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## Community Services Excellence Awards – Ticket Sales close Monday 30th April

It is with great pleasure that WACOSS and the Department of Communities invite you to attend the 2012 Community Services Excellence Awards Presentation and Gala Dinner held on Wednesday 9th May 2012 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

[Click here](#) to view the Community Services Excellence Awards invitation.

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

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

## Your chance to vote!

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

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

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

**With only 2 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.

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.

## **Cross Sectoral Collaboration & Networking Day**

Presented by the Department of Regional Development and Lands the Cross Sectoral Collaboration & Networking Event "Community Conversations" will be held on the opening day of the WACOSS Conference (Tuesday 8th May 2012) at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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.

## **WACOSS Media Release: Smart Not Tough Approach Needed for Jobseekers - Friday 20th April**

"It is time we took a smarter approach to tackling unemployment, underemployment and the problems created by short-term, casual and insecure work," said Irina Cattalini, CEO of WACOSS today.

"The Council is concerned that significant resources are being wasted on a punitive compliance approach to unemployed job seekers that focuses on 'participation requirements' with no evidence that this has any impact on improving employment outcomes." [Click here](#) to read more.

## **WACOSS focus group: Energy Hardship Services**

WACOSS will be consulting with Community Service Organisations (CSOs) to gather information on how they are working with clients experiencing energy hardship. Participants will be introduced to concepts of Energy Efficiency, time of use and block tariffs, smart grid technologies, and ways to address energy hardship in WA. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **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.

Each survey completed will go in the draw to win free registration to ACOSS' 2013 conference, a prize worth around \$650!

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

## **Understanding Social Enterprise Information Session - Tuesday 8th May**

Are you interested in the concept of social enterprise? Are you currently running a social enterprise, or thinking about running one in the future? Book your place at one of our Perth based information sessions Tuesday 8th May, to learn more about this exciting new opportunity for investment for not for profit community organisations. Take the opportunity to also book in for a one to one consultation, to test your social enterprise idea with an expert and receive valuable feedback. Bookings required. [Click here](#) to download the flyer.

## **ACOSS Post-Budget Community Sector Lunch with the Treasurer - Monday 14th May**

ACOSS is hosting a Post-Budget Lunch with the Treasurer the Hon Wayne Swan on May 14 for the Community Sector. This is a key opportunity hosted by ACOSS to provide a comprehensive analysis of the implications of this year's Federal Budget for people experiencing poverty and inequality in Australia and the organisations that work to support them. You will hear from the Treasurer on key budgetary measures and provide your questions for the Treasurer to discuss. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **WACOSS & Department of Commerce present: Consumer Rights and Protection - Wednesday 30th May**

This **FREE** community education forum will provide an outline of basic consumer rights for your organisation and the clients you represent, particularly if you work with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities. A range of free resource materials will be provided, including resources in different languages.

[Click here](#) to download the flyer. [Click here](#) to register.

## **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.

## **WACOSS Workshops and Seminars**

### **Working in Partnerships Seminar: Improving Justice and Therapeutic Outcomes for Children and Adults Who Have Experienced Abuse - Thursday 26th April**

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; Bunbury on Thursday 26th April, Kalgoorlie on Tuesday 15th May, Mandurah on Friday 18th May, Albany on Tuesday 22nd May and Port Hedland on Tuesday 12th June. The final metropolitan session will be held on Tuesday 24th April.

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

### **Free Training for Emergency Relief workers and volunteers**

WACOSS will be delivering a series of workshops around the state from April to June. These include:

- Armadale: [Financial Literacy](#) – Thursday 26th and Friday 27th April
- Perth: [Introduction to Emergency Relief](#) – Monday 30th April
- Rockingham: [Introduction to ER](#) – Monday 14th May
- Albany: Advocacy and Referral Skills – Tuesday 15th May
- Mount Barker: Managing Clients' Aggressive Behaviour – Wednesday 16th May

There are more dates to be announced – to register your interest and be kept up to date with training in your area contact [training@wacoss.org.au](mailto:training@wacoss.org.au)

## **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](#).

## **Strictly Hypothetical: Social Commentary Meets Live Comedy - Tuesday 1st May**

WACOSS is proud to be partnering in a world-premier "Hypothetical" event - 'Licence to Parent', on Tuesday 1st May, as part of Professor Clyde Hertzman's much anticipated visit to Perth. [Click here](#) for more information and/or to book online.

## **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](#).

## **EmpowerWA workshop: Assisting clients to save money by using less power at home- Thursday 3rd May**

Want to learn tips on how to reduce household energy use? Want to discover which appliances use the most energy and water? What to learn skills that you can pass on to your clients?

If you answered yes to any of these questions then this workshop is for you. The EmpowerWA workshop will teach you about how to save energy around the house while not forgoing comfort. It will help you understand where energy is used and what you can do to reduce your energy use. It will also teach you about carbon pricing and the clean energy package.

The first session will be held on Thursday 3rd May in Mirrabooka. For more information [view the flyer](#), or to register [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](#).

## **Succession Planning: Recruitment and Retention of Board Members – Thursday 17th May (Evening)**

The final workshop in our Just for Boards series of community service board member training and networking events. This session will cover how to recruit and retain board members for effective succession planning. 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](#).

