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Seasons Greetings from the Team at WACOSS

The staff at WACOSS would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. [Click here](#) to see our holiday message.

The WACOSS Office will be closed from 12.30pm Friday the 23rd of December and re-opening at 9am on the 3rd of January. For any media enquiries please contact our CEO Irina Cattalini on 0422 422 438.

We look forward to continuing to work with our members and the sector in 2012.

General WACOSS News

Rising Cost of Living Report Released (Updated) 22nd December

The cost of living is rising faster than wages for low income working families in Western Australia, leaving many households struggling to make ends meet. This is the key message of a report released today by the Western Australian Council of Social Service.

[Click here](#) to download the full report

[Click here](#) to download the Media Release

Outcomes Based Procurement Workshops: Focus Group Participants Sought

The Funding and Contracting Services Unit of the Department of Finance is seeking 15 Not-for-Profits to participate in a focus group as they work to develop and deliver outcomes based procurement workshops for both government agencies and NFP community organisations throughout February and March next year.

The Focus Group, planned for the end of January 2011, is expected to take 2-3 hours. NFP organisations will have the opportunity to raise specific areas of need in the training on outcomes based procurement and will also be asked to provide any examples of outcomes based procurement (models, experiences, approaches) which can be shared with the sector.

If you are interested in participating please email training@wacoss.org.au by **5pm January 13, 2012**.

RSVP NOW: 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.

WACOSS President Francis Lynch and CEO Irina Cattalini will share their reflections on our achievements in 2011 and strategic directions for the sector in 2012.

The Honourable Robin McSweeney MLC, Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interest; Youth will also launch of the 2012 Community Services Excellence Awards:

[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

[Click here](#) to register for the event

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

ACOSS NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2012 - "Sharing the Wealth of the 'Lucky' Country"

29-30 March 2012, Australian Technology Park, Sydney

Registrations are now open for the 2012 ACOSS National Conference – the premier national event for policy-makers, researchers and those engaged in social services or advocacy.

Early-bird discounts are available until the 20th of January. Make sure you get in early to secure your seats at our conference. Online registrations can be made by visiting the conference page on the [ACOSS website](#).

[Click here](#) to read more

WACOSS Workshops and Seminars

Managing Clients' Aggressive Behaviour – 24 January 2012

This workshop will help you to understand aggression, and learn ways to maintain your safety whilst communicating effectively when others behave aggressively towards you.

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

Event Management Made Easy! – 31 January 2012

Why are some events so successful and others a bit of a flop?

Explore what it takes to make a great event, whether a great client program or a profitable fundraiser.

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

NEW Just for Boards

A training and networking program for current and aspiring community service sector board members.

In 2012 we are pleased to be able to offer a series of evening seminars and full day workshops for board members in the community sector. The 'Just for Boards' program offers valuable training and networking opportunities for board members or those aspiring to be on boards. By holding some sessions in the evening we hope this increases the accessibility of this training.

Registrations are open now and further details will be available on our website soon.

Save the date – check out the program [here](#).

2012 Training Calendar

The Semester 1 dates for WACOSS Training events can be found [here](#) – registrations are now open.

Flyers for each event will be added to the website over the coming weeks.

Printed copies of the calendar will be posted out in January – if you have never received one in previous years please email your postal address to training@wacoss.org.au and we will send one out to you. The training team also aims to send out an electronic PDF version of the calendar by the end of the week.

Sector News

Update on NGO Housing Initiative Eligibility- Applications Close 30th December

The recent NGO Housing Initiative sought to provide a rapid and targeted investment into NGO housing in high-cost regional locations to sustain the delivery of key State Government funded NGO services.

The \$35 million program was funded by the Royalties for Regions Fund and administered by the Department of Housing and delivered a total of 58 houses in the Pilbara and Kimberley. [Click here](#) to read more

Last Chance to Support Angelhands \$50k in 50 days

Angelhands provides traumatised men, women and children with safe people, programs and places after an experience of assault, glassing, home invasion, murder, culpable driving or violence. angelhands assists people regain trust and hope, whilst promoting healing and full trauma recovery. To provide this unique program angelhands relies on benefactors, sponsors, grants and donations.

