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## 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](mailto:carlyguise@wacoss.org.au)

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

## **LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER INTEREST! 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](mailto:training@wacoss.org.au) by **5pm January 16, 2012**.

## **Community Sector Energy Hardship Service Delivery: Where are the Gaps and Needs?**

Improving energy efficiency in residential buildings is one of the most effective ways to support low income households with the increasing price of energy and other cost of living pressures. Therefore, raising awareness and building the capacity of community service organisations to address energy hardship through improving energy efficiency in low income households is a priority for the WA Council of Social Service (The Council) and the Office of Energy. The Office of Energy has recognised that to address energy hardship in WA, engaging community service organisations is the most effective way to ensure sensitive, appropriate and targeted programs. However, despite the advantages community service organisations have over government and the private sector in delivering services to low income households, there are few services in WA directly addressing energy hardship. [Click here](#) to read more

## **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

## **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**

## **NEW Just for Boards Program**

The Just for Boards program is a series of full day training workshops, evening workshops and sundowners for not-for-profit community service board members. It is also suitable for aspiring board members. See the [flyer](#) for more information, or contact [training@wacoss.org.au](mailto:training@wacoss.org.au)

## **Introduction to Being on a Board/Committee – 9 February (evening)**

*Part of our new Just for Boards program of board training and networking events.*

This workshop provides an introduction to the legal obligations and core activities of boards, as well as a great networking opportunity.

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

## **Oh My Goodness – I'm on a Board!! – 15 February**

*Part of our new Just for Boards program of board training and networking events.*

This course will give you an introduction to being a board member, increasing your knowledge of legal requirements and core

activities of a board to make you a confident and effective board member.

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

## **HR Management & Industrial Relations – 28 February**

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.

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

## **Marketing Your Organisation or Program – 29 February (Rockingham)**

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

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

### **Sector News**

## **2012 Sustainable Venue Guide for WA.**

This new directory will be a comprehensive list of hireable community venues in Perth and regional WA, which can be considered "sustainable" from a triple bottom line perspective. Venues will be considered based on the following factors:

- People (accessibility and social justice)
- Planet (environmental sustainability)
- Pocket (financial)

The final resource will be distributed for free to all WA schools, along with local governments and community organisations, state government agencies and business. It will also have an accompanying website, accessible to everyone.

If you know of a venue which could be considered for inclusion, please contact us for more details about the project and inclusion criteria.

You are also welcome to contact us if you wish to receive a free copy of the guide when it is complete.

Contact: Katrina Bercov, [katrina73@inet.net.au](mailto:katrina73@inet.net.au) / 9443 7454

## **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

## 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

## 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](http://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

## February professional Workshops at Anglicare

Anglicare are holding the following workshops in February;

- Dangerous Liaisons (Bunbury workshop)
- Ethical Decision Making (Bunbury workshop)

- Introduction to Domestic Violence
- Professional Development Sessions from Accredited Course – Vocational Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution
- Worker Safety for Home Visits
- Working Therapeutically with Children (Bunbury workshop)
- Vocational Graduate Diploma Of Family Dispute Resolution
- Certificate IV Children's Contact Service Work

[Click here](#) for details on all these courses

## **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

## **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

- Project Officer – Emergency Relief and Energy Efficiency

## **Community Sector Jobs**

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

- [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 \(Seniors Leisure Centre\)](#)
- [Forgotten Australians Coming Together \(FACT\)- Administrative Officer](#)
- [Breast Cancer Care WA- Indigenous Program Coordinator](#)
- [ACOSS- Senior Policy and research Officer \(Climate Change\)](#)
- [Outcare - Director of Services](#)
- [Outcare - Aboriginal Case Managers](#)
- [YMCA- Mobile Youth Officers/Driver \(Newman\)](#)
- [YMCA- Southern Wheatbelt Sport & Recreation Project Coordinator](#)

**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](mailto:jbroweleit@anson.com.au)**

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