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Breakfast Forum for Not-For-Profit Community Sector Leaders

The Partnership Forum is hosting a Breakfast Forum for Board leaders and Chief Executive Officers of not-for-profit community sector organisations to outline the implementation of key government reforms relating to the delivery of community services.

[Click here](#) for more information

Beyond Farming Newsletter

For all the latest news on the Beyond Farming program [click here](#)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - WACOSS 2012 Conference The Big Picture 8th - 10th May 2012

The West Australian Council of Social Service has great pleasure inviting you to participate in the WACOSS 2012 Conference THE BIG PICTURE by submitting an abstract for consideration by the conference committee to present at the Conference or Cross Sectoral Collaboration Day.

The Conference will be focusing on the Big Issues for community services, the sector and civil society at large. Beyond tackling our own organisation challenges we can work collaboratively to drive change and use our collective voice to build a united civil society built on the principles of social justice and community engagement. The two day Conference follows a full day community and government networking event focused on working in collaboration to achieve a sustainable community service sector.

[Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) for full details on abstracts

SAVE THE DATE: WACOSS Members Event, New Year Sector Breakfast 20th January 2012.

On the 20th of January 2012 WACOSS Members and special guests will gather at Mt Eliza House, Kings Park for the Annual New Year Sector Breakfast. Keep the date free and more details will be available soon. [Click here](#) to check if you are currently a member of WACOSS or email Membership and Communications Officer Carly Guise to check your status, carlyguise@wacoss.org.au

Commonwealth People's Forum

The Commonwealth People's Forum 2011 is over, the reports and evaluations are being progressed but the photographs remain as permanent reminders of the events.

If you are interested, you might see someone you know, check out : <http://commonwealth.smugmug.com/Commonwealth-Peoples-Forum/2011> and <http://www.flickr.com/photos/chogm2011/collections/>

WACOSS Workshops and Seminars

Training Calendar 2012

The Training Calendar will be available soon. If you have not received a copy in the past and would like to please email Training at training@wacoss.org.au

Sector News

NDS Pre-Budget Submission Launch Great Success

National Disability Services (NDS) WA formally launched their Pre-Budget Submission 2012-2013 on Friday 25 November 2011. More than 50 people from the community and government sectors attended what was NDS' first formal Pre-Budget Submission Launch.

[Click here](#) to read more

State Government Media Release: Natural disaster relief for Margaret River fire

[Click here](#) to read in the full the State Government Media Release regarding disaster relief for those affected by the Margaret River Fires

Children's Christmas Presents Needed In The Derby Community – NW Western Australia – 2011

GIVIT is running a campaign to have 300 Christmas presents donated to the kids of Derby in time for a community Christmas Party on the 18th December 2011. Time is fast running out, so it would be fantastic if you could purchase an extra present, costing up to \$20, when you are doing your own Christmas shopping.

[Click here](#) for more information

Funds for Freedom Sparkling High Tea 8th March 2012

Spend a lovely International Women's Day celebrating with a scrumptious Sparkling High Tea and raising money to help women and children to make a fresh start after living in a violent relationship.

COST – Early Bird (before 31st December 2011) \$67.00 inc gst

Full (from January 2012) \$77.00 inc gst

[Click here](#) for more information

Affordable Accommodation

For NFP organisations delivering services to the south east metropolitan corridor

Gosnells Community Lotteries House has a Suite available for Not for Profit organisation only. The Suite is 137.4sqm in modern building.

An expression of interest form is available to email. There is a website if you would like to view -

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

Please feel free to contact Gosnells Community Lotteries House on 94904611 for enquiries or a tour around the Suite available January 2012.

Funding and Contracting Reforms: Why there are changes.

If you are a not-for-profit organisation, you are likely to be aware that there are some significant changes to how these organisations receive funding and contracting. So why is this?

In December 2010 the Partnership Forum, at the request of the Premier, provided advice to the WA State Government regarding the issue of inadequate funding levels to the community sector and the need to establish both an immediate and sustainable resolution to the funding shortfall, including the need to reform contracting and implementation arrangements between the government and not-for-profit sector. [Click here](#) to read more.

Carers WA Social Support Program

Every carer needs support, sometimes you just need to take a break, talk to other carers.

The Carers WA Social Support Program offers organised social events and activities for carers to have a break from their caring role in a relaxed, friendly and supportive environment.

