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General WACOSS News

Community Leadership Development Program – Applications Extended!

Missed the deadline for the WACOSS Community Leadership Development Program? You're in luck – applications have been extended until **5pm Friday, July 15 2011**. Click here to view the flyer

For more information, and to download the application package go

to http://www.wacoss.org.au/services/accredited_training/community_leadership_program.aspx

WACOSS Media Release: WACOSS Welcomes Carbon Tax Household Assistance 11th July 2011

WACOSS has welcomed the household assistance package announced Sunday as a part of the Australian Government's proposed scheme for pricing carbon pollution.

Climate change threatens to have the greatest impact on Western Australia's most vulnerable people and communities, and the Council welcomes the commitment of the Government to begin

the process of taking action on this challenge in a socially equitable way. [Click here](#) to read more

When poor performance becomes a real drama

Square pegs in round holes – messy relationships and resistance to change – skills gaps and people with unfortunate personalities – legal and industrial consequences – the job of a managing a poorly performing staff member can become a nightmare. [Read more....](#)

Managing poor performance or difficult staff is the most common issue that the WACOSS Management Support Online (MSO) 'Getting assistance' service deals with. WACOSS MSO has a range of resources to help managers in their role as 'people managers'. [Download free resources](#)

WACOSS members get special discount rates on subscriptions. [Read more...](#)

REGISTER NOW! My Life My Way: Self Directed Support in WA Forum - Wed 10th August 2011

WACOSS has been working with the Department of Premier and Cabinet and a number of other partners (including NDS, WAAMH, HCCWA, Mental Health Commission and DSC) in planning a self directed services forum. The key objective of the forum is to generate discussion and interest in self-directed service design among people and consumer groups, community sector organisations and government agencies. It aims to do this in an open and collaborative style and is intended to lead to future conversations and events. The conference will also provide practical ideas on how to implement self-directed service design. [Click here](#) to read more

Join in the fun of Homeless Persons' Week Street Soccer Cup! Tuesday 2nd August

WACOSS and The Big Issue Street Soccer program challenge all interested Community Sector workers and volunteers to join in the fun and excitement of the second **HOMELESS PERSONS WEEK STREET SOCCER CUP!**

Community Sector workers and volunteers and players from The Big Issue Street Soccer program will come together to celebrate Homeless Persons Week 2011 by participating in an exhibition soccer match.

WACOSS is still looking for Community Sector workers or volunteers to participate in the match - so dust off your boots, stretch out those legs and get kicking!!!

All interested players please contact Rory Ritchie at WACOSS (rory@wacoss.org.au or 9420

7222)

Interested spectators are also very welcome and encouraged to come along and cheer! [Click here](#) to download the flyer

Proposed WA Regional Community Sector Capacity Building Project- call for Expressions of Interest from Regional Community Services

WACOSS is calling for expressions of interest within the community services sector, specifically existing or planned regional networks; within the nine Development Commission areas to participate in a new project: WA Regional Community Sector Capacity Building Project.

The WA Regional Community Sector Capacity Building Project will create a mechanism through which two way discussion of across sector development and community social policy work can occur, thus reducing delays in implementation of necessary sector responses and capacity building. This combined and integrated strategy offers necessary information, expertise, and the building of momentum, to drive discussion, practices and service delivery at a statewide regional level. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

Expressions of interest are sought from people who are members of civil society organisations to attend the Commonwealth People's Forum 2011 (CPF).

Thanks to Lotterywest funding we are able to fund some Western Australians to attend the CPF. The attached file provides details on how to apply.

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 this article in full

ACOSS welcomes Government announcements furthering reforms in Non-Profit sector, 4 July 2011

The Australian Council of Social Service today welcomed the Federal Government announcement that Susan Pascoe will be the Interim Commissioner leading the Implementation Taskforce for the Charities Commission, calling it an important next step in the reforms affecting Australia's Not-For-Profit Sector. [Click here](#) to read this media release in full

ACOSS calls for boldness in response to climate change, 27

June 2011

Australia's peak community welfare body, ACOSS, has called on the Government, the Greens and independent members and Senators to act boldly in response to climate change. ACOSS has also called on Coalition members and Senators to act in the national interest and to support the introduction of a price on carbon pollution, along with other measures. "Climate change will affect all us all, but people who live in vulnerable situations and on low incomes will be affected first and worst," said Dr Tessa Boyd-Caine, Acting CEO, Australian Council of Social Service. [Click here](#) to read this media release in full

WACOSS Submission to Australia's Urban Water Sector Productivity Commission Inquiry Draft Report

On 10 June 2011 WACOSS tabled a submission to the Productivity Commission's Draft Report on Australia's Urban Water Sector. The Inquiry has provided a unique opportunity to consider future objectives for urban water markets in the face increasing cost of living pressures and challenging future climate and water supply scenarios.

