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General WACOSS News

Dr Stuart Shanker Visit February 2014 - Information and Website now available

WACOSS is pleased to announce that the information for Dr Shanker and his colleague, Mike McKay, the Director of the Canadian Self-Regulation Initiative is now available at www.wacoss.org.au/Shanker2014. Dr Stuart Shanker and Mike McKay will be in Perth from Mon 3rd Feb - Thu 13th Feb. Information about Seminars, Introductory, Advanced and Practice Leader Master Classes are now available. For more information about the various events please [click here](#). Please note that in order to attend the Advanced and Practice Leader Master Classes an Expression of interest form must be completed as soon as possible. Please contact carla@wacoss.org.au for further information or assistance with registrations.

Main Events

- [Raising Children & Self-Regulation: An information Session for Parents](#) – Thu 6th Feb
- [Today's Professionals: Learning the Basics of Self-Regulation for Children & Families](#) - Tue 11th Feb

- [Introductory Master Classes](#)
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Youth Sectors Leaders Breakfast with International Expert Mike McKay - Wed 12th Feb

YACWA and WACOSS invite you to join us at our first Youth Sector Leaders Breakfast for 2014. With International expert Mike McKay this will give attendees a chance to explore strategies to ensure every young person is given the best opportunity they can to succeed in the education system. Mike McKay will share his learning from his career spanning over 35 years. Please [click here](#) to find out more information and register for the event.

Facilitating Regional Participation in the Self-Regulation Initiative

Our Application to the Regional Community Child Care Development Fund- Strategic Grant has been successful in providing assistance to our regional members. This has been funded by Royalties for Regions and administered by the Department for Local Government and Communities, to facilitate the participation of early childhood educators in the program of Perth based events associated with the work of Dr Stuart Shanker and Mike McKay around self-regulation. For more information about how you can receive assistance please [click here](#).

Civil society forum with Peter Shergold - Tue 25th Feb

In the lead up to the C20 Summit in June, ACOSS is hosting a forum to discuss the role and contribution of civil society institutions. The forum on 25 February from 2-5pm (followed by networking drinks) will include a keynote address from Dr. Peter Shergold and facilitated discussion. [Click here](#) for more information.

WACOSS CEO Nominated for 40under40

WACOSS President Steve Joske CSC is pleased to announce that WACOSS CEO, Irina Cattalini has been acknowledged for her hard work in the sector with a nomination for the Business News' 40under40 award.

The Council is proud to see Irina recognised through these awards. We ask that you show your support by voting in the People's choice Award which will help profile the invaluable contribution of the community services sector.

Voting is now open so please cast your [vote here!](#)

Available Office Space – Oxford Close, West Leederville

WACOSS has approximately 250sq metres of office space available at its second premises at 27 Oxford Close, West Leederville. There are a couple of options or scenarios that can be considered IT wise, either a fully supported setup via the WACOSS structure or bring your own IT structure. The office is centrally located, close to the West Leederville and West Perth train stations and shops.

Please feel free to contact Steve Crotty on 94207222 or steve@wacoss.org.au with any enquiries.

The Difference We Make: Our roles, our relationships, our future.

2014 WACOSS Conference 5th-7th May 2014

Registrations open 27th January 2014

WACOSS will be announcing its line-up of national and international speakers shortly. [Click here](#) to find out more.

WACOSS Training Calendar for Semester 1 2014 has been finalised

The WACOSS Training Calendar for Semester 1 2014 has been finalised with fantastic community sector half day, full day and evening course as well as webinars, seminars and briefings. Printed calendars will be mailed to member organisation, with course information and registration [accessible online](#). Interested in training? It's a great time to [become a member](#) with up to 50% off WACOSS events for members only.

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2014

- [Introduction to Collaboration & Collective Impact for Social Change](#) - Tue 18th Feb
- [Managing Staff Performance](#) - Wed 19th Feb
- [Effective Grant Writing](#) - Thu 20th Feb
- [Creating Strategic Directions for Your Organisation in Complex Times](#) - Tue 25th Feb
- [Foundations in Governance - Essential Board Induction 1](#) - Wed 26th Feb (webinar)
- [Introduction to Working in Community Services](#) - Fri 28th Feb
- [Understanding Hardship & Poverty](#) - Fri 28th Feb
- [Principles in Project Management](#) - Wed 5th & Thu 6th Mar
- [Tips for Winning Tenders](#) - Mon 10th Mar
- [Writing Persuasive Tenders](#) - Mon 10th Mar

