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Program available for 2012 WACOSS Conference "THE BIG PICTURE"

Key notes include Ms. Ingrid Srinath Secretary General of CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation, Bernard Salt Leading Demographer KPMG, Dr Anne Poelina Managing Director Majala Inc. Dr John Falzon CEO St Vincent de Paul National Council and a host of our very own practitioners, managers, academics and community workers.

To see full program [click here](#)

The Conference Registration brochure available now. [Click here](#) to download

Early Bird closes 23 March 2012

Remember to get your application for financial assistance to cover registration fees and regional delegates partial accommodation and travel and expenses in now.

[Click here](#) to find out more and to register.

Partnership Forum Mandurah / Peel Community Event 22nd March

The Partnership Forum is progressing a number of key reforms in 2012 that centre on a more sustainable community services sector and greater innovation, flexibility and responsiveness in service design and delivery within the public and community sectors.

To enable interested community members and members of the public to engage with the reforms and hear and contribute to what is planned in 2012, the Partnership Forum is pleased to be hosting a two hour event on the morning of Thursday 22 March 2012.

[Click here](#) to read more

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

WA Council of Social Service (WACOSS) is seeking your input to help inform future Office of Energy funding opportunities to community service organisations so they can delivery services to low income households to reduce their energy use.

Have you seen an increase in the number of your clients struggling to pay their energy bills? Are you interested in delivering innovative services to support your clients to reduce their energy bills? Consultations will begin recommencement soon, watch this space for more information.

In addition, please complete this 10 minute survey is confidential and anonymous. Survey submissions close on the **30th March**. Please [click here](#) to begin the survey.

New funds for Energy Efficiency programs.

The Federal Government has released the guidelines for the 'The Energy Efficiency Information Grants Program'. Community organisations targeted are those non-profit entities with an annual turnover of less than \$10 million.

[Click here](#) to read more about the different grants available.

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

The peak body for Australia's community and social services sector, ACOSS, is proud to be hosting its 2012 National Conference in Sydney on the **29 - 30 March, 2012**.

The ACOSS annual Conference is the premier national event for policy-makers, researchers and those engaged in social services and advocacy.

This year's conference brings together a high profile group of speakers including Annabel Crabb, Don Henry, Eva Cox, Jennifer Westacott, Mark Butler MP, Simon Sheikh, Tanya Plibersek, Tim Costello, George Megalogenis, Sussan Ley and many more.

[Click here](#) to view the flyer

WACOSS Workshops and Seminars

Understanding Strategic Planning – 14th March

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 book online, please [click here](#).

Using Performance Appraisals and Managing Staff Performance – 20th March

You will explore how to manage performance as part of your human resource strategy in your organisation by:

- Establishing a performance culture
- Differentiating between appraisal, management and development
- Linking performance outcomes to strategic objectives
- Determining and measuring key performance indicators
- Recognising high achievers
- Managing low achievers
- Assessing Team performance vs. Individual performance
- Having difficult conversations

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

Finance Fundamentals for Not-for-Profit Organisations – 29th March - Rockingham

(Finding Your Inner Accountant) *An introduction to understanding the basics of finance for your not-for-profit organisation.*

Are you on a board and have no idea what the numbers of the monthly financial statements mean? Are you managing a not-for-profit organisation and do not have any idea of how to manage finances? Are you interested and curious to find out how to read financial reports and interpret the financial health of the organisation?

Then this course is for you!

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

What Not-for-Profits Need to Know About Social Media – 2nd April

This is an introduction to using Social Media in the not-for-profit sector. Learn what Twitter and Facebook are, how they work, what the benefits are and more importantly what the risks can be. If your organisation is considering using Social Media or has recently started using Social Media then this workshop is vital in making sure it is being used appropriately and effectively. For all the details, and to register online, please [click here](#).

Foundations in Facilitation – 3rd April

Tips for people wanting to get a group working and learning together, solving problems, creating visions, making decisions & resolving differences. This facilitation workshop is delivered using a range of tools and techniques, meaning that at the end of the learning you will also walk away with a 'toolkit' of practical experiences/tools you can apply to a range of situations. For all the details, and to register online, please [click here](#).