[Click here](#) to find out more information

Foodbank Survey- Help Us Get the Complete Picture on Hunger

Very little information exists on the depth and breadth of food insecurity in Australia. With your help we are looking to address this shortcoming via this survey with two main aims in mind. Firstly to better quantify the problem when raising awareness within government and amongst the Australian public and secondly to gain a better understanding of your food needs so we can improve our capacity to meet them in the future.

[Click here](#) to download a copy of the survey

Looking for more office space in Mirrabooka?

Finding appropriate office space for delivering community services in Mirrabooka has been a challenge for many providers for some time.

To help address this issue CLAN WA is scoping the interest to develop a shared space for working together.

You may be looking for full time office space, weekends, or just 1-2 days/week.

Alternatively, you may be a funder possibly interested in supporting such an initiative.

Please let us know by following this link to complete a quick [questionnaire](#) (5 mins).

The space we are currently looking at is the [old medical centre](#) opposite Centrelink.

Have your say- National Regulatory System Community Housing

Public consultation in Western Australia on a National Regulatory System for community housing is now underway. The new system aims to grow the industry, create a level playing field for housing providers Australiawide, and better protect tenants through consistent national standards for providers and their services.

Visit www.nrsch.gov.au for more information, to comment or make a formal submission on the Regulatory Impact Statement. **Submission period closes 5pm AEST, 20 January 2012.**

Treasury's Not-For-Profit Reform Newsletter

[Click here](#) to read Issue 2 of the Treasury's Not-For-Profit Reform Newsletter.

Communicare Corporate Claus

We've all heard the adage - Christmas is a time of giving. This year, Communicare is appealing to WA businesses to stand with us and do just that – GIVE – this festive season.

Each year Communicare, through generous support from the community and businesses, are able to provide gifts to families for children who may not otherwise have received a gift on Christmas morning.

This year, many families are struggling under the pressure of the increasing cost of living and the number of families requiring assistance is rising, which means we are expecting greater demands for gifts this Christmas and need your help more than ever. [Click here](#) to read more

Western Australian Multicultural Community Service Awards 2012

Nominations are now open for the Western Australian Multicultural Community Service Awards 2012.

The awards recognise Western Australian individuals, organisations and businesses who have achieved excellence and innovation in advancing a multicultural society through participation, equity and promotion.

The awards provide an invaluable opportunity for us to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of many Western Australians who have accomplished outstanding work in advancing multicultural inclusiveness and participation.

[Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) to download the Guidelines and Nominations form

Space Available

To let: Office space for a community organisation in Bayswater opposite to train station and on Circle Bus route. Size: 20 Square metres- Suit two to three people. Includes use of shared meeting room, kitchen, photocopier etc. Rental \$650 per quarter plus approx \$150 per quarter for cleaning, electricity etc. Very convenient post office, bank, pharmacy and food shops. Please contact the Executive Officer (Alison Linden), Friends of Oxfam Australia, 5 King William Street, Bayswater by email at friends@oxfam.org.au or by telephoning 9262 8200 on Tuesdays.

Speakers Available

The Health Consumers' Council have volunteer speakers available to provide free presentations (in metro and country areas) to communities about:

- The WA Health System
- Rights and responsibilities of Health Consumers
- Emerging healthcare issues faced by patients and families
- Services and Activities at the Health Consumers' Council

Attached also are the posters with information regarding the presentations. The objective of these presentations is to increase public knowledge of the WA Health System so as to equip communities with the necessary knowledge or information to be able to make informed decisions about their health and plans for their healthcare. At the same time this is also aimed at increasing their confidence in achieving the best health outcomes within the healthcare systems.

We are keen to come out and present to you and would welcome any opportunity to present to your staff/members. If you are interested in hosting our presentations, please do not hesitate to contact Caroline at 9221 3422 or caroline.rugdee@hconc.org.au.

Sector Events

Perth CBD Gift Box Pop-Up Store Opening

Every year, Perth families living on or below the poverty line are unable to take part in the act of gift-giving due to financial stress.

