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General WACOSS News

2014 WACOSS Conference 5th-7th May 2014

Call for Abstracts - Deadline extended to 25th November 2013

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to participate in the WACOSS 2014 Conference "*The Difference We Make*".

WACOSS is currently accepting abstracts for consideration by the conference committee to present at the Conference or Sector Collaboration Day. [Read More...](#)

WACOSS Conference 2014: Sponsorship opportunities now open

As a WACOSS Conference Sponsor you will have the opportunity to be a key part of this cornerstone event for community services, playing an essential role in building capacity of not for profit organisations working in the community sector, and strengthening collaboration across government, corporate and community sectors. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Welcome new ACOSS President – Francis Lynch

The Council welcomes the appointment of outgoing WACOSS President, Francis Lynch (CEO of Ruah Community Services) to the role of President of the Australian Council of Social Services.

The Council thanks Francis for the important roles he played on the WACOSS Board over six years as a member, vice-President and President. We wish him all the best for his new role with ACOSS during this important period of transition as ACOSS builds relationships with a new Federal government and continues to advocate for the interests of vulnerable and disadvantaged Australians and the wider community.

New Management Support Online (MSO) Government Funding resources

WACOSS Management Support Online (MSO) have launched several new resources that have been designed to help write funding proposals, respond to tenders (ROI's) and expressions of interest (EOI's) and to be well prepared for government funding opportunities. In an environment of considerable reform, at state and national levels, resources such as these can assist to pave the way to success. [Read more...](#)

Foundations in Governance - Mon 25th Nov

The next Foundations in Governance course will be held on Monday 25th November 2013 from 4.30pm – 7.30pm in West Perth. The training provides an overview of the legal obligations and core activities of boards and management committees with a particular focus on Incorporated Associations and governance standards. This training is an excellent course for those new and experienced Board members, senior staff and those considering being on a Board. For more information [click here](#).

Challenging Government Decisions for Advocacy – An Overview of the Principles of Administrative Law – Tue 26th Nov

This short seminar in West Perth will assist community service organisations to assist many aggrieved clients by demystifying Administrative Law, which governs Government decision making. Understanding key concepts, principles and processes of Administrative Law can help empower negotiations and identify the most appropriate process to pursue or redress unfair government decisions. [Click here](#) for more information or to register.

Introduction to Mindful Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) –

Mon 2nd Nov

The way we respond to stressors makes a significant difference in our own lives, and to the lives of those close to us. Mindful Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) examines how to approach and respond to stress using the technique of mindfulness. WACOSS' next MBSR course will be held on Monday 2nd December 2013 from 9:30am – 4:30pm in East Perth. For more information [click here](#).

Not-for-profit governance study

The Directors Social Impact Study is Australia's largest study examining governance of the NFP sector and the contribution made by its directors. Read the full report [here](#).

WACOSS offers a wide range of [governance and financial courses](#) developed and tailored for the not for profit sector.

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2013

- [Putting Collective Impact to Work](#) - Fri 22nd Nov
- [Foundations in Governance](#) – Mon 25th Nov
- [SEMINAR: Challenging Government Decisions \(Administrative Law\)](#) – Tues 26th Nov
- [Managing Challenging Behaviours](#) – Wed 27th Nov
- [Engaging in the On-Line Environment \(Social Media\)](#) – Thu 12th Dec
- [Leading Teams](#) – Wed 18th Dec

Reconciliation WA

Reconciliation WA Sharing and Planning Forum – Wed 27th Nov

Reconciliation WA is holding a Sharing and Planning Forum on the 27th November at City Farm in East Perth from 8:45am-1:00pm. The event will bring together individuals from the corporate, government and not for profit sectors as well as a range of individuals from the community to explore Reconciliation in the WA community. A catered lunch will be provided after the session. Please RSVP to admin@reconciliationwa.org.au by the 22nd November. To see the invitation [click here](#).

