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General WACOSS News

WACOSS's Essential Services Resource page has gone live

WACOSS new Essential Services (Electricity, water, gas and telecommunications) Resources [webpage](#) has gone live. The page is designed to assist community service providers and advocates, with utility issues. By providing helpful tips, current information, access to services and publication guides.

WACOSS hopes this will assist front line workers, and our member organisations to quickly and easily find the information they need to assist their clients with utility issues, concessions, energy safety and tips on reducing energy and water use amongst others.

Additional places now available for our Smart Meter forum: Risks and Benefits for Low Income Households – Thu 16th May

Additional places have become available for our Smart Meter forum. If you have tried

registering in the past and were unsuccessful please try registering again. The forum will explore the risk and benefits that may come from any future roll-out of them. So if you have an interest in learning more about Smart Meters, would like to have their say or are interested in the policy development of Smart Meters we encourage you to take part in this workshop. This workshop will be held at City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi Street, West Perth from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. To register [click here](#).

WACOSS wants to hear your thoughts around advocacy on utilities hardship? Fill in our survey and enter the prize draw

WACOSS have developed a short survey to get your feedback and suggestions on tackling the issues of utility debt, payment plan arrangements and complaint mechanisms in the electricity, gas and water markets. The survey is open to community workers who provide advice or assistance to people with utility issues. Complete the [survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SJVYLT6) (http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SJVYLT6) by 29th May and you will go in the draw to win a \$200 Coles/Myer gift or one of five \$20 Coles/Myer gift cards.

The prize draw will take place on the 30th May 2013 at WACOSS's ER conference, prize winners will be contacted after the draw. [Click here](#) to see the Terms and Conditions

Diary Announcement - Diploma of Business of Front Line Management for Community Service Organisations

WACOSS and MODAL are pleased to announce the new **Diploma of Business of Front Line Management for Community Service Organisations** for 2013-2014. The program, now in its tenth year, has provided hundreds of people responsible for managing or leading teams in the community service sector with the opportunity to further develop their skills and knowledge to be continue on to be successful mangers. With many going on to take on significant leadership roles across the sector.

We will be hosting a short information session covering the Program and the 12 sessions. . The information session will take place on Monday, May 20th at 5:00pm City West Lotteries House 2 Delhi Street West Perth 6005, Conference Room 7.

Please [click here](#) to read more and register your interest.

Anti-Poverty Week 2013

This year, Anti-Poverty Week is running from 13-19 October. WACOSS members, and other organisations interested in the issues of poverty and hardship (both locally or internationally) are encouraged to get involved, and help raise awareness in their local community! [Click here](#) to read more.

The countdown is on to the 2013 ER Conference - DivERsity: People, Places and Services

This year's conference is being held on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th May 2013 at The Salvation Army, Northbridge.

This biennial conference provides a rare opportunity for professional development and training targeted specifically to the hundreds of volunteers and paid staff working across WA that are providing material and financial assistance on daily basis to those most in need in our community. Thanks to the generous support of Lotterywest subsidies are available for registration fees, travel and accommodation for those emergency relief agencies that can demonstrate financial need, especially those services based in regional, rural and remote areas.

WACOSS is also delivering four FREE ER-related training sessions pre and post the conference. This is great opportunity to gain further develop skills and knowledge on areas related to working with aboriginal and CaLD clients, budget counselling and essential ER delivery skills. This has been made possible through funding provided by FaHCSIA.

Please register early as places are limited and we don't want you to miss out. For further information and to register for the conference [click here](#).

New Gas Provider – Ensure that the savings are worth it

The chance to save 10% off gas prices with Kleenheat's Monthly Smart Saver Plan might sound attractive to households on a low income – but there are some critical things you and your clients need to know before considering switching providers. WACOSS has looked at the figures, [click here](#) to see a comparison of the fees, learn some of the risks and understand who might benefit or be worse off from this offer. [Click here](#) to read more.

Analog TV switch-off – what you need to know if your clients are no longer receiving a TV signal.

Perth and surrounding areas TV analog signal was switched off on the 16th of April. The government has advice on what to do if a household no longer has TV reception. There is advice on the technical aspects, assistance available and who is responsible for upgrading the aerial if it needs to be upgraded in various living arrangements such as renting or for properties that share an aerial. [Click here](#) for more information or go directly to Federal government's '[Digital ready](#)' website. [Click here](#) to read more.

Funding Reform Program Newsletter April 2013

Last year we initiated the Funding Reform program newsletter as a way of keeping our sector

services informed on the funding reform program. As many of you will be aware, WACOSS was not successful in the last round of Fostering Partnership Funding. In line with these changes, the free reform workshops, access to expertise and assistance that has been rolled out will slowly change shape and direction. This means that WACOSS will not have a dedicated reform team specifically assigned to work with the sector to address the impact of the government policy changes.