- [Creating a Common Agenda & Partnerships between Agencies](#) - Tue 11th Mar
- [Managing Challenging Behaviours](#) - Wed 12th Mar
- [Marketing in a Consumer Driven Environment](#) - Thu 13th Mar
- [Lobbying for Maximum Effect](#) - Tue 18th Mar
- [Introduction to Accounting Practices](#) - Wed 19th Mar
- [Financial Management in the Community Services Sector](#)- Wed 19th Mar
- [Introduction to Management Support On-line \(MSO\)](#) - Tue 20th Mar (webinar)
- [Meetings with Ministers - Making the Most of Them](#) - Tue 25th Mar
- [Interpreting Financial Reports - Essential Board Induction 2](#) - Wed 26th Mar
- [Event Management Made Easy](#) - Thu 27th Mar

Sector News

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse releases 2014 schedule

Two case study timeslots have been allocated for WA in late April and during May. The case studies focus on a particular organisation; and in addition there is an opportunity for both public and private hearings. The Royal Commission is also planning to conduct a series of Roundtable Discussions on key issues identified through its work. Roundtable Discussions will be open to interested parties and live-streamed where possible. This schedule is subject to change but you can always view the most up to date version at <http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/our-work/schedule-of-activity>

Consumer Protection fact sheet, Boarders and lodgers - Information

The Consumer Protection fact sheet, Boarders and lodgers, has been revised [here](#). Significant changes to the Residential Tenancies Act 1987 (the RTA) took effect from July of 2013. Although boarders and lodgers are not (yet) covered by the RTA, sub-tenants are. You can find information about determining the difference in this fact sheet and on the following updated webpage by [clicking here](#). For more information about tenancy in WA, call the Consumer Protection Advice Line on 1300 30 40 54 or visit www.commerce.wa.gov.au/renting.

Senate Inquiry into Affordable Housing

On 12 December 2013, the Senate referred an inquiry into affordable housing to the Senate Economics References Committee for inquiry and report. Submissions should be received by 25 March 2014. The reporting date is 26 June 2014. Please [click here](#) to view the Terms of Reference.

Harmony Champions Program 2014

The Harmony Champions Program is an opportunity for associations and organisations that represent or provide services to WA's culturally and linguistically diverse communities to acknowledge the hard work and achievements of people who provide voluntary support to the organisation. [Click here](#) for more information.

2014 WA Social Worker of the Year Awards

Nominations for the 2014 Social Worker of the Year Awards were officially launched late in 2013 with a celebratory event for professionals, associates and affiliates of the social work industry. [Click here](#) for more information.

Nominations are now open for the HESTA Community Sector Awards

HESTA are searching for outstanding contributors to the community sector. Help them to find and reward them. Make a nomination by 31 March 2014 at communitysectorawards.com.au

10 stories of single mothers

The 10 Stories of Single Mothers project is a collaboration between a number of groups, united by a shared concern about the impact the reduced level of government support is having on single mothers and their children.

Child Poverty is a national issue robbing children of their childhood and Australia of their talents and skills. Join the call to end child poverty, starting with Newstart. Visit the website and hit Take Action, a direct email to the Minister for Social Services. www.10storiesofsinglemothers.org.au

Join 'PerthVFree' online and enjoy a safe Summer

In WA during the last 12 months there were 14,398 reported domestic and 11,553 non-domestic assaults. ICCWA and WA Police are working together to create '[Perth's Violence Free Summer](#)'. Get involved on social media and help spread the message of Perth's Violence Free Summer on [Facebook](#); [Twitter](#) #perthVfree; or [Instagram](#) "There's no violence here....." #perthVfree. To find out more [click here](#).

Academic honoured with 'Champion for Seniors' award

Professor Gill Lewin from Curtin University's Centre for Research on Ageing has been

awarded the 2013 Council on the Ageing (COTA) Western Australia Champion for Seniors Award for her research into the benefits of a restorative approach in home care. Please [click here](#) to view more about her achievement. [Click here](#) to view more information about the research.

Churchill Fellowship applications open

Applications are now open for the 2014 Churchill Fellowships. The Fellowships provide an opportunity for Australians to travel overseas to conduct research in their chosen field that is not readily available in Australia through supported aimed to reward proven achievement of talented and deserving Australians with further opportunity in their pursuit of excellence for the enrichment of Australian society. [Read more...](#)

Time extension for charities to submit their Annual Information Statements to ACNC – 31st Mar 2014

The Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) has announced a time extension for charities to submit their Annual Information Statements. For charities with a 1st July to 30th June financial reporting period, the date for submission of the 2013 Annual Information Statement has been extended up until 31st March 2014. [Click here](#) for more information, to check if your charity is affected by the conclusion of transitional arrangements on 2nd December and to read about the ACNC's new educational videos.