Given the essentiality of water to basic household functions such as drinking, cooking, bathing and general hygiene, and the negative health and societal implications of restricting water supply to individuals, families and the community, WACOSS has argued that universal access to an essential volume of water must be central to the objectives of the inquiry. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

Self Directed Services Conference Update

A self-directed service design conference, hosted by the Partnership Forum, will be held on 10 August 2011.

The key objective of the conference is to generate discussion and interest in self-directed service design among people and consumer groups, community sector organisations and government agencies. It aims to do this in an open and collaborative style and is intended to lead to future conversations and events. The conference will also provide practical ideas on how to implement self-directed service design. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

Commonwealth People's Forum 2011

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

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development issues.

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Special Grants Fund to support Commonwealth Theme 2011 deadline extended to 15 July

The Commonwealth Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of a Special Grants Fund of £100,000 for Civil Society Organisations and Commonwealth Associations to undertake strategic and innovative projects that will promote the Commonwealth theme for 2011, 'Women as Agents of Change'. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

WACOSS Workshops and Seminars

Training Calendar Update

The WACOSS Semester 2, 2011 calendar will be available very soon. To receive a copy of the calendar, please send your postal address to training@wacoss.org.au and we will post one to you.

Event Management Made Easy – Tuesday 26 July 2011

Running successful events is vital for not-for-profit organisations. Events such as fundraisers, training workshops, seminars and conferences are an opportunity to boost your profile and raise funds, but also pose some significant risks. At this workshop you will learn how to plan great events, including budgeting, marketing, timelines and contingency planning. This is a workshop not to be missed if your role involves running events for your organisation.

For more information, and to register online, please go

to http://www.wacoss.org.au/services/public_training_workshops_2011/wacoss_workshops_all/11-07-07/Event_Management_Made_Easy.aspx

Transforming Organisations - A Journey in Change Management – Wednesday 27 July 2011

Especially in the not-for-profit sector, it can sometimes feel like change is the only constant. Changes in funding, personnel, systems, procedures and policies can create challenges in organisations that require strong leadership to overcome. At this workshop you will learn how to manage the process of change smoothly; from planning change to communicating for maximum buy-in, to identifying and overcoming resistance, to ensuring the new practices replace the old workplace culture. An important workshop for executive and management-level staff looking to lead their employees or volunteers successfully through significant change.

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Sector News

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

5th Round Applications now open: Indigenous Community Stories Initiative (ICS)

ScreenWest in partnership with the Film and Television Institute (FTI) is calling for applications from Indigenous communities who are interested in recording, preserving and archiving the stories, accomplishments and reflections of their community members.

Indigenous Community Stories is an initiative which is aiming to film 100 Western Australian Indigenous stories and digitally archive them for future generations to view over the next 100 years and beyond.

[Click here](#) to read this article in full

The WA Social Worker of the Year Awards 2011 nominations are now open.

Information on how to nominate, the Nomination Guidelines and specific Award Nomination forms can all be found on the new Awards website at www.socialworkeroftheyear.com.au.

The Awards' patron, Jan Stewart CEO Lotterywest, invites you to nominate outstanding social workers for all of the Awards categories.

"....As Patron of the WA Social Worker of the Year Awards I am pleased to launch the 2011 call for nominations across the five categories of these Awards. The 2010 Awards successfully recognised the wide ranging, creative and useful contributions made by all the social workers nominated for an award to the quality of life of individuals, families and the wider West Australian community. The calibre of the finalists and winners for 2010 was most impressive, demonstrating the innovative practice undertaken by our social work profession. I look forward to another year of inspiring entries.

I believe it is very important that we acknowledge the members of our profession and publicly recognise the often unrecognised stories of caring and courage which our colleagues demonstrate.

I encourage people from all walks of life to nominate a social worker: a social worker making an outstanding contribution in their work for clients, community and the social work profession..."