Sector News

Essential road crash support service delivers comfort and hope

The Injury Control Council of WA now offer information, peer support and specialised trauma counselling for those families affected by road trauma within Western Australia.

Services are free and available to those involved and/or injured, the bereaved; their families, carers and friends, those who may have caused a trauma, witnesses and emergency service personnel.

Information & support can be accessed in person, via telephone or Skype, or online, call 9420 7262 or 1300 004 814 or visit www.rtswa.org.au.

Give a 'Good' Gift This Christmas

The Good Gift Shop returns this year to encourage and enable Australians to give 'good gifts' this Christmas.

As well as being a good gift for the receiver, gift ideas from the Good Gift Shop go that one step further – sourced from social enterprises from around the country, gifts at the Good Gift Shop are good for individuals and communities in need too. With Australians set to spend \$25 billion this Christmas, the collective power of purchasing can make a true social change. A gift item from a social enterprise is truly a good gift! www.Goodgift.org.au

Media Release: Catholic Health Care Unites in Western Australia

MercyCare and St John of God Health Care today announced that they have agreed to the transfer of ownership of Mercy Hospital to St John of God Health Care, so securing the future of the Hospital. This **transfer is subject to securing the necessary approvals from the Catholic Church and other regulatory bodies**. The Hospital will continue to operate as normal during the approval process. [Read more...](#)

New Service for Families - The Family Foundation Service

UnitingCare West has just opened a brand new service for families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Centrally located, the Family Foundations Service provides the much needed basic support to families from the inner city area and a range of surrounding suburbs .A drop in service where families can have dinner together, have a warm shower, wash their clothes. To speak to someone in regards to this matter please phone 9220-1268. For more information about this service please [click here](#).

Prevention and Safety Security (PASS) program

The *angelhands* Prevention and Safety Security (PASS) program, provides men, women and children who have recently experienced violence and are at high risk of further violence with a way to improve their safety in the home. The program funds the purchase and installation of security devices such as; locks, alarm systems and motion sensor lights.

angelhands together with the Strategic Crime Prevention Division of WA Police aims to improve people's safety and capacity to avoid situations or relationships characterised by violence.

Men, women and children residing in the South East Metropolitan area of Perth are eligible to apply. **angelhands** can be contacted on 08 9272 2242 or admin@angelhands.org.au

National Youth Week Grants Program 2014

The Department of Local Government and Communities is currently seeking applications for the National Youth Week Grants Program 2014.

Funding of up to \$1,000 will be available for organisations to host an event during National Youth Week 2014 (4 - 13 April 2014).

[Click here](#) to view the guidelines and [click here](#) to download the application form.

Your Community, Your Say, Your Pride

Pride WA Inc. is about building community for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex, queer and other same sex and attracted and gender diverse people living in Western Australia. We have been doing this for 24 years. Pride WA has decided it's time to paint a future vision and want to know what the Pride Community has to say about community in general and Pride in particular.

Find out more and join the conversation at pridewa.com.au/sr2013.

Christmas Lunch in the Park

Mission Australia is this year celebrating the 38th annual Christmas Lunch in the Park. On Christmas Day, 2000 people from all walks of life will celebrate the spirit of Christmas at Wellington Square Park in East Perth.

Others less fortunate than ourselves will be welcome to enjoy a Christmas meal, some entertainment, and most importantly, companionship. But we can't do it without your help. Your support will ensure that those in need get a Christmas they will never forget. [Click here](#) to read more.

2014 Advisory Committees

The Commissioner for Children and Young People, Michelle Scott is seeking Expressions of Interest from existing groups of children and young people to be her 2014 Advisory Committees.

Advisory committees play an important role in helping the Commissioner's work to be informed by the views of children and young people.

Further information about advisory committees and the EOI process is available on

the [Commissioner's website](#).