Sector Events

CLAN WA Calendar Term 1 February To April 2014 - Parenting & Mental Health & Wellbeing Workshops

CLAN WA offer support to parents who are looking for support in parenting, relationships, reducing isolation or the impact of mental illness.

We provide a range of workshop topics around communication, child development, consequences of behaviour, boundaries, self-esteem building, resilience and mental health and well being for families with children 0 - 18 years. [Click here](#) to download the calendar.

Curtin University Health Promotion Planning, Implementing and Evaluating Short Course February 3rd - 6th 2014

This four day course will provide you with an understanding of the role and importance of health promotion and the broader concept of health within a community and national setting. You will be led through an engaging program using discussion, lectures and group work. This course is ideal if you wish to build health promotion skills and knowledge quickly in a

stimulating environment and is suitable for those already working in the health sector, those wanting to move into this area and those wanting to incorporate health promotion principles into their roles, such as nurses or teachers. [Click here](#) for more information.

Cultural Competency for the Health Sector - Fri 14th Feb

With increasing cultural diversity in WA's population developing cultural competency skills is of value to providers and patients. [Click here](#) for further information.

'Embracing Change' Building on a Strong Foundation Conference - Mon 24th Feb

At a time of change of government, social policy, community needs and our regions population, the demand for essential community services continue to grow. Embracing Change is a one day conference, hosted by the Peel Community Development Group on the 24th February at Fairbridge Village. It will provide an excellent learning and networking opportunity for all community sector practitioners, NFP organisations, government agencies and volunteers. With presentations by Carmen Lawrence, Moira Rayner and Peter Kenyon. For further information please go to www.pcdg.org.au

Collective Impact 2014: Convene, Immerse, Learn - Tue 25th - Wed 26th Feb

Collective Impact 2014, to take place on 25-26 February, will be Australia's first-ever Collective Impact convening to engage international thought leaders, local experts and collaborators from business, government, not-for-profit and philanthropy sectors. [Read more...](#)

Partnership Forum Directions 2014-15 – Community Event

Save the Date - Thu 27th Feb

The Partnership Forum is seeking community input on its 2014-15 strategic plan.

Feedback from attendees of the community event, Partnership: Past, Present and Future, held at the Rise in Maylands on 28 June 2013 has informed the Forum's discussion on its next strategic plan. Members have reviewed and refreshed the Principles and Behaviours of the Partnership Forum, as well as reaching agreement on shared strategic priorities for the next two years.

The input of the community will be vital in finalising this strategic plan and developing an accompanying work plan. The draft strategic plan, Partnership Forum – Directions 2014-15, will be launched at a community event on 27 February 2014.

The Partnership Forum would like to invite members of the community sector, including those who contributed to the June event, to come along to discuss the priorities in the plan as well as help identify actions that align with the key priorities.

Further details on the event will follow soon, but in the meantime, please save the date, Thursday 27 February 2014.

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.

Are you Simply Busting? - Wed 5th March

Join the Continence Advisory Service for a free, fun and enjoyable afternoon to find out how to prevent and help manage bladder and bowel health problems.

The session is an opportunity to learn about healthy bladder and bowel habits in a friendly environment and is supported by the City of Subiaco. [Click here](#) for more information.

Clinical Supervision Training – The Art of Clinical Supervision (ACS)

WA Health is pleased to announce the Art of Clinical Supervision (ACS); a professional development program for health services looking to build clinical placement capacity and quality. [Click here](#) for more information

WACOSS Employment Opportunities

The Western Australian Council of Social Service Inc (WACOSS) is the peak council of community service organisations and individuals in Western Australia.

We are currently recruiting for the following two positions.

- Strategy Advisor – Housing & Homelessness

[Click here](#) for more information.

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.

- [Geraldton Regional Community Education Centre - Co-ordinator Child and Parent Centre](#)
- [UnitingCare West - People Services Max Term Payroll Officer](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Senior Case Worker](#)
- [Hope Community Services - Day Program Worker \(Geraldton\)](#)
- [Hope Community Services - Residential Support Workers \(Casual and Part time positions\)](#)
- [Hope Community Services - Manager, Metropolitan Services](#)
- [Ngala - Manager Services and Education](#)
- [Women's Health and Family Services - Partners in Recovery \(PIR\) Support Facilitator](#)
- [UnitingCare West - People Services Advisor, Volunteer Engagement](#)

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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