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### General WACOSS News

## Registrations for the 2012 WACOSS Conference "THE BIG PICTURE" open on 30th January 2012.

The Western Australian Council of Social Service has great pleasure inviting you to attend the WACOSS 2012 Conference THE BIG PICTURE, held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on 8th – 10th May 2012.

The Conference will be focusing on the Big Issues for community services, the sector and civil society at large. Join us to question, think and lift the debate and help us achieve truly sustainable communities and community services for WA.

[Click here](#) to read more

## Nominations are Now Open for the Community Services Excellence Awards

The Hon Minister Robyn McSweeney launched the opening of the 2012 Community Sector Excellence Awards at the WACOSS New Year Sector Breakfast on Friday the 21st.

The Awards, which are proudly presented by the State Government of Western Australia and WACOSS, provide a unique opportunity to showcase the fantastic work being undertaken by community service organisations around the state.

Award winners will be honoured at a Gala Dinner held in conjunction with the WACOSS Conference on May 9th 2012.

[Click here](#) for nomination forms and to read more

## **WACOSS CEO Taking Part in febfast**

febfast is a national health and fundraising initiative which challenges people to send their grog on a holiday in February – the shortest month of the year – for two key reasons: so we can take a break from the booze and approach the New Year with a clear head and a healthier body; to raise money to help young Australians overcome alcohol, drug and mental health problems.

WACOSS CEO, Irina Cattalini, has decided to take on the Leaders' Challenge to support community organisations, including WACOSS member Holyoake, to help thousands of young Australians.

To support Irina in "sending grog on a holiday", see her fundraising page at [http://www.febfastfundraising.com.au/irina\\_cattalini](http://www.febfastfundraising.com.au/irina_cattalini)

## **Are you ClimateClever? Opportunities and Actions**

Are you or your organisation concerned about the impacts of climate change on your clients? Excited about the possibilities of a clean energy future? Unsure how the carbon tax works and how it might impact on low income families? Wanting to create change through climate action groups or engaging through online action hubs? [Click here](#) to read more

## **New Program at WACOSS**

WACOSS has formed the Community Sector Funding Reform Team within the Sector Services and Development to provide support to the NFP sector on the implementation of DCSP Policy and the associated funding and contract reforms.

The team aims to develop workshops, training, fact sheets, other resources and tools as well as provide one-on-one support for all small and medium organisations including regional and remote areas.

More information on how we will be assisting your service to implement reforms will be published shortly.

## **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

## WACOSS Board Member Daniel Morrison for WA Business News 40under40 Awards

Chief Executive Officer of Aboriginal Alcohol & Drug Service and WACOSS Board Member Daniel Morrison has been recognised for his hard work with a nomination for the 40under40 Awards.

The 40under40 is designed to celebrate the depth of business talent in Western Australia

[Click here](#) for more information and to vote.

## CHOGM Follow Up

At the 2011 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Perth, Commonwealth Leaders agreed to the creation of a Charter of the Commonwealth.

DFAT wishes to advise that it welcomes submissions from individuals or groups on issues relevant to the drafting of a Charter of the Commonwealth. Submissions will be accepted from Monday 9 January 2012 and close on Friday 17 February 2012.

There is further guidance on preparing submissions on the website at <http://www.dfat.gov.au/intorgs/commonwealth/draft-charter-of-the-commonwealth.html>

[Click here](#) for the latest publications to be released from the Commonwealth Peoples Forum

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

29-30 March 2012, Australian Technology Park, Sydney

Early-bird registration discounts for the ACOSS National Conference have been extended until **Friday the 27th of January**. The Conference, a premier national event for policy-makers, researchers and those engaged in social services or advocacy, will in 2012 have the theme 'Sharing the wealth of the lucky country'.

Australians' material wealth is booming but the proceeds are not being equally shared. New research shows that inequalities are rising in Australia. While the post-tax income of the poorest households is actually falling, the richest Australian households continue to earn more and more. It is an important moment, therefore, to reflect on what must be done to ensure Australia remains the fair and inclusive society we pride ourselves on being. [Click here](#) to read more

## WACOSS Workshops and Seminars

# Training Calendar 2012

[Click here](#) to download an electronic copy of our current Training Calendar

## Community Leadership Development Program – Expressions of Interest sought

If you work in the community sector and wish to complete a Diploma of Management – then this program is for you! WACOSS offers this program every year in partnership with MODAL. The 12 month course will commence in October, with applications opening in May. To register your interest, please email [training@wacoss.org.au](mailto:training@wacoss.org.au)

## Full Workshops

Many of WACOSS' training workshops have been filling up quickly lately – to avoid missing out, please make sure you register online nice and early! If you find you've missed out on a workshop, please email [training@wacoss.org.au](mailto:training@wacoss.org.au) so that we can put you on the waiting list for next time.

## 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)

## 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](#).

## **Interpreting Financial Reports for Accountability – 7 March (evening)**

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

An introduction to understanding the basics of finance for your not-for-profit organisation.

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

### **Sector News**

## **New Partnership Forum Website**

Department of the Premier and Cabinet have launched a new website with all the latest news on the Partnership Forum.

[Click here](#) to view the site

## **Free Social Business Listings**

Social Innovation In Western Australia (SiiWA) in partnership with Social Traders is helping to deliver Australia's most comprehensive directory of Australian social businesses. Once compiled Social Traders will commence marketing the directory in order to promote the mainstream sourcing of socially procured goods and services. We'd love you to register and join the 4,900 business that have currently signed up.

