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An Overview of WACOSS Policy and Programs on Energy Efficiency

There are a range of programs and policy work on energy efficiency currently being undertaken by WACOSS, [click here](#) to read the summary.

WACOSS CEO to participate in 2012 Vinnies CEO Sleepout

There are more than 100,000 Australians who sleep rough each night of the year. Just under half of these are women; a quarter of these are under the age of 18.

On **Thursday 21 June 2012** the annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout will take place in capital cities across Australia. CEOs and senior business and community leaders are invited to rise to the challenge and experience what it is like to be homeless for one night in winter and help the St Vincent de Paul Society to raise awareness of the real facts of homelessness.

All money raised through the sponsorship of participants goes directly towards the ongoing provision of Vinnies' homeless services across the country.

Our WACOSS CEO, Irina Cattalini, is registered to participate. We invite you to support her fundraising efforts by donating at: <http://www.ceosleepout.org.au/ceos/wa-ceos/profile/?ceo=2058>. [Click here](#) to read more.

WACOSS Conference a Success

WACOSS would like to thank all attendees, sponsors and speakers who contributed to the hugely successful 2012 WACOSS Conference. [Click here](#) to read the WACOSS Conference Update.

WACOSS Media Release: A modest but forward-looking State Budget, Thursday 17th May

"The Western Australian Council of Social Service welcomes today's budget as a modest budget with some important forward-looking initiatives.

"The Council welcomes the \$58.5m investment over 4 years to provide 100 new Child Health Nurses. This important initiative goes two thirds of way to meeting the identified gap of 151 nurses in health services during the crucial early years," said Irina Cattalini, CEO of the Western Australian Council of Social Service today. [Click here](#) to read more.

WACOSS Media Release: WACOSS Welcomes Premier's Promises on Homelessness and Early Years, Thursday 9th May

The Western Australian Council of Social Service has welcomed commitments given by the Premier Colin Barnett at the WACOSS 2012 Community Sector conference to address two of the key asks of its Pre-Budget Submission.

"The Council is pleased to learn that there will be more resources for child health nurses and homelessness services in next week's State Budget," said WACOSS CEO Irina Cattalini today. [Click here](#) to read more.

WACOSS Media Release: A better targeted budget – unless you're a single parent, Wednesday 8th May

"This year's Federal Budget takes a positive and constructive approach to rebalancing tax breaks and supports for our wealthiest citizens and strengthening them for those that need them more," said Irina Cattalini, CEO of WACOSS this evening. "That is, apart from making life much tougher for 100,000 of our poorest single-parent families, who will be left up to \$60 a week worse off," she added. [Click here](#) to read more.

2012 Thinker in Residence programme

WACOSS is a project partner with the Commissioner for Children and Young People for the 2012 Thinker in Residence programme. The residency will examine self-regulation among children and will provide parents, health and other professionals, early childhood educators and teachers with strategies to develop and boost the ability of a child to self-

regulate. The Alliance for Children at Risk is hosting a breakfast for people in the child protection sector on Thursday 7th June 2012. [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.

WACOSS Workshops and Seminars

Funding Reform Program Upcoming workshops Albany, Kalgoorlie, Port Hedland and Perth

Since early April, the WACOSS Funding Reform Program team has been delivering workshops covering the essential information community service organisations need to know when "Surviving and Thriving under the DCSP Policy."

[Click here](#) to find out the upcoming locations and dates and the link to registration page.

EmpowerWA Workshops: Assisting Clients to save money by using less power at home

These [free workshops](#) are a must for anyone who works with clients experiencing financial pressures.

It explains what energy audits involve, so that you can help clients who aren't eligible for a professional home audit, or don't want strangers looking around their home.

Workshops are taking place:

Hamilton Hill – Tuesday 29th May – 10:00am - 11:30am – [Register here](#)

Hamilton Hill – Monday 11th June – 10:00am - 11:30am – [Register here](#)

Mandurah – Thursday 14th June – 1:00pm - 4:00pm – [Register here](#)

Subiaco – Wednesday 27th June – 1:00pm - 4:00pm – [Register here](#)

Joondalup – Dependent on demand – Register interest by emailing training@wacoss.org.au

Free Training for Emergency Relief workers and volunteers

WACOSS is delivering a series of free workshops around the state for emergency relief workers and volunteers.