WACOSS is still providing advice and support as organisations need it. Please keep in contact with us, as we love to hear about your feedback and experiences.

To download the newsletter please [click here](#).

Statutory definition of charity

The Australian Government is inviting comment on draft legislation and explanatory material on a statutory definition of a charity. In 2011, the Government released a consultation paper on the definition of a charity to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed statutory definition of a charity.

WACOSS is preparing a submission on the draft legislation and will be inviting input from members through a consultation meeting. Details about the members' consultation will be sent out soon. Members who wish to provide written input are welcome to do so. [Click here](#) to read more.

Free Regional Information Sessions: What does the ACNC mean for my charity?

Broome, Pt Hedland and Kalgoorlie

The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) commenced in December 2012 as the independent national regulator of charities. Come along to a free information session to find out what the new regulator means for your charity. The sessions will cover:

- why the ACNC was set up
- what the benefits are of being an ACNC registered charity
- how to comply with obligations to the ACNC
- how to get more help for your charity
- opportunities to ask questions

The sessions will be presented by the ACNC. Representatives from WACOSS and Add-Ministry will also attend to provide information and support for charities in WA. [Click here](#) for more information.

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2013

- [Finance Fundamentals](#) - Tue 14th May
- [Risk Management from the Boards Perspective](#) - Thu 16th May
- [Smart Meters Workshop: Risks and Benefits for Low Income Households](#) – Thu 16th May
- [Introduction to Advocacy and Campaigning](#) - Mon 20th May
- [Effective Lobbying Skills and Strategies](#) - Tue 21st May
- [Leading and Chairing Board Meetings](#) - Tue 21st May
- [Developing a Risk Management Plan for Your Organisation](#) - Thu 23rd May
- [Monitoring and Evaluating Outcomes](#) – Fri 17th May
- [Emergency Relief Essentials](#) – Mon 27th May – FREE!
- [Educating Clients about Budgeting](#) – Mon 27th May – FREE!
- [Communicating and Connecting with Aboriginal Clients](#) – Wed 29th May – FREE
- [Working with Clients from Culturally & Linguistically Diverse \(CALD\) Backgrounds](#) – Wed 29th May – FREE!
- [Taking the Stress Out of Time Management](#) – Tue 4th June
- [Managing Challenging Behaviours](#) – Wed 5th June – BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
- [Characteristics of High Performing Boards](#) – Thu 6th June - evening
- [Electricity, Water and Gas: Strategies to help your clients stay connected](#) – Fremantle – Thu 13th Ju

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Third Sector's Complete Guide to the ACNC

[Click here](#) to download an introductory guide to the newly established Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

2013 NAIDOC Perth Awards OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

NAIDOC Perth invites you to nominate Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander individuals or organisations who have made a significant contribution to the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community of Perth for a 2013 NAIDOC Perth Award. [Click here](#) to find out more.

2013 NAIDOC PERTH Program of Events Open for Registration

Registrations to be included on the official 2013 NAIDOC Perth Program of Events are NOW open.

Please register through the [online form](#) (under 'Events' - then 'Register an Event').

This Program is only for NAIDOC Events occurring in the Perth metropolitan area. We will

accept events occurring in the week preceding and week after NAIDOC Week (i.e. 30 June – 21 July).

Are you interested in providing accommodation and support services in South Hedland?

'Information sessions – Thursday 30th May in Perth – Friday 31st May in Hedland (to be confirmed)

The Department of Housing will shortly be issuing a request for proposal for organisations to provide accommodation and residential support services targeting Aboriginal apprentices and trainees at a new South Hedland Employment Related Accommodation (ERA) facility.

We are seeking input from interested parties and are holding an information session to gather feedback. Input from the session will be used to make decisions on the nature and structure of the request for proposal. [Click here](#) to read more.

WA Alcohol and Youth Action Coalition: Action on Alcohol Awards open for nominations

The McCusker Centre for Action on Alcohol and Youth is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the Action on Alcohol Awards!

The Action on Alcohol Awards recognise individuals, organisations, and initiatives that have made a significant contribution to reducing harms from alcohol among young people in Western Australia. Information about the award categories and nomination forms are available at www.mcaay.org.au/awards. Entries close 5.00pm Monday 10 June 2013.

Recruiting in The Community Services Sector?

Contact Sentio Recruit today to find out how we can recruit the staff you need. At Sentio we make the hiring process simpler. We have the skills and experience to recruit for you. [Click here](#) to read more.

Grow WA

If you're struggling with your mental health, practical help may be just around the corner. [Click here](#) for more information on Grow. [Click here](#) to download the newsletter.

