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Community Services Excellence Awards Finalists Announced

Congratulations to all the finalists!

The Community Services Excellence Awards publicly acknowledge the contribution made by the community services sector and its role in helping to shape, strengthen and inspire our community.

Nominations across the five categories of the awards program this year revealed some outstanding Western Australians and community organisations. With such a strong field of nominations, the judging process was highly competitive. Congratulations to the 29 finalists of the 2012 WA Community Services Excellence Awards.

[Click here](#) to view the Finalists list.

For more information on the finalists [click here](#).

Your chance to vote!

Support your peers and vote for your most outstanding Community Services Excellence Awards finalist.

The Community Services Sector Choice Award provides an opportunity for finalists to be recognised by their industry peers (excludes the individual award).

The organisation with the most votes will be recognised and rewarded with the Community Services Sector Choice Award.

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

Winners of the 2012 Community Services Excellence Awards and the Community Services Sector Choice Award will be announced at a Gala Awards Presentation and Dinner on Wednesday 9th May 2012 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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

WACOSS Conference "THE BIG PICTURE" – Don't forget to register

With only 4 weeks left, don't forget to register for this unique event.

The WACOSS 2012 Conference includes an opening address from the Western Australian Premier, Hon Colin Barnett MLA. 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 Tuesday 8th - Thursday 10th May 2012 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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

[Click here](#) to register.

Networking Day

The Department of Regional Development and Lands presents the WACOSS 2012 Pre-Conference Cross Sectoral Collaboration Networking Day "Community Conversations", Tuesday 8th May 2012 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. The day is designed as a creative opportunity to bring together community, government and private sectors to consider just what does working collaboratively really look like?

This full day facilitated event will provide a range of activities and opportunities to share your ideas and experiences whether you are working at the front line as a practitioner, advocate or educator or behind the scenes in a board, committee, management, or administrative role.

This is a free event for all not-for-profit organisations.

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

Australian Community Sector Survey

Australian Community Sector Survey is [now open](#) until Monday 30th April 2012.

We are asking for your help to ensure that the Australian Community Sector Survey provides the best possible information about our sector and the people that we work with.

This annual survey is the only regular source of information about the community services sector, by the community sector. It is a key advocacy tool in highlighting unmet demand for services and key challenges facing organisations trying to address them. It is used widely by policy makers and researchers.

For more information please [click here](#).

Emergency Relief Scoping Project

The Emergency Relief Scoping Project is now underway. Our Project Officer Leela James is currently halfway through extensive metropolitan consultations with Emergency Relief service providers. These consultations are providing the ER Scoping Project with key information and we are inviting you to also contribute to this valuable project.

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

WACOSS Workshops and Seminars

Working in Partnerships Seminar: Improving Justice and Therapeutic Outcomes for Children and Adults Who Have Experienced Abuse

WACOSS, Edith Cowan University - Social Justice Research Centre and Parkerville Children and Youth Care are pleased to present a unique opportunity for the community services sector and government to learn about and discuss emerging international best-practice models for working with children, young people and adults who are victims of criminal violence and harm and who require a number of different service responses across agencies.

[Click here](#) to find out more and/or book online.

Delivering Community Services in Partnership (DCSP) Policy - Sector workshops

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. Participants will learn to better prepare and position their organisation to take advantage of the new state government funding and contracting arrangements.

Upcoming regional sessions include; Broome on Wednesday 11th April, Geraldton on Monday 16th April and Bunbury on Thursday 26th April. Metropolitan sessions will be held on Friday 20th & Tuesday 24th April.

For details on how to register and the full list of all locations please [click here](#).

Taking the Stress Out of Time Management – Tuesday 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 – Monday 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 – Thursday 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 – Monday 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](#).

Developing Effective Teams – Tuesday 1st May

This one day workshop is highly interactive, using a variety of team tools and experiential learning techniques. The workshop is designed to provide leaders at all levels with some insights and practical ideas to develop their own work team.