Harnessing your organisation's ICT capability more effectively

The School of Information Systems at Curtin University cordially invites you to attend a Forum specifically tailored for the Not-for-Profit sector

The forum will address issues of concern within the sector as they relate to information and communications technology (ICT) and introduce attendees to a range of industry solutions being offered by Curtin through its soon to be established Curtin Not-for-Profit ICT Support Centre. As part of the research supporting the forum, a survey form has been prepared which attendees are asked to complete. The results of the survey will be discussed at the forum. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

Possible Vacancies in Gosnells Community Lotteries House

For NFP organisations delivering services to the south east metropolitan corridor there may be vacancies for accommodation in the Gosnells Community Lotteries House becoming available. A waiting list for any interested organisations is currently being prepared. Please Contact Denise Gilbane at the details below for further information

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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

Help to Host Seniors Week Events in 2011

COTA WA, in partnership with the Department for Communities and Lotterywest, will be assisting community groups and local government organisations hold events during Bendigo Bank WA

Seniors 2011.

Grants of up to \$1000 are available through the Seniors Week Community Grants Program, as a contribution towards meeting the costs associated with hosting events in Western Australia between Sunday 6 November and Sunday 13 November.

[click here](#) to read this article in full

Power a Pensioner

People Who Care's "Power a Pensioner" is about not letting Perth's frail aged, who rely solely on the pension being left behind in extreme poverty

You can support People Who Care's "Power a Pensioner" by buying a ticket in our raffle. There are only 1,000 tickets available at \$100 each for your chance to win 100 bottles of some of WA's finest wines valued at \$5,000.

[Click here](#) for further details

Sector Events

COTA WA Policy Briefing 19th July

COTA WA would like to invite you to their next policy briefing, which is being held on Tuesday 19 July from 9.15am to 12 noon being held at City West Reception Centre. The focus of this session will be retirement income issues for seniors and will include presentations on;

- Retirement Income Policy in Australia – a brief history.
- “Fair Go for Pensioners”- What’s Happening?
- Energy Issues for Western Australian Seniors- Affordability and sustainability
- The Carbon Tax- What does it all mean?

To register please complete the form ([click here](#) to download) and return it with payment (\$30 for COTA WA members and \$40 for non-members) by Tuesday 12 July 2011.

The Future Forum 2011 National Conference 21st July

Over the last 30 years our society has witnessed huge change. We have become part of a global market, we have access to information and networks like never before and, materially at least, we have never had it so good. [Click here](#) for further information

Upcoming Courses at Richmond Fellowship WA

Recovery Seminar Series

19 July 2011 –Discover Recovery. More information available from www.rfwa.org.au

19 July 2011 –Snapshot on Hearing Voices. More information available from www.rfwa.org.au

Hearing Voices Awareness Training

7 July 2011 – Hearing Voices Awareness Training – Part 1: Understanding 'Hearing Voices' Workshop – An Introduction. More information available from www.rfwa.org.au

21 July 2011 – Hearing Voices Awareness Training – Part 2: Supporting Voice Hearers via the Hearing Voices Approach – An Intermediate level. More information available from www.rfwa.org.au

World Hepatitis Day 2011

This year, World Hepatitis Day will be held on the 28th July. The focus will be on promoting the message: "Love Your Liver".

In Perth, Hepatitis WA will be hosting the Street Shot photo exhibition and running workshops for the community and workforce. Hepatitis WA will also be promoting events around the state.

Please [see here](#) for activities that may be happening in your local area, or call HepatitisWA on 9328 8530 (metro) or 1800 800 070 (country) to find out more!

World Hepatitis Day is the perfect opportunity for your organisation to work with us to raise awareness about good liver health in the workplace and in the local community. Hepatitis WA can help your event by putting it on our web site, and by sending you campaign resources.

Hepatitis WA will have more information on events closer to the day, so keep an eye on your inbox and another on our [website](#) for more news.

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

Upcoming Courses at Tuart College

Mastering your Memory - One-Day Workshop Sunday 24 July 2011, 9.30am – 4.

This course is a fun, interactive journey through the mind and will help you to realise the full potential of your memory. Through exercises and games you will learn how to use creative thinking and visualisation to improve your memory.

Feel the Fear and Do it Anyway - One-Day Workshop Sunday 31 July 2011, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Have you ever wondered what is stopping you from being the person you want to be and fulfilling your true potential in life? Is it fear of making decisions, public speaking, changing jobs? This workshop is designed to help you see fear as simply a fact of life, rather than a barrier to success.

You will learn how to turn fear and indecision into confidence and action". (Based on the book by Susan Jeffers)

Further information, please phone Tuart College on 9242 6222

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.

- [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 Warrawee Womens Refuge](#)
- [Staff Resource Officers \(Job Share\)](#)
- [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](#)
- [Manager Community Education \(FT\) & Community Educator \(FT\)](#)
- [Domestic and Family Violence Workers](#)
- [Chief Executive Officer](#)

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

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