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General WACOSS News

So many opportunities for you to get involved in the WACOSS Conference – 5th-7th May

There are plenty of opportunities to take part in the WACOSS conference either as a guest to listen to the amazing [Key Note Speakers](#), in a [conference booth](#) exhibiting your organisation products/services or take part in the free [Networking day](#) or [Gala Ceremony and Dinner](#). See the [conference program](#) or explore the [Conference website](#) for details on all these opportunities!

Have you Dropped IN?

DropIN <http://dropin.org.au/> will be launched at the [WACOSS conference](#) on the 5th May. Watch this space.

Submit Lotterywest grants for the Community Sector

Management Course as soon as possible!

WACOSS' Diploma of Management course, run in partnership with leading management training provider MODAL commences September 2014. Applicants may be eligible for a grant via Lotterywest to assist with partial course fees, travel and staff relief up to 75% of the course costs. Lotterywest grant applications will need to be submitted early. Please contact Lotterywest to make enquires as to your organisations eligibility via Lee Grmas on 9340 5280. This application process is separate to the application for a place on the course. For more information [click here](#).

A FREE Training Course only for workers and volunteers of Emergency Relief (ER) Services – Tue 15th Apr

Don't miss out on this free opportunity to develop your Emergency Relief knowledge. This is an essential course if you work or volunteer in an Emergency Relief (ER) service, or would like to know more about ER services and the skills involved. This course is an excellent introduction to the ER sector and is also a great opportunity for those with experience in ER, to refresh their skills and build on their confidence in providing ER assistance. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Last chance - Leveraging your Assets for Greater Outcomes - Thu 8th May

WACOSS together with Foresters Community Finance presents Leveraging your Assets for Greater Outcomes. Let's explore the hidden value in your organisation, unlock your assets and identify ways to leverage them to further deliver on your organisation's mission and to enhance resilience and sustainability. This interactive workshop will explore how your organisation can identify all its assets, determine what is underutilised, and importantly, how to build on those existing assets to meet the challenges and deliver extraordinary outcomes. For more information or to register [click here](#).

WACOSS Introduces...The Give Grid Free training workshop – Fri 8th May

The Give Grid is a live source of energy saving ideas by and for the community sector. WACOSS is teaming up with the Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) to offer something very special to community organisations in WA. ACOSS are launching a national project in May, called The Give Grid, but we are giving you a special preview and opportunity to take part in the first Free Training Workshop being offered in Perth, straight after the WACOSS conference. For more information [click here](#).

Financial Assistance to Attend WACOSS 2014 Conference

Thanks to the generous support of Lotterywest we are able to offer subsidies to individuals and organisations who may not be able to meet the full cost of registration. Subsidies are also available for travel and accommodation to individuals and organisations in regional, rural and remote areas and we strongly encourage those individuals and organisations to consider attending the conference. For more information visit the [website](#) or click here.

Calling all community-based talent!

The 2014 Community Services Excellence Awards ceremony will be held on the evening of Tuesday 6 May at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre and we are seeking community-based performers to showcase during the gala dinner and awards ceremony. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to be on the big stage at this prestigious community event. To register your interest please email details of your group or act to csea@wacoss.org.au. or call Sinead on 9420 7222

Member's Input Required: Equal Opportunity Commission Review

The Public Sector Commission will be completing a review of organisations under the Equal Opportunity Act 1984. WACOSS will be making a submission to the Public Sector Commission and are encouraging members to provide input to the submission. For more information to submit your input please contact Helen Creed on 9420 7222 or email helen@wacoss.org.au.

Would you like to connect with other emergency relief organisations?

The WACOSS Emergency Relief (ER) Forum is held on the first Wednesday of every month and has been running for over ten years in its present form. The Forum is an information sharing, network event and guest speakers are regularly invited to attend. All those working with or in emergency relief, financial counselling or other associated services, are welcome to attend. [Click here](#) to read more.

ACOSS National Conference 2014 - Wed 11th - Thu 12th Jun

Global problems, local solutions: Tackling inequality in Australia and beyond

The ACOSS National Conference connects people in the community sector and related industries to spark a conversation and promote action to address poverty and inequality in

Australia. [Read more...](#)

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. 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.

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2014

- [Writing Great Reports](#) - Tue 8th Apr
- [Communicating & Connecting with Aboriginal Clients](#) - Thu 10th Apr
- [Marketing for Not-For-Profits](#) - Tue 29th Apr
- [Financial Oversight for Boards & Treasurers](#) - Tue 29th Apr
- [Managing Challenging Behaviours](#) - Wed 30th Apr
- [Preparing Financial Audits and Funding Acquittals](#) - Thu 1st May
- [Introduction to Management Support On-line \(MSO\)](#) - Tue 13th May (WEBINAR)
- [Personal Productivity](#) - Wed 14th May
- [It's all Above Board: Spirituality & Ethics in Governance & Leadership](#) - Thu 15th May
- [Advocacy for Frontline Workers](#) - Tue 20th May
- [Developing your Community Organisation's Business Plan](#) - Thu 22nd May
- [Role of Chair and Running Meetings](#) - Thu 29th May (WEBINAR)
- [Work Health and Safety in the Community Services Sector](#) - Fri 30th May

Member Highlight

WACOSS would like to congratulate members Linkwest and Anglicare WA who were acknowledged at the Social Impact Measurements Awards in Sydney.