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Shared Equity Program

Would you like to own your own home but think you can't afford it? The State Government has introduced two initiatives to support moderate income Western Australians, like those working in the not-for-profit sector, to achieve their dream of home ownership.

[Click here](#) to read more about this exciting opportunity

ACNC establishment postponed to 1st October 2012

Following extensive consultation with the not-for-profit sector, the Australian Government has today announced it will extend the start date of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission to 1st October 2012.

[Click here](#) for more information

National Homelessness Services Achievement Awards

One Western Australia based organisation is among a diverse and inspirational mix of 23 organisations that have been announced as finalists for the inaugural National Homelessness Services Achievement Awards.

Youth Futures is one of the five finalists in the Excellence or innovation in addressing homelessness by an organisation category. [Click here](#) to read more

Healthier WA Award 2012

The AMA (WA) & Healthway Healthier WA Award recognises WA organisations that have, through a specific venture, project or program, made an exceptional contribution to the advancement of health and wellbeing outcomes which impact across the WA community. A \$10,000 grant will be awarded in 2012 to the winner of this prestigious award.

[Click here](#) to read more

Applications open for Building Community Resilience Grants program

Community organisations are encouraged to apply for a new round of the Building Community Resilience Grants program that aims to strengthen resilience in Australian communities against violent extremism.

The grants will fund practical new activities to build respect and tolerance across communities, and challenge ideologies that support violence.

All schools, universities, not-for-profit organisations, churches and religious groups working to empower communities and enhance resistance to violence are encouraged to apply.

Applications close on **Friday 16 March 2012**, and further details are available from the [Attorney-General's Department website](#)

NGO Media Forum 2012: Stories that matter in a changing media landscape

Registrations are now open for the 2012 NGO Media Forum brought to you this year by ACOSS and the Australian Centre for Independent Journalism at UTS.

Join Walkley award winners ABC reporters Sarah Ferguson, Suzanne Smith and Trent Dalton (Courier Mail), Sydney Morning Herald's Adele Horin, The Punch Editor David Penberthy - co hosted by Wendy Bacon and Tom Morton from the Centre for Independent Journalism. [Click here](#) to read more

\$35 a day is not enough! - Support ACOSS Statement

ACOSS's statement as part of the campaign to raise income support Allowances, such as Newstart, and demand better assistance and training for people locked out of Australia's jobs market is now live

http://www.acoss.org.au/take_action/allowances_statement_2012-02/.

Please support the campaign by adding your organisation's name. The more names added to this statement the more powerful it will be when ACOSS present it to the Government in the coming weeks.

If you are a member of an organisation that has already signed, please show your individual support by encouraging friends and others to take action on this important issue by adding their names as well. Please send it on as far and wide as possible.

Call for input: SACOSS and Flinders University Research - Homeless Services Survey

The survey is part of a research project called Risk Factors in Homelessness Programs and Interventions. The survey will identify and document the different, sometimes 'informal' criteria that funders and service managers use in making assessments about 'service performance'. The research is a collaboration between Flinders University and the South Australian Council of Social Service, funded by FaHCSIA under the National Homelessness Partnership.

[Click here](#) to read more

Department for Communities Middle Years - WA Service mapping exercise

As a direct result of the feedback received from the Middle Years Forum in July, the Department for Communities is taking a central role in establishing and strengthening links through sharing middle years information. One of the priorities identified at the Forum was to provide an overview of the services available across Western Australia which work with children aged 9 – 14 years, their parents and families. To prepare this overview the Department are seeking your help in identifying relevant programs and services provided by your organisation.

You are invited to contribute to the middle years' service mapping exercise using the [attached information template](#). The service provision information provided will be collated and distributed through to the Middle Years Email Network early next year and posted on the Communities middle years' webpage.

City of Mandurah Scholarships

Individuals involved with a not-for-profit association are invited to apply for the inaugural \$5,000 City of Mandurah Convention Scholarship.