To qualify for a listing your organisation must be able to tick the following boxes:-

- The business principally exists to provide social environmental or local economic relief
- The business trades to fulfil its mission
- The business derives a substantial portion of their income through trade
- The business reinvests the majority of its profits into furthering its social mission

Registering your business is quick and easy. Simply visit <http://socialtraders.force.com/ased/Login> and you'll be guided through registration process.

## **CLAN WA Volunteer Training**

CLAN WA supports families with children from 0-12 through a home visiting program using highly trained volunteers. We are having our first volunteer training for 2012 starting in March at Cockburn Youth Centre. There will be other training offered later in the year in Armadale and Mirrabooka. For further information please refer to our [website](#)

# Expressions of Interest – Towards Good Practice – 24 February 2012

ConnectGroups are calling for Expressions of Interest for Good Practice Models – "Sharing Stories" – National Self Help & Support Groups Awareness Day 2012.

Feedback from the 2011 Symposium at the ConnectGroups 2011 National Awareness Day indicated that participants particularly connected with the Testimonials. Based on this, the 2012 National Awareness Day will include Good Practice Models – "Sharing Stories", intended to showcase the amazing work done by self-help and support groups across the state of WA.

Expressions of Interest are now being called from support and self-help group members, facilitators and organisers, to submit an abstract of a Testimonial Proposal to be delivered at the conference. Testimonials should be centred around the "Towards Good Practice" theme of the day, and could include such topics as –

- Good governance
- Fund-raising success stories
- Successfully maintaining a group, and
- Individual success stories from group participants

The conference and outdoor event will take place at the WA State Library on 5 September 2012.

If you or your groups are interested in being included in the event, please complete the Expression of Interest FORM and e-mail it to [ivi@connectgroups.org.au](mailto:ivi@connectgroups.org.au) or post to - ConnectGroups Sharing Stories EOI, PO Box 8140 Perth BC WA 6849.

## Centrecare Corporate Training Calendar

[Click here](#) to view the Perth Corporate Training Calendar

[Click here](#) to view the Bunbury Corporate Training Calendar

## 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

## Sector Events

### Gimme Shelter is on for the Fifth Year

Gimme Shelter, the annual fundraiser for the homeless on the south lawn at Fremantle Arts Centre is on again on Saturday 25th February with another amazing line-up including Jill Birt and Alsy Macdonald from the Triffids together with Adrian Hoffman from The Morning Night. This trio creates a sound that is compelling in its stripped back intensity. With Birt taking the main vocals; keyboards and sparsely arranged guitar this is an intimate, acoustic sound very different from The Triffids but just as captivating. [Click here](#) to read more

### Movie Night Fundraiser 26th February

Help support George Jones Child Advocacy Centre's Resource Room by attending the movie night fundraiser on the 26th of February.

[Click here](#) for all the details

### 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

## **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

## **Specialist Homelessness Services Conference 2012**

In partnership with the Western Australian Council on Homelessness, the Department for Child Protection is pleased to announce the 2012 Specialist Homelessness Services Conference, Leading the road home! Held at the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre on 28 & 29 May 2012, abstracts for presentations and workshops are currently being sought from services and other key stakeholders.

Please find attached the following information:

- Conference Information
- Presentation/ Workshop Abstract - Expression of Interest
- Information Stall/ Poster Presentation- Expression of Interest

Relevant information can also be accessed on the Departments website on:

<http://www.dcp.wa.gov.au/servicescommunity/Pages/Homelessness.aspx>

## **The Seventh World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and Prevention of Mental and Behavioural Disorders 'The 21st Century Approach to Mental Health'. Perth Convention Centre, 17 – 19 October 2012**

Your organisation is invited to submit a paper for this conference.

The One Life Suicide Prevention Strategy has been asked by the conference organisers, The Clifford Beers Foundation, to invite suicide prevention stakeholders to submit abstracts that deliver new insights into suicide prevention.

Alongside the Suicide Prevention category, there are other categories, which include mental health in primary care, depression, wellbeing of children, young people and work place related issues.

If you would like to read more about submitting an abstract to present at this conference, go to the following link:

[www.perth2012.org](http://www.perth2012.org)

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

- [Aboriginal Alcohol & Drug Service Inc \(AADS\)- Executive Assistant](#)
- [City of Swan - Community Development Coordinator- Ellenbrook](#)
- [WOMEN'S Healthworks- Office Manager](#)
- [Foundation Housing- Human Resources Administration Officer](#)
- [Foundation Housing- Communications Officer](#)
- [NTCOSS- Association of Alcohol and other Drugs Association \(AADANT\) Coordinator](#)
- [NTCOSS- Communications Officer](#)
- [Richmond Fellowship of WA- Training Manager](#)
- [Playgroup WA- Playgroup Support Workers \(Pool\)](#)
- [Outcare - Director of Services](#)
- [Outcare - Aboriginal Case Managers](#)
- [YMCA- Mobile Youth Officers/Driver \(Newman\)](#)
- [Canteen- Member Liaison Officer](#)
- [The Community Legal Centres Association \(WA\)- Executive Director](#)
- [Breast Cancer Care WA- Administration Officer/Receptionist](#)
- [UnitingCare West- Manager Mental Health Services](#)
- [UnitingCare West- Disability Advocate \(IDAS\)](#)

**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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