Workshops are taking place in Perth, Rockingham, Mandurah, Corrigin, Narrogin, Armadale, Northam, Albany, Mount Barker, Esperance, Kalgoorlie, Port Hedland, Broome, Roebourne and Kununurra until June.

Travel subsidies are available.

For all the dates, application forms and information about travel subsidies, please [click here](#).

Managing Media – Thursday 31st May

Have you ever wondered why some organisations or causes seem to get all the coverage – while others never rate a mention?

This practical workshop will provide you with an understanding of how the media operates, what journalists really need and the basics of media relations. It covers all aspects of our changing media landscape, including traditional newspapers and radio and the increasingly powerful new media.

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

How to be a SUPER Supervisor – Tuesday 5th June

This workshop is a solid foundation for any supervisors/manager wanting a suite of practical tools and models to use 'on the fly' and/or within their more formal systems.

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

Regional News & Events

Parent Group at Nintirri Centre, Tom Price- Monday 21st May

Open Forum and Discussion Session with Di New, Child Health Nurse. Come and have a cuppa and morning tea, bring your questions and thoughts along for an open forum and discussion session with her about your children. [Click here](#) for more information.

Sector News

Social Enterprise Fund Grants Closing Soon

A number of workshops will be taking place 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](#).

Peer Capacity Building Grants

The Mental Health Commission is making available non-recurrent grants to support and accelerate the capacity of organisations to deliver high quality, recovery-focused services by encouraging the employment of people with a lived

experience of mental health, or of caring for someone who does, and to promote partnerships that ensure peer work programs are embraced by both the Community Managed and Public Mental Health Services working together. [Click here](#) to read more.

Ethnic Organisations Fund 2012–2015 is Open for Tender

The Ethnic Organisations Fund was initiated in 2009 and aims to support the OMI Strategic Plan 2009-13 and organisations formed specifically to deliver services to culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities.

Ethnic organisations are invited to make an Offer that meets the objectives and priority areas identified within the Request for Service. Offers will be evaluated on the basis of the extent to which the Offer provides value for money to the State Party (Department of Local Government, Office of Multicultural Interests). The funding available for each service is between \$50,000- \$100,000 per annum. The tender closes at 4pm, Thursday 31 May 2012.

Please visit www.tenders.wa.gov.au for the Request for Service information.

Applications close soon for ASI Scholarship Fund

The ASI SMART Company Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to staff working in the Not-For-Profit sector to help with their educational needs. Funding is available for your professional development in the June round. Applications close on Tuesday 12th June 2012. [Click here](#) for more information.

AA Midday group Homeless

AA Perth Midday group, having had a lunch time meeting for the last 15 years, now finds itself at a loss as to where to find a place to meet. [Click here](#) for more information on how you can help.

Eastern Region Mental Health Agencies Directory for 2012

ERMHA is a partnership to improve outcomes for those with mental health issues and their carers, family and friends. This Directory does not represent a recommendation for any agency or individual listed but is provided in the public interest to assist in finding an appropriate service. [Click here](#) to download the Directory.

Reinvent your career with a postgraduate qualification in mental health

Curtin University has recently introduced a new part-time Graduate Certificate in Mental Health, so you can reinvent your career without quitting your day job.

Applications close Friday 29th June 2012. [Click here](#) to find out more.

News from The Smith Family

The Smith Family have produced a new brand campaign to help Australians to become better informed about the effects of disadvantage on children and asking them to sign up to show these kids they care. [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.

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.

Sector Events

Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream - Saturday 19th May

WACOSS staff member Gina Olivieri is delivering another "Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream" symposium on Saturday May 19th at Ruah in West Perth.

The event is a presentation which essentially 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](#). Tickets can be purchased at the door.

National Sorry Day Events WA 2012

The Bringing Them Home Committee (WA) will be hosting two special events for National Sorry Day (Saturday 26th May) this year. A ceremony and free sausage sizzle will be held at Wellington Square from 9 to 10 am and a concert featuring Archie Roach will be held at Winthrop Hall, UWA from 4 – 6.30pm. For further information please [click here](#). The committee is also

seeking sponsorship for the concert in the form of ticket purchases which would enable stolen generations people to attend the event for free. If your organisation can help with sponsorship please contact info2.noongar.wadjalla@gmail.com.

Aboriginal Community Innovation Grants

WA Health is seeking to fund not-for-profit organisations to implement innovative programs that promote Aboriginal health and wellbeing within community settings. Improving the health of Aboriginal people is everyone's business and requires collaboration across the health and non-health sectors. Through the Aboriginal Health Division's new Pilot Innovation Strategy, several Aboriginal Community Innovation Grants valued at up to \$5,000 are available. [Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) to download an application form.