Angelhands has an approximate \$100K shortfall in operational funding this year. Generously our key partner has pledged \$50K if we can raise the balance. angelhands is calling on you to get into the season of giving by partnering with angelhands to raise \$50K in 50 Days by 25th December 2011. This is very achievable if many people give a small amount for example, if 50 people each give \$1K or if 500 give \$100 we'll get there in no time at all!

[Click here](#) to find out more

Furniture Available

Lifeline WA is moving premises in January and thanks to a Lottery West grant have an assortment of furniture available that may suit small not for profits.

Items include desks, credenzas, pedestals, filing cabinets, task chairs, visitors chairs, training chairs, lounge style chairs and sofas, Board cabinet with fridge, Book Cases, Assorted tables and shelving units, Stationery cupboards and a powered desk. Interested people can contact Marion Bom on 9261 4454 or by emailing marionbom@lifelinewa.org.au. Lifeline WA will be back at work on the 3rd January.

The furniture needs to be removed on the 16th January 2012.

Community Legal Centres Association Snapshot Report on Human Rights Development in WA

To mark International Human Rights Day this Saturday December 10, the Community Legal Centres Association has today released a snapshot report on human rights developments in WA for 2011.

Using contributions from community legal centres and other human rights advocacy groups, the Association has produced a report card style document listing the good the bad and the neglected human rights issues in the State.

CLCA Executive Director, Myles Kunzli said "The reports from contributors provide a mixed result for WA. There is a range of positive and negative developments and many human rights issues that are just ignored. Government and other players have happily met their human rights obligations in many circumstance but in others have neglected or wilfully worked against human rights.

[Click here](#) to download the report. [Click here](#) to read the Media Release

Properties Available for Lease

Holyoake have 2 properties available for lease in 2012.

[Click here](#) for information on the property located at Stafford Street, Midland

[Click here](#) for information on the property located at

Shared Start Ideal For Hospital Staff

Angus Murray, Director of PRDnationwide Project Marketing, announced today the release of 21 Shared Start apartments in the One on Aberdeen apartment development situated on the corner of Pier and Aberdeen Streets in Perth. These apartments provide extraordinary opportunities for those on modest incomes to enjoy an inner-city lifestyle. The criteria for the Scheme are ideally suited to nurses and other hospital staff. Shared Start is designed to benefit staff working in the health system.

[Click here](#) to read the media release in full. [Click here](#) to learn more about SharedStart

Fathers Information- Pilot Testing

Are You a Dad? Do you or your partner have a mental illness? If you answered yes to both questions, we would love your help!

The Children of Parents with a Mental Illness (COPMI) national initiative has developed a Fathers Information section for their website (www.copmi.net.au). They want to provide practical information for Dads experiencing mental illness in their day-to-day lives, and need feedback to help refine their website (to be launched to the public mid 2012).

[Click here](#) to read more

Early Christmas present for deafblind charity

Senses Foundation and its clients have received an early Christmas present from a generous local supporter. PACT Construction, of Belmont, has presented the Burswood-based charity with a cheque for a massive \$10,000 to help fund two of its vital family support programs – Sibling Support and Families Matter. Senses Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation providing services to people with disabilities, and unique services to people of all ages who are deafblind. Last financial year the Foundation provided almost 122,000 hours of direct services to 433 clients. [Click here](#) to read more

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

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

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.**

Sector Events

Christmas Lunch in the Park

Mission Australia are holding the Annual Christmas Lunch in the Park on the 25th of December. [Click here](#) for further details

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

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

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

Deep Quality Through Optimal Individual Service Design March 2012

An intensive, Service Design training program for leaders in the disability sector who are prepared to be challenged in their quest to create and support new possibilities for people with disabilities.

5-9 March and 26 – 30 March 2012, Bendigo-Victoria

[Click here](#) to read more

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.

- [The Salvation Army -Street to Home Housing Support Worker](#)
- [Patricia Giles Centre- Domestic Violence Children's Counsellor](#)
- [Richmond Fellowship of WA- Training Manager](#)
- [Playgroup WA- Playgroup Support Workers \(Pool\)](#)
- [Centrecare- Network Coordinator](#)
- [People Who Care- Team Leader \(Gardening\)](#)
- [People Who Care - Coordinator \(Seniors Leisure Centre\)](#)

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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