With support from the City of Perth, the Perth Youth Advisory Council are hosting a Christmas pop-up store filled entirely with donated stock. Buyers will be able to purchase any item in the store for a donation amount of their choosing. All proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

[Click here](#) for more information

Community Forums Raising Awareness Around Stress, Depression and Suicide

Lifeline WA has held a number of community forums designed to raise awareness around stress, depression and suicide. Feedback from these has been excellent. Lifeline believes that many suicides are preventable and that we can all play a part in this. No qualifications or special skills are needed.

[Click here](#) for more information

Upcoming Workshops at Anglicare

Dangerous Liaisons (Bunbury workshop)

The purpose of this one day training workshop is to look at what is and what should be the nature of the relationship between a worker and their clients in terms of appropriate boundaries.

It will look at the dilemmas a worker faces in working with clients. How does the worker for example, establish a friendly relationship with the client in order to help the person address their issues or problems without crossing boundaries that may pose a risk to the client, the worker themselves or to the agency? What are the appropriate ethical boundaries for working with clients? How can you be assertive but not aggressive towards clients when trying to maintain appropriate relationships and boundaries?

[CLICK Here](#) for further info

Ethical Decision Making (Bunbury workshop)

The purpose of this one day workshop is to look at the various dilemmas human service workers face in their everyday work and identify strategies for dealing with these dilemmas in an ethically appropriate and safe way.

The work human service workers do is often fraught with numerous dilemmas. Perhaps a worker may have information about a client or a member of the client's family that the worker feels they 'ought' to act on but to do so would clearly not be in their client's 'best interest'. What, for example, does the worker do when they become aware that their client is getting a greater benefit from Centrelink than the client is entitled to? What is the worker's responsibility when they believe a client may harm themselves, harm someone else, may have harmed a child or any one of a number of other ethical dilemmas?

[CLICK Here](#) for further info

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 info

Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium

The "[Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream](#)" symposium will be delivered on Saturday, February 4 at City West Lotteries House.

Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for people who work at City West Lotteries House, \$15 for students/pensioners/unwaged)

The event is a presentation which explores the condition the world and its inhabitants are in, how we got to be that way, and

what we can do about it. The symposium proposes the idea that environmental sustainability, social justice and spiritual fulfilment could be the guiding principle of our time. You might want to [check out the trailer video here](#). You can [RSVP here](#) and pay for your [ticket here](#). Alternatively you can pay by cheque or cash on the day

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Blooming Minds at Work Symposium

Blooming Minds is hosting: Blooming Minds at Work Symposium in early 2012, and are seeking abstracts and presentations related to the area.

Papers presented may have been previously presented or published. This is a burgeoning area of research, and given that the increase in mental health services for those at risk of psychological injury at work is increasing at an alarming rate, it is also timely.

[Click here](#) for more information on the symposium. [Click here](#) for more information on the call for abstracts

6th Australasian Housing Researchers' Conference 2012

The Centre for Housing, Urban and Regional Planning at The University of Adelaide are proudly hosting the 6th Australasian Housing Researchers' Conference 2012 (AHRC12).

The AHRC12 is the premier conference for housing researchers across Australasia, allowing delegates to share their research findings with their colleagues and peers on a range of themes including homelessness, housing policy and vulnerable groups and housing. The AHRC12 includes a dynamic and thought provoking series of keynote addresses, researchers presentations and social events. The conference will be held at the University of Adelaide's beautiful north terrace campus from February 8-10 2012.

[Click here](#) to download the flyer for more information.

Get Your Head Out of the Sand Symposium 14th February 2012

For Organisational Leaders, HR Managers, Frontline Managers, Supervisors, OSH Managers, Health & Wellbeing Managers and Workforce Practitioners

[Click here](#) for more information

WACOSS Jobs

WACOSS is currently recruiting for the following positions. Visit our [website](#) for full details

- Program Manager - Community Service Funding Reform
- Training and Development Officer
- Marketing and Communication Coordinator
- Senior Policy Officer - Essential Services

Community Sector Jobs

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

- [BJL Connecting Communities- Partnership Broker](#)
- [Australian Community Workers Association - Membership Field Officer](#)
- [The Law Society of WA - Executive Manager- Community Services](#)
- [Koolkuna- Manager](#)
- [Ruah - Senior Manager, Womens and Homeless Services Division](#)
- [Identitywa - Communications Officer](#)
- [YMCA - Mobile Youth Officers/Driver \(Albany\)](#)
- [YMCA - Regional Manager \(Great Southern\)](#)

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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