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WACOSS Conference "THE BIG PICTURE" - Latest Announcement

WACOSS is pleased to announce that the Premier of Western Australia, Hon Colin Barnett MLA will deliver the conference opening address.

Last year in an Australian first, Mr Barnett announced the landmark funding decision to invest an additional \$604 million into the not for profit sector to support sustainable service delivery and address historical funding shortfalls.

WACOSS invites you to hear more at their conference THE BIG PICTURE to be held **8th - 10th May 2012** at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

[Click here](#) for the updated conference brochure with latest announcements.

Networking Day

The Cross Sectoral Collaboration & Networking Event "Community Conversations" will be held on the opening day of the WACOSS Conference (**8th May 2012**) at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

[Click here](#) for more information and/or to register for this event.

Awards

WACOSS and the Department of Communities have great pleasure inviting you to attend the Community Services Excellence Awards Gala Dinner, held on the first night of the WACOSS Conference, **9th May 2012**.

[Click here](#) for more information and/or to purchase tickets for this event.

Emerging Issues Community Sector Leaders Forum 4th April

WACOSS is holding its fourth Emerging Issues Forum on 4th April 2012. The purpose of the Forum is to present information to the community services sector and government about emerging issues to assist with the planning, design and delivery of services to WA community. [Click here](#) to read more.

Upcoming Regional Events – Community Sector Funding Reforms

WACOSS will be holding a number of workshops, based around understanding the practical impact of the Delivering Community Services in Partnership (DCSP) Policy upon your organisation. These workshops will look at the three main aspects that impact on organisational viability in the context of the DCSP Policy. [Click here](#) to read more.

Do you have a positive story around energy efficiency?

If so we would love to hear it. WACOSS is looking for positive stories around energy efficiency and how it has benefited either yourself or an organisation that you are involved with. It could be that you have done some home handy work to improve the energy efficiency of your home, changed some of your behaviours to reduce your energy costs, or have bought energy efficiency appliances so that you are helping to reduce your carbon footprint. [Click here](#) read more.

WACOSS Workshops and Seminars

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

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

Taking the Stress Out of Time Management – 10th April

Do you want to learn how to improve your work performance, reduce stress and achieve work-life balance?

Time Management training is ideal for anyone who has countless tasks demanding their attention and who needs to juggle conflicting priorities.

Learn to improve planning, set goals and feel more in control of your work load.

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

How to be a Strategic Board Member – 16th April

Part of our Just for Boards program of training events.

Want to do more than just turn up to a Board meeting and meet quorum? If you are keen to make a real contribution to the Board and help lead your organisation to make a real difference, then this course is for you.

Note: This course is for people who are already on a board and have a good understanding of the rights, responsibilities and legalities of boards. It is recommended that participants have completed the introductory governance course: 'Oh My Goodness - I'm on a Board!!' or equivalent.

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

Risk Management from a Board's Perspective – 19th April

Part of our Just for Boards series of evening workshops, this workshop will cover how to assess and manage risks, from a board member's perspective.

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

Introduction to Social Justice Campaigning – 30th April

How do we achieve positive social change? Social service organisations see problems every day, and usually have good ideas and clear solutions to improve things for the community. To overcome the barriers to social justice and equity we need to understand how change comes about and get organised to have influence.

Come along to this informative workshop to learn the different approaches available and the tools to make a difference.

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

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WA leading community arts company seeks directors to assist in realising its vision

With a 25-year history in WA, Community Arts Network WA (CAN WA) works to inspire and mobilise communities who experience disadvantage, enabling them to creatively express their unique stories through a diversity of art mediums.. [Click here](#) to read more.

WA Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Training Award 2012

Applications are now being called for the WA Training Awards.

One of the award categories is the WA Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Training Award, which is focused on migrants who have overcome various challenges by undertaking training. [Click here](#) to read more.

"Creating a Just Future" WA State Conference 24th & 25th October - Call for Papers

The aim of the 2012 Conference is to engage registrants with thought provoking and creative ideas around ways we can work to create a "Just Future" for those members of our communities who are the most vulnerable. The registrants will be actively involved in the sessions, benefit from the collective experiences of everyone present and leave the conference with clear directions for future actions in their own workplaces.

[Click here](#) for more information.

\$250,000 for telecommunications research & tools for consumers

The 2012 Round of the ACCAN Grants Scheme has opened with \$250,000 in funding available for consumer-focused telecommunications research and consumer education or advocacy tools.

[Click here](#) to read more.

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.

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) postponed to 1st October 2012

Following consultation with the not-for-profit sector, the Australian Government has 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.

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.

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.

Sector Events

Richmond Fellowship Asia Pacific Conference on Mental Health

11th - 13th June, 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 the 4 streams.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Young Parents' Voices in Education DVD launch 27th March

The official launch of the Geraldton Regional Community Education Centre's 'Young Parents' Voices in Education' DVD will be held in Geraldton. [Click here](#) for more information.

Bridges out of Poverty 26th April 2012

'Bridges out of Poverty', a professional development workshop for people working with families that have experienced poverty. It is a most useful workshop for understand the motivation behind many decision making processes of people from various social and economic backgrounds.

This workshop will be held in Armadale, presented by Communicare with the support of the City of Armadale's Champion Centre.

Numbers are limited with priority given to those working in the Armadale area.

[Click here](#) to view the flyer. [Click here](#) to download the registration form.

Connect Groups Workshop: A Closer Look - "Group Dynamics, Shared Leadership and Great Leadership Skills"

Where: 335-337 Pier St Perth

When: Thursday 5th April 2012

From 9:30am - 12:30pm

Cost: \$10 Members and \$20 Non Members

Please [click here](#) to download the invitation and the enrolment form can be found [here](#).

Please RSVP by 30th March to ivi@connectgroups.org.au

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

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

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

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

2nd 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 a number of workshops and event in March and April.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Better Boards Conference 2012

The 6th Australasian Better Boards Conference will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) on 27th - 29th of July 2012. This leading governance and leadership conference is an excellent development opportunity for board members, chief executive officers and senior managers of Australian and New Zealand non-profit organisations.

[Click here](#) 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 28th - 29th 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.

- [MIFWA Family Support Program- Part-time Parent Peer Support Worker](#)
- [Lorikeet Centre- Fulltime Coordinator](#)
- [MIFWA Family Support Program - Part-time Outreach Worker](#)
- [Anglicare \(Y-SHAC\) - Team Leader Residential Youth Work](#)
- [Anglicare \(Y-SHAC\) - Youth Caseworker](#)
- [WOMEN's Healthworks - Part-time Receptionist](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Part-time Play Facilitator](#)
- [Lifeline WA - Manager Sustainability and Development](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Family Group Home Carers](#)
- [City of Fremantle- Coordinator Community Development](#)
- [UnitingCare West \(Independent Living Program\)- Support Worker](#)
- [Mosaic Community Care - CAIL Coordinator](#)
- [Mosaic Community Care - House Coordinator \(Canning Vale\)](#)
- [Mosaic Community Care - House Coordinator \(Medina\)](#)
- [Mosaic Community Care - 2IC House Coordinator](#)
- [Pilbara Community Legal Service - Financial Counsellor](#)

- [Western Australia's Individualised Services\(WAIS\) - Senior Policy & Practice Development Officer](#)

If you would like to advertise your vacancies on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page please contact John Broweleit at ANSON at jbroweleit@anson.com.au

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