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LAST CHANCE TO BOOK! WACOSS Seminar: Impact of Carbon Pricing on the Cost of Living in WA 4th October

On the 10th July, 2011, the Australian Government announced the details of their long awaited Carbon Tax. This announcement included a compensation package for low income households and programs to support the Australian community to transition into a low carbon economy.

This seminar will provide participants with an analysis of how the carbon tax and compensation package will impact on specific groups of low income households. There will be further discussion of how the package will affect different pensions and income support payments. It will also look at how we face the challenge of delivering social equity in the transition to a low carbon economy.

When: 4th October 2011.

Time: 2pm – 3.30pm

Cost: Free

RSVP: Katherine 9420 7222 or katherine@wacoss.org.au. [Click here](#) for more information

Special Event: Smarter Thinking in a Changing World! with guest speaker Glenn Capelli – 19th October 2011

Join WACOSS and guest speaker Glenn Capelli in this breakfast and seminar about leadership, decision-making and responding to the ever-changing nature of our sector. This is an event not to be missed by not-for-profit leaders in Western Australia, whether you choose to stay just for breakfast, or for the entire seminar.

For more information, and to register online, please [click here](#).

WACOSS Media Release: New Seniors Help Centre Welcomed by the Community 23rd September

The WA Council of Social Service today welcomes the launch of the new Seniors' Housing Centre, which was officially opened today by Minister for Commerce, Simon O'Brien MLC.

The new centre will provide free advice to West Australian seniors looking to change their living arrangements as they move towards retirement.

"The centre will provide a valuable service for the growing proportion of West Australians entering retirement," said CEO, Irina Cattalini. [Click here](#) to read in full.

Advanced Notice – WACOSS AGM 10th November 2011

The WACOSS AGM will be held at City West Function Centre, 45 Plaistowe Mews on Thursday 10th November.

A call for nominations to the WACOSS Board will be circulated early in the week commencing 3rd October. To ensure that you are eligible to vote, please ensure your membership is paid by 29 September. To check the status of your membership, contact Carly Guise on 9420-7222 or carlyguise@wacoss.org.au.

MY LIFE: MY WAY – Self-directed Services Forum Summary and Outcomes

The My Life: My Way self-directed services forum was held on August 10 at the University Club UWA. Over 200 people, including people who use services and representatives from community services organisations and government agencies, participated in the lively World Cafe style forum. The purpose of the forum was to generate ideas about what is needed for self-directed services to be expanded across the community and human services sector in Western Australia. [Click here](#) to read this article in full

Perth Street Soccer & WACOSS present Community Street Soccer- Anti-Poverty Week Cup 18th October 2011

The Big Issue's Community Street Soccer Program and WACOSS invite all community agency and community service workers to join in the fun and excitement of the inaugural Community Street Soccer Anti-Poverty Week Cup Competition.

Dust off your boots, stretch them legs and come and represent your agency.

Where: Wellington Square, East Perth

When: Tuesday 18th October

Time: 2pm onwards

[Click here](#) for more information

Commonwealth People's Forum 2011

The 2011 Civil Society Statement has been released in the lead up to CHOGM and the Commonwealth Peoples Forum. [Click here](#) to download the statement

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

Commonwealth Festival

Details about the Western Australian Government's eight-day arts Commonwealth Festival, to be staged alongside CHOGM 2011, were released yesterday.

The Festival starts on 23rd October and features outdoor concerts, world-class exhibitions, art, films, street theatre, and more than 70 free activities.

For more information go to <http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=143847>

or the Commonwealth Festival website at

<http://www.commonwealthfestival.com>

Road closures during CHOGM

For information on road closures during CHOGM [click here](#).

WACOSS Workshops and Seminars

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Effective Leadership – Rockingham – 5th October 2011

Please note this training was to take place October 6, and will now take place October 5.

Join Dee Roche for a day of exploring what makes an excellent leader, and how you can become one. Dee holds a Masters in Leadership and Management and has significant community and corporate sector experience both in Australia and overseas.

Presented in partnership by WACOSS and The City of Rockingham.

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

Developing Teams – 10th October 2011

For team leaders, managers and those wishing to take on team management roles in their organisations. This one day workshop is highly interactive, using 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 all the details and to register online, please [click here](#).

How to be a SUPER Supervisor – 12th October 2011

This workshop is a solid foundation for any supervisors/manager wanting a suite of practical tools and models to use 'on the fly' and/or within their more formal systems.

