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WACOSS & You Me Unity present a National Consultation on: Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians 12th September 2011

The Commonwealth Government has appointed an expert panel to lead a national conversation about constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

A presentation by the panellists will be followed by a discussion which will give you an opportunity to familiarise yourself with the constitution and to express your views and opinions to the panel. [Click here](#) to read more

Beyond Farming Update

WACOSS is delighted to welcome our newest member of staff, Program Support Officer Riann Aveling, who is joining Project Officer Gaynor Mitchell with the Beyond Farming Program. This strategy targets those thinking about their options outside farming, the program offers an opportunity to have a conversation with those who have made this shift. The Beyond Farming mentor program has been extended from the Midwest running in 67 shires to now taking in the whole of the South West of WA

to 129. For further information about Beyond Farming see <http://www.wacoss.org.au/BeyondFarming.aspx> or contact Gaynor Mitchell on (08) 9420 7222.

My Life, My Way forum success

Ideas for self-directed service provision in Western Australia were eagerly debated as part of the My Life, My Way forum on 10 August 2011.

The forum attracted over 200 attendees ranging from service providers, government staff and consumers. WACOSS CEO Irina Cattalini opened the forum and participants listened to inspiring stories from five speakers with experience of self-directed services. Peter Shergold, Chair of the Partnership Forum explained what self-directed services means to him.

Attendees participated in lively World Café style discussion sessions to answer a number of questions around the opportunities and challenges of having individual control of supports and services and how to make this kind of service delivery model work in WA. Feedback from attendees about the forum was extremely positive, with people feeling energised about the process.

The material developed in the workshops will be used to inform policy and advocacy and WACOSS will continue to be involved in discussions about self-directed service provision and will keep members informed of progress.

Have your say and win a free registration to the 2012 WACOSS Conference

WACOSS has commenced planning for our biennial Conference held on the **8th to 10th May 2012**.

You can contribute your thoughts and ideas to the conference by following the link and filling in the short survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WACOSS2012Conference> plus go in the draw to win a free registration to the conference valued at approximately \$400.

Commonwealth People's Forum 2011

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

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 more

For the latest information on CHOGM [click here](#)

WACOSS Workshops and Seminars

Taking the Stress out of Time Management – 8 September 2011

Time Management training is ideal for anyone who has countless tasks demanding their attention and who needs to juggle conflicting priorities.

Learn to improve planning, set goals and feel more in control of your work load at this workshop. For all the details and to register online, please [click here](#).

Finding Your Inner Accountant – 13 September 2011

This one day workshop provides an overview of the financial information community organisations need to know and covers basic financial management, key accounting concepts and all aspects of financial reporting relating to community groups. For all the details and to register online, please [click here](#).

Facilitation Skills – 26 September 2011

Tips for people wanting to get a group working and learning together, solving problems, creating visions, making decisions & resolving differences.

For all the details and to register online, please [click here](#).

OSH for Community Organisations – 27 September 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.

For all the details and to register online, please [click here](#).

Sector News

Commissioner announces new online resource

Commissioner for Children and Young People WA Michelle Scott has released a new online resource that provides a socio-demographic profile of Western Australia's 500,000 children and young people.

The Profile of Children and Young People in Western Australia is both a comprehensive report and a website that describe the State's population of under 18 year-olds through current data on population distribution, diversity and family characteristics.

[Click here](#) to read more

National Workforce Development Fund - Applications Open

The Australian Government has announced a new National Workforce Development Fund (the Fund) that will provide \$558 million in funding over four years to support training and workforce development in the areas of current and future skills need. Industry Skills Councils are acting as brokers to manage the Fund on behalf of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). The Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CS&HISC) is managing applications from the Community Services and Health industries.

The funding is available to enterprises, professional associations, industry bodies and employment service providers to meet identified current and future business and workforce development needs.

Government funding will be supplemented by an employer contribution which varies for small, medium and large enterprises.

Applications are due to CS&HISC by 16 September 2011.

Visit the [CS&HISC Website](#) for application details and more information.

Sector Events

2011 ACSWA Leaders Symposium

The 2011 ACSWA Leaders Symposium is a one-day program specifically catered to WA's aged care sector and focussing on how to manage ongoing change, how the general economy has an impact and what managers should be considering in the areas of financial and operational risk.

Aimed at both residential and community care providers, the symposium will bring together a raft of well-known local presenters for this special intensive program, including:

- Alannah MacTiernan, former WA Planning and Infrastructure Minister
- Sabine Phillips of Russell Kennedy Victoria
- Associate Professor Yasmin Naglazas, CEO of Bethesda Hospital
- Alan Langford, Chief Economist of Bankwest.