## **Leadership WA Regional Leadership Program: Applications now open for Pilbara and Mid West**

Leadership WA is thrilled to announce that applications are now open for both the Pilbara and Mid West Regional Leadership Programs.

Running from June to December, these Leadership Programs will use an experiential learning approach with an emphasis on personal leadership development and enhancing leadership capacity across the regions.

[Click here](#) to read more.

## **Guide helps to address sexualisation of children**

The Commissioner for Children and Young People, Michelle Scott, has released a guide for the community to help address growing concern about the sexualisation of children.

Sexualisation of Children and its Impact on their Wellbeing – A guide for parents, members of the community, media, advertisers and retailers emphasises that the wellbeing of children and young people is everyone's responsibility.

[Click here](#) to read more.

## **Certificate IV in Relationship Education (CHC42408) Group Facilitation Skills**

In 2011 Relationships Australia commenced delivery of a new nationally recognised qualification in group facilitation skills, the Certificate IV in Relationship Education – Group Facilitation Skills. The next intake for this course is 9 May 2012.

[Click here](#) to read more.

## **20% Discount on Accommodation & Venues at Fairbridge Village, Pinjarra**

20% Discount for ALL WACOSS members when you book a Venue and/or Accommodation at Fairbridge Village, Pinjarra during the months of May, June, July and August 2012.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## **CREATE Foundation 'What's the Plan'**

The CREATE Foundation has been committed to connecting children and young people with experience in care with each other. Empowering them to develop to realise their potential and to maximise the ways in which the care system can change for the better.

It's alarming that recently CREATE uncovered that 68% of young people who should have been developing a leaving care plan either did not have a plan or did not know whether or not they had one. [Click here](#) to read 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 Training Awards 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.

## 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

### 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. [Click here](#) for information on other upcoming Anglicare workshops.

### Bridges out of Poverty - Thursday 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 to 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](#).

## **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.

## **Seminar Invitation: Encouraging Women into Enterprise - Wednesday 2nd May**

Could you be the next female entrepreneur? Do you have a business idea or have always liked the idea of starting your own business?

[Click here](#) to read more.

## **Domestic Violence Rally - Thursday 3rd May**

Join the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services on the steps of Parliament House on the Thursday 3rd May at 12noon for the presenting of a petition in relation to the laying of charges in cases of deaths resulting from domestic and family violence

[Click here](#) for more information on the rally. [Click here](#) to download the petition.

## **Thyroid Presentation - Monday 7th May**

Midland Women's Health Care Place is pleased to host a presentation by the Thyroid WA Support Group Inc. to help increase awareness of thyroid conditions.

Presented by Mr. John Boyd—Thyroid WA Support Group Inc.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## **Preventing Alcohol Related Violence in the Built Environment - Tuesday 8th May**

Do you work for local government? A property developer? Town Planner? Licensed premises? The Injury Control Council of Western Australia (ICCWA) invites you to join in this one-day forum to discuss alcohol related violence around licensed premises. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **Ready To Work Fundraising Cocktail Party Event - Wednesday 30th May**

Ready to Work will be holding an inaugural Cocktail Party at Government House, with Tonya McCusker, wife of West Australian Governor Malcolm McCusker, sharing some of her personal experiences over the last year.

Tonya is a wife, mother, philanthropist and business leader with key administration and board roles for the McCusker Charitable Foundation, Giving West, Lions Eye Institute and the University of Western Australia Hackett Foundation.

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

## **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>

## **Reconciliation Week 2012**

Reconciliation Week will be celebrated across Australia between 27th May and 3rd June 2012.

The Department of Indigenous Affairs (WA) has an advocacy role in promoting mutual respect and understanding between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. As such, we are embarking on a community awareness campaign in the lead up to and throughout Reconciliation Week. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **Western Australian Active Ageing Conference 2012, What's New in Ageing? - Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd June 2012**

**REGISTRATIONS – NOW OPEN! – Registrations limited to 200 ONLY!**

Early bird rates are available until 1st May and there are special discounted delegate rates for individual and organizational members. Can only attend one day? Not a problem see the registration form for more details.

We have had a number of registrations already so make sure you don't miss out by registering NOW!

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

## **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.

## **Professional Development Training Program Relationships Australia**

The following professional training is on offer in May/June 2012.

- Introduction to being a Supervisor Thursday 31st May/Friday 1st June \$330
- Couples & Conflict Friday 8th June \$165
  - A developmental approach Working with Adolescents Thursday 14th & Friday 15th June \$330
- Engaging Jane Friday 22nd June \$165
- Engaging John Friday 29th June \$165

[Click here](#) for more course information

# WASUA Training Calendar

[Click here](#) to download WASUA's 2012 training calendar

# 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.

- [Lifeline WA - Manager Sustainability and Development](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Family Group Home Carers](#)
- [Breast Cancer Care WA- Fundraising Assistant](#)
- [Outcare- Support Staff](#)
- [Neami- Business Development Manager](#)
- [Pilbara Indigenous Womens Aboriginal Corporation- Regional Coordinator](#)
- [WA No Interest Loans Network - Loans Officer](#)
- [UnitingCare West- Senior Case Workers](#)
- [UnitingCare West-Family Care Worker](#)
- [Save The Children Australia- Regional Manager](#)

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

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