Designed to assist in personal and professional development, the scholarship will allow the recipient to attend a relevant international conference or to undertake further study relevant to their association's industry.

The scholarship is offered under the Perth Convention Bureau's Aspire Program, which was previously called the Scholarships and Awards Program and has been operating since 1999.

In 2012, the Aspire Program will see nine awards and two scholarships worth a total of \$60,000 presented to individuals involved with the State's academic and not-for-profit sectors. [Click here](#) for more information

Office Space Available – Excellent Location!

There is an opportunity for office space in a building with other three Not for Profit organisations in the City at the end of Pier Street just 10 minutes walking distance from Claisebrook and Mclver train station.

Size: 58 Square metres

Includes:

- Private kitchen, toilet and patio.
- 1 parking bay

- Two shared common areas: 1 for meetings and 1 for server/ photocopying.

To view the property kindly contact Antonella Segre on antonella@connectgroups.org.au or 9228 4488.

Sector Events

Richmond Fellowship Asia Pacific Conference on Mental Health

June 11-13, 2012
Perth, Western Australia

Richmond Fellowship of Western Australia has great pleasure inviting consumers, carers, students and mental health workers in government, NGO and private provider settings and other stakeholders to submit an abstract to the ASPAC 2012 Conference based on one of our 4 streams

[Click here](#) to read more

YouthLink's 2012 Training Calendar

[Click here](#) to download a copy of YouthLink's 2012 training calendar.

Training Courses - Richmond Fellowship WA

Hearing Voices Awareness Training - More information available from www.rfwa.org.au

12 March 2012 – Hearing Voices Awareness Training – **Part 1:** An Introduction to the 'Hearing Voices Approach'.

13 March 2012 – Hearing Voices Awareness Training – **Part 2:** Supporting Voice Hearers via the Hearing Voices Approach – An Intermediate level.

3 April 2012 – Hearing Voices Awareness Training – **Part 1:** An Introduction to the 'Hearing Voices Approach'.

4 April 2012 – Hearing Voices Awareness Training – **Part 2:** Supporting Voice Hearers via the Hearing Voices Approach – An Intermediate level.

1 May 2012 - Hearing Voices Awareness Training – **Part 1:** An Introduction to the 'Hearing Voices Approach'.

2 May 2012 - Hearing Voices Awareness Training – **Part 2:** Supporting Voice Hearers via the Hearing Voices Approach – An Intermediate level.

Professional Development Workshops - Anglicare

Anglicare are holding the following workshops in March.

- Working with Victims of Family Domestic Violence
- Intro to Australia's Family Law System
- Working with a Child Focused Approach
- Adult Survivors of Child Abuse & Neglect
- The Skills of Family Dispute Resolution: Ethical Practice
- Working with Family & Domestic Violence

[Click here](#) for details on the courses mentioned above.

The following One-Time-Only Professional Development Opportunity will be held in April. [Click here](#) for more information

- Working with Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse – Presented by Mike Lew

The following workshops will be held in June.

- Results Based Accountability (RBA) 101 Workshop
- RBA Train the Trainer 2 Day Workshop

[Click here](#) for further information

Conversation with Professor Matt Sanders, founder of the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)

Professor Sanders is presenting a Parenting Matters seminar for the Department for Communities' Parenting WA in partnership with the Departments of Health and Education. This free seminar, *Raising Competent Confident Children*, is for parents, grandparents and carers focuses on children 8 – 12 years.

[Click here](#) to for more information

Specialist Homelessness Services Conference May 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! The conference will be held at the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre on 28 & 29 May 2012.

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

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

Community Sector Jobs

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

- [ASIC - Outreach Education Officer](#)
- [WA AIDS Council - Support Officer](#)
- [Women's Health & Family Services- Mental Health Program Worker \(Northbridge\)](#)
- [Women's Law Centre - Project Officer \(Policy & Procedure Human Resources\)](#)
- [Centrecare- Program Manager](#)
- [Centrecare- General Manager](#)
- [Anglicare- Administration Officer](#)
- [St Patricks Community Support Centre- Assertive Outreach Worker](#)

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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