The Compassionate Friends of WA Inc

The Compassionate Friends of WA is an International non-religious group that provides peer support to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents who have suffered the death of a child, sibling or grandchild. Our mission is to promote a process of healing that fosters

physical, emotional, mental and spiritual well/being. The major service delivered is 36 support group sessions throughout the year. [Click here](#) to read more.

Financial Counselling Volunteers Needed

Uniting Aid is looking for volunteers interested in becoming financial counsellors. They will be running a free financial counselling course for the first four Saturdays in May. Contact Lynn Portman (coordinator of Uniting Aid) on 0433 229810 for more information.

AEDI Local Champions Program

The Department for Education, on behalf of the Western Australian AEDI Committee, is pleased to invite applications to deliver the Western Australian AEDI Local Champions Program, 2013-2014 in Western Australian Communities. Applications are sought from Local Government, associations, organisations, government departments to work directly with communities to assist them in responding to their 2012 AEDI results. [Click here](#) for more information

Infant Mental Health: Competency based training framework project

In March 2013, the MHC in collaboration with The WA branch of The Australian Infant Mental Health association (AAIMHI WA) appointed a project team to research IMH Competency frameworks that focus on building workforce capacity across all types of service delivery. An important part of this process will include identifying current training available and to ascertain the gaps in IMH skill development. This information will be used to inform development of a competency framework that best meets the needs of the WA workforce. [Click here](#) for further information on this project.

Secondary Supply Laws in WA- our childrens wellbeing

[Click here](#) for the petition to the Honourable Terry Waldron for Secondary Supply Laws in WA.

Claisebrook Lotteries House Conference Room

Claisebrook Lotteries House has a Conference Room available for hire for business and community groups. Centrally located in East Perth and in a secure building it is perfect for training, meetings, conferences, seminars and functions. It is fully air conditioned and equipped with an electronic whiteboard, data projector, video conferencing, TV/DVD player and kitchen facilities. Bookings can be made for any day of the week (subject to availability).

For more information please go to [our website](#) or call the Administrator of Claisebrook

Lotteries House on 9221 7282.

2013 Healthier WA Award

The AMA (WA) and Healthway Healthier WA Award is Western Australia's leading public health award, recognising excellence and innovation in primary prevention. An annual \$10,000 prize is awarded to an organisation which demonstrates, through a specific initiative (campaign, project, program, strategy or venture), achievement of a significant reduction in the incidence of disease or injury within the WA community.

Universities, business organisations, schools, non-profit organisations, local government, community groups and sporting groups are amongst those who can nominate eligible ventures, projects or programs for the Award. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Child Pornography & On-line Offenders: How do we keep children safe? Wed 15th May

SPSW is again presenting its highly successful workshop on Child Pornography and On-Line Offenders, this time presented by Kaye Houghton. She is a member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers and the Australia New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, and has attended several international conferences in regard to online offending. [Click here](#) to download the flyer. [Click here](#) to download a registration form.

Secret Squirrel Business - Thu 16th May

To celebrate the success of the book, Secret Squirrel Business (SSB), live hip-hop performances and an anniversary screening of 11 short films, based on the personal accounts of the book's contributors, will take place at the Northbridge Piazza, at 5pm, on Thursday, 16 May. [Click here](#) for more information.

Work Inspiration WA Launch - Mon 20th May

The Work Inspiration framework was developed in the UK and is embedded into companies like British Telecom as their primary workforce development program for young people. The National Partnership Broker Network is introducing the Work Inspiration framework to Australia. So far we have run pilots in every state including McDonalds in Queensland and Tasmania, Woolworths in South Australia and in WA with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. A video of the McDonalds pilot is available [here](#). [Click here](#) for the invite to the WA Launch of Work Inspiration.

Talking up our Strengths - Linkwest / CLAN WA State

Conference 2013

The three day joint conference will feature guest speakers, workshops and training in the areas of Community Engagement & Innovation, Skills and Practice to Better Support Parents, Practical Skills for Running a Not-for-profit Organisation, and Adding Value Through Partnerships. [Click here](#) for more information.

Women's Retreat - perfect for women working in the NFP sector - Fri 17th-Sun 19th May

Reconnect with your own voice Retreat, Reflect, Relax...

Facilitated by 3 women who know the pressures of working in the NFP sector. You have a busy life, demanding job, look after others but also know how important it is to look after yourself. Come and join us for a nurturing weekend where we support you balance your inner needs with the external demands on your life. For further information contact Anne Courtney, annecourtney@iinet.net.au or 9227 5746. [Click here](#) to download the flyer. [Click here](#) to download the registration form.

Women's work? Who cares? Options for economic, workplace and social reform - Wed 22nd May

In an exclusive seminar, Elizabeth Broderick, Australia's Sex Discrimination Commissioner presents the latest research about women, work, the economic impacts of unpaid caring responsibilities and options for economic, workplace and social reform. [Click here](#) for more information.