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

Marketing and Media for your Organisation or Program – 1st November 2011

Do you want to increase your organisation's profile, attract more members or promote a message to the community?

This workshop provides a detailed introduction to marketing a community organisation and includes a host of low cost ways to get your message out.

Included in the workshop materials is a package of free resources, templates, media contact lists and downloadable marketing and media examples to put your new skills into action!

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

Understanding Strategic Planning – Rockingham – 3rd November 2011

Why do we exist? What are we doing? Where are we going? How are we going to get there? When are we going to get there?

How do we know when we have arrived? Strategic planning is a process that aims to answer these questions about your organisation.

By creating strategic plans you give your organisation clear goals and can easily measure your success against them.

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

Sector News

Australians for Affordable Housing Australians

Affordable Housing (AAH) was launched on the 19th of September at Parliament House to challenge Australian governments to address housing affordability – the single biggest cost of living issue facing Australians.

Australians for Affordable Housing's analysis: [Australia's broken housing system](#) released today reveals the dire state of the Australian housing market for those trying to secure affordable housing.

[Click here](#) for more information on the launch. [Click here](#) to learn more about AAH

Partnership Forum Newsletter

[Click here](#) to download the latest Partnership Forum Newsletter.

Vital Conversations Welcomes Steve Walker Providing Innovative Financial Solutions for Not For Profit Organisations

Vital Conversations has been proud to build on our partnerships with not-for-profit organisations at all levels through our innovative approach to conversations that create change in individuals, teams and organisations. Our services continue to provide a positive impact on an organisation's bottom line in addition to culture change and high performance indicators.

As we continue to support our status as a leading provider in people and high performance, we are delighted to welcome Steve Walker as a Senior Consultant with Vital Conversations. [Click here](#) to read more

Drs John and Julie Gottman present Gottman Couples Therapy: Bridging the Couple Chasm Conference

What makes a relationship work? Drs John and Julie Gottman have spent over 35 years researching over 3000 couples. Now after watching a couple for only 5 minutes, John Gottman can predict with 91% accuracy whether they will happily stay together.

John Gottman, Ph.D. is world-renowned for his work on marital stability and divorce prediction, including the study of emotions, physiology, and communication. He was recently voted as one of the Top 10 Most Influential Therapists in the past quarter-century by Psychotherapy Networker magazine. He is the author of 190 published academic articles and author and co-author of 40 books, including his New York Times best seller, Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work. [Click here](#) for more information

Overseas Qualified Social Workers – Call for Research Participants

Are you an AASW accredited overseas qualified social worker?

Would you like to participate in a research project exploring your experiences in the transition from your country of education to practice in Australia?

Do you have an hour and a half to discuss these issues at a location of your choice?

If you would like to participate please contact Trudi Marchant on 0415 732 768 or by email at trudimarchant@westnet.com.au to make a time to meet.

New Certificate IV Relationship Education (Chc42408)

Relationships Australia WA has traditionally offered a five-day course in Group Facilitation Skills, focusing on how to run groups, in particular psycho-education groups. From 2011 the course will now be delivered as part of the new Certificate IV in Relationship Education (CHC42408), a nationally recognised qualification. Module 1 of the Certificate IV in Relationship Education builds on the original course and will be delivered in 9 days, over a 6 week period. Four Modules make up the Certificate IV in Relationship Education and will be delivered over a 12 month period, at Relationships Australia, West Leederville, Perth WA. Relationships Australia WA has traditionally offered a five-day course in Group Facilitation Skills, focusing on how to run groups, in particular psycho-education groups. From 2011 the course will now be delivered as part of the new Certificate IV in Relationship Education (CHC42408), a nationally recognised qualification. Module 1 of the Certificate IV in Relationship Education builds on the original course and will be delivered in 9 days, over a 6 week period. Four Modules make up the Certificate IV in Relationship Education and will be delivered over a 12 month period, at Relationships Australia, West Leederville, Perth WA. [Click here](#) to learn more

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

Sector Events

Nuts N Bolts One-Day Seminar

Stay at the forefront of current thinking in aged and community care at this one-day Nuts'N'Bolts seminar, designed to keep those who work on the frontline of aged care up to date with current information on health reform, mental health, palliative care specialist services, wound management and nutrition.

The ACSWA Aged Care Nuts'N'Bolts program is a one-day conference aimed at frontline workers from both residential and community care settings, including:

- Nursing supervisors and directors
- Care workers
- Facility managers.