ACSWA is pleased to offer WACOSS members a discounted registration fee of \$295. [Click here](#) for more information

Vocational Graduate Diploma Of Family Dispute Resolution

Anglicare WA Training Services is a Registered Training Organisation and is offering a Vocational Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution. The qualification can be obtained through face to face delivery, recognition of prior learning (RPL) or a combination of these methods.

[Click here](#) for further details of the Vocational Graduate Diploma.

Corporate Cook-Off Fundraiser

Mental Health Week is October 9 - 15. Give your staff a great Mental Health Week experience and support a great cause at the same time.

This will be a fun afternoon, filled with delicious food, will raise funds for Manna Inc and will provide the meals to nourish Perth homeless people that night. [Click here](#) for further information.

ACOSS Energy Forum: Canberra 13th September 2011

Energy at home: Current issues for consumers. Prices, products, pressures, protections. And politics.

A briefing and discussion. For legislators, policy makers, industry, consumer advocates

Parliament House, Canberra. Tuesday 13 September, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

[Click here](#) for further information

Driving In Western Australia DVD Launch 13th September 2011

The Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre has just completed the production of an educational DVD about driver's licences and common driving problems in Western Australia. [Click here](#) to read more

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Upcoming Workshops at Richmond Fellowship WA

Richmond Fellowship WA are holding the following courses in August

Hearing Voices Training

20 September 2011 - Reconceptualising Hearing Voices: An introduction to the 'Hearing Voices Approach'

21 September 2011 - Reconceptualising Hearing Voices: Working with Voices

[Click here](#) for further information on these courses

On Friday 7th October 2011 Communicare will be holding it's first ever Fashion Friday Fundraiser.

Communicare will be holding a lunch time event which will incorporate a fashion show from three local Perth designers to raise funds to support children and youth at risk in Western Australia.

Designers attending on the day include FuMoso, Love in Tokyo and Tiah.

Plus there'll be some great live acoustic music while you enjoy a delicious 3 course lunch and the beautiful views from the South of Perth Yacht Club Ball Room.

Download an [invitation](#) to register to attend. Seats are strictly limited

Bridges Out of Poverty: An Overview with Nairn Walker 14th October 2011

10 am – 4pm Friday 14th October, Progress Hall, Paget St, Hilton

Cost: \$99 per person including lunch

Based on the work of Dr Ruby Payne, this insightful presentation will assist you to understand the unique challenges faced by people experiencing economic disadvantage and how economic disadvantage shapes people's actions and attitudes.

Providers of services to people experiencing economic disadvantage often make 'middle class' assumptions regarding the person's level of resources and capacity to help themselves. We then often find ourselves frustrated when our attempts to help people fail. This presentation will bring the unconscious assumptions we make to our awareness and give us tools to really understand and help those people who come to us for assistance on a daily basis.

[Click here](#) for further information. To learn more about Nairn Walker [click here](#).

To book your place visit: www.trybooking.com/SMJ

I have attached further information including a Bio of Nairn Walker. This workshop is open to all who wish to attend although we are limited in the number of places we can accommodate so early attention is critical.

To book your place simply register at www.trybooking.com/SMJ

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

Living Life to the Full with a Chronic Condition Forum 27th October

Do you have a chronic condition?

Do you care for someone with a chronic condition?

Then this FREE forum is for you. It's been developed by consumers and carers like you!

You can:

- Learn about living life to the full with a chronic condition
- Find out about help available to manage your condition
- Understand Chronic Disease Care Plans and how to get the best care from your GP
- Discover how your chronic condition story can make a difference
- Obtain up to date information for consumers and carers
- Hear from the Chief Medical Officer of the WA Department of Health

Most importantly...

Share your experiences and build relationships with others living with chronic conditions

Date Thursday, 27 October 2011

Time 10.00 am – 3.30 pm (registration from 9:30 am)

Venue The Boulevard Centre, 99 The Boulevard, Floreat

[Click here](#) to download a Registration Form

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](#)

All current positions vacant are currently advertised on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page. [Click here](#) to view the vacancies in full.

- [Coordinator – Community Centres](#)
- [Organisational Development Team Leader](#)
- [\(2x\) Self-Help Group Facilitators](#)
- [Clinical Development Team Leader](#)

- [Membership and Conference Development Manager](#)
- [Executive Director- Family & Community Services](#)
- [Senior Social Worker](#)
- [Multiple Fundraising Roles](#)

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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