Finding a Place 5th Six Monthly Forum - Thu 30th May

[Click here](#) for more information on the Next Public Housing Forum to be held on Thursday 30th May. While RSVPs are not essential, it would be appreciated if you could indicate if you and or colleagues are attending by Monday 27th May through our email seu@eoc.wa.gov.au

Safe from the Start Free Training in Port Hedland - Tue 4th June

Safe from the Start is an award winning project that aims to educate and improve awareness of the effects of family violence on young children. The project was developed in partnership with two universities and is a positive, early intervention model. Free training manuals, DVD, brochures and posters will be provided at the training. The training program is interactive and demonstrates how to use the SFTS resource tool kit. [Click here](#) for more information.

Using evidence and best practice to improve wellbeing -

Thu 6th June

Basing programs, policies and services on the latest evidence and proven best practice is vital if we are to strengthen WA children and young people's wellbeing.

This seminar will focus on how two reports produced by the Commissioner can be used as a tool to develop more effective and targeted programs and services for children, young people and their families. [Click here](#) for find out more.

Carers Future Planning Session - Thu 6th June

Are you a carer looking after a loved one with disability or chronic illness (including mental illness) or who is frail? With someone depending on you, it's especially important that you put in place plans for the future. Join us on Thursday 6 June 2013 from 10am in Victoria Park, to learn about what you can do to plan for the future. [Click here](#) to read more.

Consensus Decision Making Workshop - Sun 9th June

An exploration of collaborative decision making for people from all levels of experience. All welcome: including absolute beginners, experienced folk wanting to brush up their skills and old hands ready to dive deeper! [Click here](#) to book.

Men's Mind Matters - Mon 10th June

A free forum for all men, their families and professionals to talk about the link between men's well-being and substance use. The Keynote Speaker will be Heath Black. [Click here](#) for more information.

Professional Development Training Relationships Australia

The following Professional Training is available in April/May/June 2013 at 15 Cambridge Street, West Leederville. Ring 9489 6322 to enrol.

- Parenting Between Cultures Tue 21st May
- Accidental Counsellor Tue 4th June
- Communicate Effectively in the Workplace Mon 17th & 24th June

[Click here](#) for complete course information.

Anglicare WA professional development workshops,

accredited courses and customised training

Anglicare WA delivers events, professional development workshops and customised training for human services organisations across WA.

Special event:

- Considering The 'Best Interests Of The Child' Through A Developmental Lens (23 May 2013)

Professional development workshops:

- Worker Safety for Home Visits (15 May 2013)
- Supervision Training (6 days: 5-6 June, 3-4 July, 7-8 August 2013)
- Assessment and Intervention of Perpetrators of Domestic Violence (11-12 June 2013)
- Case Management Tools for Community Workers (18 Jun 2013)
- Elder Abuse (19 Jun 2013)
- Facilitation Skills (20 Jun 2013)

Please [click here](#) for more details, or contact us on rto@anglicarewa.org.au if you have any questions.

Inaugural WA Parenting Support Sector Conference – Wednesday 15th May 2013 to Friday 17th May 2013

Join Linkwest and CLAN WA for an inspirational gathering that focuses on resilience in times of change. Titled "Talking Up Our Strengths", this will be held at the Tradewinds Hotel, Fremantle from Wednesday 15th May to Friday 17th May 2013. The three day gathering will feature guest speakers, workshops and training in the areas of Community Engagement & Innovation, Skills and Practice to Better Support Parents, Practical Skills for Running a Not-for-profit organisation, and Adding Value Through Partnerships. [Click here](#) to read more.

WA Active Ageing Conference 2013

The 3rd annual WA Active Ageing Conference 2013 will be held on Wed 5th and Thur 6th June at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle. For further details about the conference visit <http://www.cotawa.org.au/conferences/waaac2013/>

Save the Date: Partnership Forum Event - Fri 28th Jun

This full day event, which is open to all, will provide an opportunity to reflect on the work of the Forum to date and creatively explore future partnership possibilities.

Contact: Mhairi Cowden, 08 6552 6918, mhairi.cowden@dpc.wa.gov.au

[Opportunities at WACOSS](#)

Executive Officer - Reconciliation WA

To view the vacancies and to apply please [click here](#)

[Community Sector Jobs Board](#)

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

- [Anglicare - Administration Officer](#) - Closes Friday
- [Anglicare - Bereavement Counsellor](#)
- [Unitingcare West - Team Leader](#)
- [Unitingcare West - Family Drug & Alcohol Worker](#)
- [WOMEN'S Healthworks - Body Esteem Program Group Facilitators](#)
- [Unitingcare West - Manager Supported Accommodation Services](#)

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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