Sector Events

23rd Annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March - Fri 22nd Nov

The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) invites all community members to attend the 23rd Annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March to honour all those who have lost their lives as a result of domestic & family violence. [Click here](#) for more information.

City of Stirling Parenting Information Forum - Sat 23rd Nov

The City of Stirling's Parenting Information Forum is taking place this Saturday, 23 November at Edith Cowan University, Mt Lawley, and there are still a number of positions available. The Forum has been broken up into the three age categories. The Early Years (from 9am – 11am); the Middle Years (from 11am – 2.30pm) and Adolescents (from 2.30pm – 5pm). There are some fantastic experts coming to speak about various parenting topics, including the well-known Maggie Dent, who will be speaking about building resilience in children. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer and register for the event. To view the agenda please [click here](#).

The Perils of Pauline (and Paul) Elder Abuse in Our Times- Issues and Answers - Fri 29th Nov

Want to know about what is Elder abuse, know what to do when you suspect that an elder person has been harmed, exploited or neglected or appreciate how to manage the issues of confidentiality in such situations or need to understand what legislation and agencies exist (or don't exist) to help protect elders from harm or significant risk of harm. If any of these issues arise in your workplace than this workshop is for you. [Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) to download the registration form.

Building Community Support for Affordable Housing - Wed 4th Dec

Shelter WA will be holding a forum on 4 December 2013 on Building Community Support for Affordable Housing from 9:30am-12:00pm at the City of Vincent Function Room. Guest speakers include Tania Loosley-Smith, Department of Housing, Kathleen Gregory, Foundation Housing, Kieran Wong, CODA Studio, and Philip St. John, City of Fremantle. There is no cost to attend. RSVP to research@shelterwa.org.au or 9325 6669 by **27 November 2013**. [Click here](#) to download the flyer.

Memorial Event for those bereaved through suicide - Sun 8th Dec

ARBOR is holding a memorial event for those bereaved by suicide. Please join them from 9am to remember those who we have lost, and treasure our memories together. For more information [click here](#).

2013 Human Rights Day Lecture - Tue 10th Dec

It is with pleasure that the Equal Opportunity Commission invites you to join us at the 2013 Human Rights Day lecture, on Tuesday 10 December, with our special guest The Hon. Fred Chaney AO, who will address the issue of Reconciliation: how far have we come? Please [click here](#) to view the website and register for the event.

Relationships Australia Professional and Workplace Training

Relationships Australia have a great selection of Professional and Workplace Training available between November - December 2013. [Click here](#) for full details.

Anglicare WA professional development workshops and customised training

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

Upcoming professional development workshops:

- Introduction to Family and Domestic Violence (27 Nov 2013, Albany)
- Facilitation Skills (3 Dec 2013, East Perth)
- Case Management Tools for Community Workers (5 Dec 2013, East Perth)

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

Youth Legal Service presents a two day training program for those working with young people.

The program covers Police Powers, Alcohol and Drug Laws, Public Space Laws, common youth legal issues and helping young people who are the victims of crime.

Date: 5 & 6 December 2013

Venue: Seasons of Perth, 37 Pier St Perth

Times: 9-00pm to 4-00pm daily

Costs: \$250 NFP Agency or \$275 for Govt Agency

Includes tea, coffee, light lunch, consumables and resource materials. [Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) to download a registration form. For more information contact Sharon on 92021688 or Sharon@youthlegalserviceinc.com.au.

Group Facilitation Skills – commencing February 2014

This qualification is aimed at anyone considering or already involved in the delivery of groups work in general and psycho-education groups in particular. The course is delivered over a 7 month period, involves 20 days attendance, is highly practical and provides successful students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to facilitate groups. [Click here](#) to read more.

[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.

- [Community First - Peer Mental Health Recovery Worker \(Albany\)](#)
- [Uniting Aid - Administration Officer \(Part time\)](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Support Facilitators](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Refuge Support Workers](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Youth Training Officer](#)
- [Rise - Manager Supported Accomodation](#)

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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