills so that you can progress in life you may be entitled to a scholarship from the Foundation.

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City of Joondalup seek Youth Financial Counsellor – Permanent Part time

The City of Joondalup takes pride in being a City that is committed to service delivery excellence and operates under the principles of good governance. To achieve this vision we seek the services of highly motivated staff to join our team and make a difference to the City of Joondalup and its community.

We are seeking a suitably qualified person to implement the City's Financial Counselling Program to young people within the local area. This role caters to the financial needs of the under 25-year-old age group by providing budgeting and education advice, advocacy and support.

Applications close on **Monday 21 February 2011**.

For further information on this position [click here](#)

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Outcare seeks Re-Entry Case Manager

Outcare currently have two Case Worker positions available within the Re-Entry Team located in East Perth. These positions are responsible for providing re-entry support services to adult offenders prior to and after their release from prison.

It is essential that you have relevant tertiary human service qualifications and/or at least 12 months demonstrated experience in case management. The ability to communicate with influence to achieve quality outcomes whilst maintaining healthy professional boundaries is essential.

In return Outcare offer excellent working conditions, variety and competitive salary packaging options.

To apply, forward a current CV including a detailed cover letter to Karen Chalcraft karenchalcraft@outcare.com.au or call 6263 8622 for more information.

Applications close: **Monday 14 February 2011**.

[Click here](#) to view the position description

[Click here](#) for information on selection criteria

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Community Legal Centres Association (WA) seeks Sector Development Officer

CLCA seeks a Sector Development Officer to work with CLCA members. The position requires knowledge of not-for-profit governance and management issues, people skills, project management skills and the ability to work reasonably independently.

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Positions Vacant at Breat Cancer Care WA

Breast Cancer Care WA are currently recruiting for the following positions. Click on the position title for further information on each position.

[Event and Sponsorship Coordinator](#)

[Volunteer Coordinator](#)

[Indigenous Program Coordinator](#)

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Foundation Housing seek Lodging Coordinator Perth

Foundation Housing Ltd is a not for profit organisation working in the housing industry providing affordable housing to WA residents. We are looking for a full time Lodging Coordinator to manage our lodging and shared portfolio providing affordable single accommodation for people on low incomes. This is a full time position with rostered and on call hours, in partnership with another colleague, to provide continuous service over a 12 hour period from Monday to Friday.

Applications close **Thursday 17th February 2011**

For further information on the position [click here](#)

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Positions Vacant at YMCA

YMCA are currently recruiting for the following positions. Click on the position title for further information

[Program Manager – LYNKS Counselling](#)

[Support Officer - StreetsYde Part-time](#)

[Mobile Youth Officers](#)

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Positions Vacant at Mosaic Community Care

Mosaic Community Care are currently recruiting for the following positions. Click on the position title for further information.

[Disability Support Workers - Community Program](#)

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