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

Being an Effective Leader – Wednesday 16th May – Kwinana

"Leadership is an observable, learnable set of practices...Given the opportunity for feedback and practice, those with the desire and persistence to lead and to make a difference can substantially improve their abilities to do so." - The Leadership Challenge, Kouzes & Posner (2007)

Join Dee Roche for a day of exploring what makes an excellent leader, and how you can become one. Dee holds a Masters in Leadership and Management and has significant community and corporate sector experience both in Australia and overseas.

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

Sector News

Social Enterprise Fund Grants Now Open

Information sessions and one to one advice surgeries coming soon... register your interest now.

A number of workshops will be taking place in the coming weeks (mid April to mid May) to help you with your application for the Social Enterprise Fund (SEF) Grants Program, funded by the Government of Western Australia. This is an exciting new opportunity for investment for not-for-profit community organisations thinking about developing a social enterprise.

To find out more and register your interest [click here](#).

First Event for 'Nature of the Relationship' series for 2012

Titled 'Is this service what the community needs? Lessons in practical innovation, collaboration and co-design of services.' this event, to be held on **Friday 20th April**, will be in the style of a lecture (presented by David Albury) with an opportunity following the presentation for Q&A.

Anyone from the public and not-for-profit community sectors with an interest in delivering better services with positive outcomes for Western Australians is welcome to attend. **Please note that places are limited and reservations are essential.** [Click here](#) for more information and/or to RSVP.

Privacy Awareness Week (29th April - 5th May) 2012

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner is calling for all NGOs to become actively involved in Privacy Awareness Week 2012 (PAW) by promoting the importance of protecting personal information.

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

Petrol Sniffing Legislation Will Save Lives

In the harsh desert country of Central Australia, the Aboriginal people who have lived here since time immemorial move freely between communities without regard for arbitrary state borders. For the relatively small number amongst them who have succumbed to the ugliness of sniffing petrol fumes this presents a deadly problem. [Click here](#) to read more.

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 Training Award 2012

Applications are now being called for the WA Training Awards.

In previous years there have been very few nominations from Community Services Health & Education industries where there are many eligible entrants; the Training Council is encouraging these industries to get involved this year! To find out more about nominating outstanding apprentices, trainees or vocational students [click here](#).

Another 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 October - Call for Papers (closes Friday 13th April)

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.

Affordable Home Ownership for Lower and Middle Income Earners - 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 each of these exciting opportunities.

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.

Sector Events

Richmond Fellowship Asia Pacific Conference on Mental Health

Monday 11th - Wednesday 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.

Training Courses - Richmond Fellowship WA

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

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

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

Family and Friends Free Information Evening

Do you know someone who hears voices? Have you ever wanted to know more about it? Would you like to learn ways to best support someone who hears voices?

Join us at this Free session to learn more about Hearing voices as we draw upon the world renowned 'Accepting Voices Approach' by Professor Marius Romme and colleagues. We encourage voices hearers, their family, friends and support people to attend this valuable and informative free evening.

Thursday 3rd May 2012

Thursday 24th May 2012

The information presented on these dates will be the same. You just choose the date that is most convenient for you.

Venue - Richmond Fellowship WA Training Centre - 32 Burton Street, Cannington.

Time - 6pm - 8:30pm

Cost - FREE

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.

Community Education Programs For Albany & Denmark - April & May 2012

Relationships Australia (WA) is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation with a reputation for excellence in education services. Albany services include: Community Education, Mediation, Mensplace programmes, Employee Assistance Programme and Counselling for individuals, couples, families and unplanned pregnancy.

[Click here](#) for more information about their workshops.

Rally To Make It Real - NDIS 2012

On Monday 30th April NDIS are hosting the biggest rally of people with disabilities this country has ever seen. They need you to attend their Perth rally & wear red! For more information [click here](#).

RBA Professional Development Workshops - Anglicare

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 on the RBA Workshops and other upcoming Anglicare workshops.

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 Monday 28th - Tuesday 29th May 2012.

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

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

YouthLink's 2012 Training Calendar

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

[Community Sector Jobs](#)

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

- [CREATE Community Facilitator Perth - Full Time Permanent Role](#)
- [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 Australias 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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