[Linkwest](#) won the Small Not-For-Profit Award and [Anglicare WA](#) won the Not-For-Profit Award.

To find out more about the amazing work undertaken by these organisations click the links above.

Sector News

2013 Human Rights Report Card Released.

[Click here](#) to download the recently released 2013 Human Rights Report Card.

Urgent Action Needed: Retain Racial Villification Laws

The government has indicated it intends to make racist hate speech, racist publications and racial slurs legal in Australia. This goes against the very grain of Australian society, as a place where people from all cultures can feel safe and respected. [Read more...](#)

CAN WA seeks company directors to assist in realising its vision

Community Arts Network WA (CAN WA) is an exciting and dynamic not-for-profit community arts and cultural development company limited by guarantee, with an exceptional reputation in Western Australia and nationally. [Read more...](#)

Survey of primary care health workers' awareness and use of online mental health resources

Members working in primary care are invited to complete the first annual survey about their awareness and use of online mental health resources. The survey will inform the development and evaluation of promotional and training initiatives. Read more or participate in the eMHPac survey at <https://mentalhealth.anu.edu.au/emhprac-2014-survey>

2014 Resilient Australia Awards

Natural disasters are a feature of the Australian climate and landscape and are likely to continue with increasing regularity and severity. Nationwide, there are numerous projects and initiatives supporting communities to be better prepared and more disaster resilient. The Resilient Australia Awards recognise and promote these activities, encouraging excellence and innovation across all sectors of society. [Click here](#) for more information.

New privacy laws

New privacy laws are effective in Australia beginning the 11th February 2014. A free webinar about the changes is available on www.adma.com.au/privacy. The webinar covers applying 13 new Australian Privacy Principles, which replace the National Privacy Principles, and changes which affect the collection and use of donor information.

Cockburn Office Space for Lease

Meerilinga Children and Family Centre Cockburn provides a vibrant community hub for parents and families and is located close to shops and schools at 219 Winterfold Road, Coolbellup. The centre currently has excellent office space available for short and long term lease with access to kitchen facilities and onsite parking.

- 11m2 office with fitout available
 - 22m2 office/meeting room with fitout available
- For more information contact [Amanda Clark](#).

2014 Western Australian Volunteer of the Year Awards

The Western Australian Volunteer of the Year Awards program is committed to acknowledging and celebrating the remarkable endeavours of Western Australia's volunteers.

These prestigious awards promote the value and important contribution of volunteering to the social, cultural, economic and environmental well-being of Western Australia and pay tribute to those who inspire and promote the spirit of volunteerism through their exemplary endeavours. [Click here](#) for more information.

Free phone system

Palmerston Association have three Panasonic phone systems consisting of:

- 15 handsets including switchboard (reception phone) – Palmerston Perth, Northbridge
- 12 handsets including switchboard (reception phone) – Palmerston Mandurah
- 12 handsets including switchboard (reception phone) – Palmerston Corporate, Subiaco

To donate to another Not for Profit organisation or the like. The handsets are available for pickup from locations mentioned above. Please send an email to mail@palmerston.org.au if you are interested.

Scholarship Opportunity for Diploma of Child, Youth and Family Intervention

The Department for Child Protection and Family Support (CPFS) is offering five scholarships for eligible foster carers and staff in DCP-funded agencies for a nationally recognised qualification in the Diploma of Child, Youth and Family Intervention.

The Department's Learning and Development Centre (LDC), a Registered Training Organisation, has been delivering the Diploma of Child, Youth and Family Intervention to CPFS staff for the last four years. [Click here](#) for more information.

Sector Events

Upcoming Events at the Women's Council for Domestic & Family Services

The Women's Council are holding the following events in April. Click the links for full details on

both events. [Click here](#) to view the 2014 Training Calendar.

- [Allan Wade Conference](#) - Mon 14 & Tue 15th Apr
- [Allan Wade One Day Training](#) - Thu 17th Apr

Beginners & advanced tenancy law training - Thu 10th Apr

Did you know the Residential Tenancies Act has changed for the first time in 27 years? CHCWA is offering workshops vital for anyone involved with tenancy management. [Click here](#) for more information.

Reframing Ageing: A Mindset Shift - "Housing and Neighbourhood Opportunities" - Thu 10th Apr

Following last year's successful joint forum with COTAWA entitled "The Future We Want - What Older Persons Are Saying", attendees said they would have liked more time for questions and discussions. A number of seniors also stated they could not afford the admission price but would have liked to participate. This will be an interactive forum which will allow you, community and organisational participants, the opportunity to get involved in discussions around our communities and dig deeply into the issues and choices that need to be made today to meet our needs for tomorrow. [Click here](#) for more information.

