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General WACOSS News

PARTNERSHIP FORUM- Pre-Briefing for Community Sector

♣ Progress with Current Reforms, Next Steps and Future Issues

The Partnership Forum will host a Pre-Briefing for not for profit sector organisations to provide a broad overview of the work of the Forum to date and the next steps in bedding down implementation of the funding and procurement reforms.

The session will promote forward thinking and engagement of ideas and to help achieve this we ask you to consider a couple of key questions for the event.

[Click here](#) to download the flyer

Do you have feedback about the state governments new procurement contracts?

WACOSS would like to hear your experiences of the roll out of the new procurement contracts.

Feedback is important in helping the continual improvement of community services funding and contracting processes.

We also encourage and supports due process, therefore in the first instance please address talk directly with your line agency.

If the issue/s are unable to be resolved with the agency, they can then be referred to the Department of Finance, Government Procurement. The contact details for the DoF Funding and Contracting Services Unit are:

Funding and Contracting Services

Phone: (08) 6551 1515

Email: fundingandcontracting@finance.wa.gov.au

The DoF indicate that official complaints should be registered via the Department of Finance's online complaints and feedback system. Once registered, complaints will be reviewed and when the complaint review process is completed, all parties will be notified of the decision in writing.

The DoF Feedback and Complaints website is at: <http://www.finance.wa.gov.au/cms/content.aspx?id=12708>

WACOSS Feedback Line

WACOSS has also established a feedback line and would like to hear your experiences, good and bad you may be having with the implementation of the new funding and contracting arrangements. We are collecting some case studies and are interested to hear your stories about the problems and challenges organisations experience with the reform process, as well as any success stories or examples of best practice. WACOSS will continue to strategically lobby the DoF and DPC on behalf of sector organisations where appropriate to highlight challenges and deficiencies in the contract templates or the particular circumstances of their implementation.

To contact WACOSS in relation to contract and procurement reform issues, call (08) Chris Twomey on 9420 7222 or Email contracthelp@wacoss.org.au

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

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

Commonwealth People's Forum 2011

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CHOGM Theme Announcement

The theme for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) will be **Building National Resilience, Building Global Resilience**.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard says Australia will use CHOGM 2011 to address challenges of food security, sustainable development and natural resource management. [Click here](#) for more information

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.

[Click here](#) for more information, and to register online, or [click here](#) to download the flyer

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. [Click here](#) for more information, and to register online, or [click here](#) to download the flyer

HR Management & Industrial Relations – Monday 1 August 2011

This workshop is designed specifically for not-for-profit organisations, and covers relevant industrial/employee relations state and Federal, and outlines in detail the steps and procedures you need to take to comply with the relevant employment laws.

[Click here](#) for more information, and to register online, or [click here](#) to download the flyer

OSH for Community Organisations – Monday 8 August 2011

This full day workshop summarises the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) laws applying to WA. It is designed to demystify the laws and assist your group with getting on the right track to fulfilling your duty of care obligations.

[Click here](#) for more information, and to register online, or [click here](#) to download the flyer

Sector News

Community Sector Services Launch CSS e-Update

CCS are very excited to announce the launch of the Community Sector Services (CSS) eUpdate. This electronic update will be sent out each month with information about CSS and the services that you may be interested in.

If you wish to Subscribe someone then please ask them to visit our website: - [Subscribe to CSS eUpdates](#)

Panel Contractors Expression of Interest: Bicultural Inclusion Support Service (BISS) in WA and NT

BISS provides additional resources to government funded childcare services in WA & NT to assist with the inclusion of children from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds, refugee children and Indigenous children.

Child Australia manages the delivery of the BISS program and is currently seeking

expressions of interest from individuals and organisations to contribute to the delivery of this program by:

- assisting educators in communicating with culturally diverse families and children
- facilitating cultural awareness and understanding relevant cultural issues within childcare services
- supporting services to implement culturally and linguistically appropriate programs and practice

This work will be on a panel contract basis. Preference for contractors who have a presence and local knowledge in the NT and/or WA is required. Please contact Leanne Lee leannel@childaustralia.org.au for EOI document and selection criteria

Aussie Eyes Opened by Photographic Exhibition Linking Disability and Poverty

People with disabilities in Cambodia and the Solomon Islands have been empowered to tell their stories for a unique photographic exhibition at the Bell Tower, Perth 12 August to 26 August.

[Click here](#) to view the full Media Release. [Click here](#) to view the flyer and [click here](#) for further information

StreetSmart's CafeSmart Campaign

CafeSmart is the first event of its kind with StreetSmart to engage coffee makers, baristas cafes restaurants and roasters to donate \$1 from every coffee sold on **Friday August 5th** to the campaign (ties in with National Homeless Persons Week). It is one of those amazing small things people can do that requires no effort, apart from buying a coffee.

100% of funds raised from StreetSmart's CafeSmart are distributed to local agencies in the form of grants. Since its commencement in 2003, StreetSmart has raised over \$1.6 million for 362 projects across Australia

- Cafes are need to sign up to donate \$1.00 for every coffee they sell on Friday 5th August (Ties in with National Homeless Persons week).
- Participating cafes receive CafeSmart media, website + google maps recognition and local area media
- 100% of the money raised on the day is fed back into local grassroots homelessness project
- So far over east the project has raised over \$1.6 million, direct to homeless people
- This is the first time Perth has engaged in this scheme (or anything comparable)

[Click here](#) for further information

City of Perth - Age Friendly City Consultation

The City of Perth has concluded the consultation round of its Age-Friendly City project, and would like to thank everyone who participated. Your response has been overwhelming, and provided the City with excellent feedback and many suggestions to assist us in planning for an age-friendly future for the City of Perth. [Click here](#) to read more

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..."

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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Executive Officer
Gosnells Community Lotteries House

P 08 9490 4611

F 08 9490 4622

E eo@gclh.org.au

<http://www.gclh.org.au/about.html>

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

Sector Events

The Big Issue Open Day 2nd August 2011

As part of Homeless Persons Week 2011, you are invited to an open day at The Big Issue. Hear how people who are living with homelessness are being assisted through The Big Issue. Meet people first hand who sell The Big Issue magazine and be inspired by their stories of resilience and determination.

RSVP : Jim Petrie - email jpetrie@bigissue.org.au Ph : 92282711

[Click here](#) for further details

Notre Dame's Not For Profit Seminar 27th July 2011

Location: Michael Keating Room in the School of Business at The University of Notre Dame Australia (corner of Cliff and High Streets, Fremantle – enter off Cliff Street).

Time: commence at 5.30pm and finish at or before 7pm.

This seminar will be led by Mr Heath Flanagan, Office of the Auditor General, and the topic will be Effective Performance Reporting in the Third Sector.

Mr Tom Tolchard, Project Director, Social innovation in Western Australia, will also be speaking on Social Return on Investment.

Please RSVP by [email](#) or phone Reception in the School of Business on 9433 0905.

Introduction to Couples Counselling 28th & 29th July

Relationships Australia are holding a professional development course for counsellors to learn the key principles of couples counselling.

[Click here](#) for further details

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.

- [Senior Policy Officer- Strategic Sector Policy](#)

- [Coordinator Youth Outreach](#)
- [Manager Clinical Services](#)
- [Executive Manager](#)
- [Coordinator-Parent Peer Support Program \(0.8\)](#)
- [Manager Clinical Services](#)
- [Business Development Officer](#)
- [Client Services Officer](#)
- [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 Warrabee 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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