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Time: 8.30am - 4pm

Venue: Wollaston Conference Centre, Wollaston Road, Mount Claremont

Cost: ACSWA members \$255, non members \$295 (includes morning & afternoon tea & lunch, GST inclusive)

Register by: October 5

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the event brochure including speakers.

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.

Upcoming Professional Development at Anglicare WA

Anglicare WA Training Services will be delivering the following training this spring:

October

Working with Children whose Parents have Separated
Child Abuse and Neglect

November

Communicating Effectively in Challenging Circumstances
Dealing with Aggressive People in the Workplace
Dealing with Sexually Disinhibited Behaviours
Assessments and Interventions for Perpetrators of Family and Domestic Violence

Please contact rto@anglicarewa.org.au or 9263 2122 for information and registration.

Invitation COTA Consumer Forum Aged Care Reform – what could it mean for me?

Where? The Melbourne Hotel, Corner Hay and Milligan Streets in Perth,

When? 9.30 am to 12 noon on Tuesday, October 18th

Guest Speaker? Jo Root, National Policy Manager, COTA Australia

COTA wishes to hear what seniors think about these proposals. This will help us to tell the Federal Government what YOU think.

[Click here](#) to learn more

Upcoming Workshops at Richmond Fellowship WA

Understanding Psychosis and Working Towards Recovery with Dr Rufus May. 6 October 2011

Mindfulness, Mental Health and Well Being with Dr Rufus May. 7 October 2011

Recovery Seminar Series

3 October 2011 - Critically Understanding Mental Illness

4 October 2011 - Recovery in Mind

Hearing Voices Training

10 October 2011 - Reconceptualising Hearing Voices: An introduction to the 'Hearing Voices Approach'

11 October 2011 - Reconceptualising Hearing Voices: Working with Voice

[Click here](#) for further details on the workshops

Mental Health WALK OF PRIDE 2011

A big step against stigma

Sunset stroll at Cottesloe Beach, October 16

Take a step against mental health stigma. Join like-minded people who want to make a difference with a sunset stroll along Cottesloe Beach pathway at 5pm on October 16, 2011.

[Click here](#) to learn more

The Australasian Housing Institute presents a workshop on Working with clients who have drug and/or alcohol dependency

A one-day workshop for client services staff

At times, housing and support staff work with clients who are experiencing substance abuse dependency. This training is provided to assist housing workers who work with people who may be experiencing difficulties in living that may be associated with alcohol or substance abuse issues (abuse, miss-use and dependency). [Click here](#) to learn more

6th Annual Givewell Nonprofit Forum: Building resilience in the third sector 18th October 2011

- Running a Resilient Nonprofit Organisation: Practical case studies and a grantmakers perspective
- Sector Reform and Regulation: The National Not-for-Profit Regulator and the development of a capital market for social economy organisations
- Economic Outlook: How the “new normal” economy impacts on charitable giving and the business of nonprofit entities
- Strategic Governance: Building and maintaining an effective board
- Partnering for success: Both with business and other nonprofits for shared service provision

[Click here](#) to learn more

Learning how to use the media. Training for consumers and carers

The Mental Health Commission is offering a series of four workshops for consumers and carers. It will cover print, television, radio and social media. Some high profile media people will be presenting. [Click here](#) to learn more

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

Our Mob Our Minds Our Spirits

Indigenous Mental Health Conference

Venue: Esplanade Hotel

Fremantle WA

12-14 October 2011

[Click here](#) for further details and to register

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

WACOSS Jobs

WACOSS is seeking a Dynamic Executive Assistant. For more information on this full time position [click here](#).

[Community Sector Jobs](#)

The following position are currently advertised on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page. [Click here](#) to view the vacancies in full.

- [Refuge Worker](#)
- [Mission Australia - Youth and Family Case Manager](#)
- [WACOSS - Executive Assistant](#)
- [City of Fremantle - Aboriginal Engagement Officer](#)
- [WA No Interest Loans Network - Manager](#)
- [Injury Control Council of WA - Manager, Sector Development & Capacity Building Project](#)
- [Injury Control Council of WA - Coordinator, Falls Prevention Programs](#)
- [Injury Control Council of WA - Project Officer, Sector Development & Capacity Building Project](#)
- [Leadership WA - Manager Community Engagement](#)
- [Outcare - Manager, Finance](#)
- [Outcare - Aboriginal Case Managers](#)
- [Outcare - Aboriginal Intensive Youth & Family Support Officers](#)
- [Shelter - Executive Officer](#)
- [Identity WA - Executive Assistant](#)

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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