Courage to Lead Retreat: Living Divided No More - Fri 11th – Sun 13th Apr

Based on the work of Parker J. Palmer (books including Let Your Life Speak; A Hidden Wholeness and Healing the Heart of Democracy): this retreat, creates a quiet, focused, and disciplined space—a circle of trust—in which the noise within us and around us can subside and we can begin to hear our own inner voice. In the large group, small groups, and solitary settings, we will explore the intersection of our personal and professional/work lives, making use of stories from our own journeys and insights from poets, storytellers, and various wisdom traditions. For more information and to register for the April retreat go to: <http://www.familyworks.com.au/retreat.html>

2014 Grace Vaughan Memorial Lecture: A Roadmap for Equality - Mon 14th Apr

A public lecture by Julie McKay, Executive Director, Australian National Committee for UN Women

This lecture will outline a vision for equality, focusing on key levers for accelerating progress towards gender equality, and discuss the actions required of the international community and the Australian

community in 2014. [Click here](#) for more information

Law, History & Personal Narratives: An Aboriginal Family Violence Perspective - Fri 2nd May

Last September the Women's Council for Domestic & family Violence Services (WA) presented the sell-out training: Law, History & Personal Narratives: An Aboriginal Family Violence Perspective. This year, we are delighted to offer you the opportunity to hear from some inspirational Aboriginal women speak about violence in our community once more. This training will address historical, legal, political and personal issues in relation to family violence faced within Aboriginal families and communities. It will describe what constitutes an Aboriginal family and the dynamic kinship systems within them, while analysing similarities and differences experienced by members of diverse Aboriginal communities. [Click here](#) for more information.

Are you Simply Busting? - Wed 14th May

Join the Continece Advisory Service for a free, fun and enjoyable morning 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 South Perth. [Click here](#) for more information.

Invitation – Child Protection: Including Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse

Child protection is everyone's business. You are encouraged to attend a free interactive information session collaboratively facilitated by key agencies who work with children. Mandatory reporters of child sexual abuse and non-mandatory reporters are welcome. Please click here to view the flyer. [Click here](#) for more information all dates.

Introduction to Ontological Coaching – April & May

Ontological Coaching is an extraordinarily powerful methodology which harnesses new understandings of the power of language, moods and conversations to generate profound transformations. Ontological Coaching effects real and lasting change for individuals, teams and organisations. [Click here](#) to read more.

Relationships Australia - Upcoming Professional and Workplace Training

The following Professional and Workplace Training is available at Relationships Australia, 22

Southport Street (cnr Cambridge St) West Leederville April - May 2014.

- Enhancing Self Esteem in Adolescents – 1 day (April)
- Introduction to Couples Counselling – 2 days (April)
- Parenting Between Cultures: Working with Migrant & Refugee Parents – 1 day (May)
- Change & Loss – 1 day(May)

[Click here](#) for complete course information. Ring 9489 6322 to enrol.

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 2014 events and workshops;

- Introduction to Grief and Loss Counselling (29 April 2014)
- Introduction to Facilitation Skills (5 May 2014)
- Maintaining Neutrality and Impartiality in Your Work (6 May 2014)
- Ethical Decision Making (7 May 2014)
- Working Therapeutically with Children (22-23 May 2014)

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

It's not too late to study in 2014

Would you like to up-skill or have your existing skills formally recognised? Would you like to study one of the following, Vet FEE-HELP Courses in 2014?

Get a head start and commence your study in 2014 in one of the following nationally recognised qualifications:

- Advanced Diploma of Transpersonal (Holistic) Counselling
- Advanced Diploma of Transpersonal Art Therapy

[Click here](#) for more information.

LASA WA State Conference & Exhibition 2014 - Sun 15th-Tue 17th June

The LASA WA Conference offers attendees a comprehensive 2.5 day program, an exiting social program and a trade exhibition showcasing the latest products, services and industry innovations. [Click here](#) for more information.

YACWA Fairground Conference Thu 10th and Fri 11th Jul

YACWA's Fairground conference will take place on 10th and 11th July 2014 in Perth, Western Australia. The conference theme is 'Fairground' and represents an opportunity to encourage social inclusion through the continued development of an even playing field for young people across Western Australia. Registrations for Fairground 2014 are now open - for more information please visit <http://www.yacwa.org.au/fairground2014/>

Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development from 9th - 12th Jul

This Conference will bring together practitioners, researchers and educators from around the world who are engaged in Social Work and Social Development. The Conference will continue the work of the Global Agenda, first set in Hong Kong in 2010 and then continued in Stockholm in 2012. Together with the Australian Association of Social Work, the Australian Council of Heads of Schools of Social Work, and the Australian Council of Social Service, we are planning an inspirational program in true Australian tradition. [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.

- [Communicare - Chief Executive Officer](#)
- [St Bartholomew's House - Part Time Receptionist](#)
- [St Bartholomew's House Mission - Support Worker Aged Care](#)
- [Hope Community Services - Manager Metropolitan Services](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Team Leaders Pathways](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Senior Case Worker](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Team Leader](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Counsellor](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Community Development Coordinator](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Youth Worker - Case Management](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Housing Support Worker](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Coordinator Yes! Housing - Part-time](#)

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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