Fairground Youth Sector Conference 2012: Registrations Open

YACWA's Fairground takes place every two years as an opportunity for the youth sector to network and share ideas and common experiences whilst focusing on state-wide issues of importance to young people and the sector.

2012 will be the third Fairground conference following similar events in 2008 and 2010. The conference vision is for a youth sector event that is the most topical, relevant and results-orientated youth conference ever held in Western Australia.

The 2012 conference promises to be a professional, policy-driven event that is inspiring, fun and creative. The keynotes will be informative and gritty, the entertainment unique and the program objective based and functional.

Head to the Fairground website for more information or to register: www.yacwa.org.au/fairground2012

Australia to Host World Congress on Adult Guardianship

Experts in the fields of ageing, disability and guardianship, from across the world, will come together in Melbourne in October this year for the Second World Congress on Adult Guardianship. [Click here](#) to read more.

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.

Community Education Programs For Albany & Denmark - 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.

Grantseeker Workshop Perth - Wednesday 23rd May

Conducted in cities around Australia, Philanthropy Australia's Grantseeker Workshops provide grantseekers with an introduction on how to look for funding from philanthropic sources. The half-day workshops provide an overview of Australian trusts and foundations and the environment in which they operate. Learn how to research potential funding sources, what to include in a submission, what to leave out, how to make your application easy to understand, and what makes foundations different to other funders! [Click here](#) to read more.

Hearing Voices Network Australia: Family and Friends Free Information Evening - Thursday 24th May

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 Richmond Fellowship 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. [Click here](#) for more information.

Working with Depression training for workers Wednesday 30th May

[Click here](#) for training information on working with people with depression. This training is usually available only to Ruah Mental Health workers.

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.

Professional Development Workshops – Anglicare WA

[Click here](#) for more information on the following courses now available at Anglicare WA

- The Skills of Family Dispute Resolution – Ethical Practice Wednesday 30th May 2012
- Working With Children In Domestic Family Violence Tuesday 29th May 2012
- Dangerous Liaisons Thursday 24th May 2012
- Accredited Courses

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
- 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.

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.

Men in Black Ball - Saturday 2nd June

The annual Men in Black Ball attracts over 450 guests each year, bringing people from political, sports, social, business and arts communities around WA together for one cause. A signature event on the Perth social and fundraising calendar, the ball is in support of Men's Advisory Network (MAN). [Click here](#) for more information.

Change the World Your Way – A breakfast with Oxfam Ambassadors the Quad Squad - Monday 11th June

Oxfam WA State Committee would like to welcome members of the community and not-for-profit sectors to join a cross-sector networking breakfast in the theme of social justice and active citizenship , hosted by King & Wood Mallesons on Monday 11th June 2012. Oxfam Ambassadors and Guinness World record holders the Quad Squad present an inspiring key note on their journey through three continents on quad bikes. [Click here](#) to read more.

Opening Closets Workshop - Friday 8th June

GLCS is pleased to provide an Opening Closets workshop on the 8th June. This one day training can help you work more successfully with clients or staff who are diverse in their sexuality, sex or gender. [Click here](#) to download the booking form for more details.

Managing Cultural Diversity in Aged Care - Tuesday 12th June

ILC-Multicultural Aged Care Service supported by ACSWA and ACAA invites Aged Care Service Providers to an interactive Forum on Tuesday 12th June 2012 with International keynote presenter Taruni Falconer.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Richmond Fellowship Asia Pacific Conference on Mental Health

Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th June 2012
Perth, Western Australia

On behalf of the Richmond Fellowship Asia Pacific Forum we invite you to join us at this year's ASPAC conference to be held from the 11th-13th June 2012 in Perth, Western Australia.

RFWA is proud to be holding this milestone event and we are cognisant that it will not only spur discussion around many critical matters, it will provide a space for both international and domestic speakers through a platform designed to engender and promote open and honest debate and discussion. [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!

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.

Community Sector Jobs

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

- [UnitingCare West - Family Group Home Carers](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Records Officer](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Acting Clinical Supervisor](#)
- [MIFWA - Fulltime Coordinator Lorikeet Centre](#)
- [FPWA - Male & Female Aboriginal Educator](#)
- [Outcare - Case Worker, Womens Program](#)

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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