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General WACOSS News

WACOSS Conference 6th – 7th May- Last chance to register.

Some places are still available for what is shaping up to be a very full program of professional development opportunities. With 23 sessions and over 60 speakers there is something for everyone. To register [click here](#).

Winners to be announced for the 2014 Community Sector Excellence Awards - Tue 6th May

The Department of Local Government and Communities and the WA Council of Social Service with the support of Lotterywest will be hosting the CSEA gala dinner 6th May at Perth Convention Centre where winners across 8 categories will be announced. [Click here](#) to see the full list of finalists #CSEA2014

\$97m Commonwealth Supplementation Announced for WA Community Services

The Minister for Social Services, Kevin Andrews has announced the commitment of \$97m in supplementation for WA community services delivering services affected by the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission (WAIRC) decision to increased wages for community sector workers employed under State Awards. Supplementation will be distributed directly to WA service providers through the same mechanism as that used for the SACS Modern Award supplementation. [Read more...](#)

Last registration chance for The Give Grid Free training workshop – Thu 8th May

Last week we sent out invitations to members the free Give Grid energy efficiency training workshop, which is being held in Perth on Thursday May 8 (straight after the WACOSS conference). The response has been immense with registrations coming in from a wide range of members, which leaves only a handful of places left. This free workshop is part of The Give Grid, which is a collaborative project between WACOSS and the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) to help community organisations in WA to reduce electricity costs. Places are limited – for more information [click here](#).

Equal Opportunity Commission Review – Submission now online.

The Submission to the Public Sector Commission Review of organisations under the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (March 2014) is now available online. Click here to view the submission. For any further information please email Helen Creed helen@wacoss.org.au.

Have you Dropped IN?

[DropIN](#) will be launched at the [WACOSS conference](#) on the 5th May. Watch this space.

Child and Parent Centres: An Update for the Community Sector – Mon 16th Jun

The next six Child and Parent Centres are underway. This forum will provide an opportunity for the community services sector to receive an update on the progress of all 16 centres. There will be discussions around the implementation of this initiative and key issues facing the centres. The program will include an update from the Department of Education (Garry Hewitt) and other providers which will allow opportunities to ask questions. The key note presentation will be presented by June McLoughlin the Director of Family and Children's Services at Doverton College in Victoria. The presentation will focus on the theme of 'Together We can

make a Difference'. For more information about this event please [click here](#).

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...](#)

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars 2014

- [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

Sector News

Learn online with Linkwest's self-paced learning

Thinking of becoming a mentor?

Do you have skills, knowledge and experience that you want to share in order to help someone become the person they want to be? If so, you may want to consider being a mentor. [Read more...](#)

Free e-mental health services online training

A new online learning package from ReachOut.com Professionals provides free, CPD endorsed training for using e-mental health services in support work with young people. [Read more...](#)

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...](#)

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.

Sector Events

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.

Bloodwood Tree Association Inc Open Day - Thu 8th May

It's been 2 wonderful years since Bloodwood Tree moved into its new office at 19 Hamilton Road, South Hedland located next door to Wirraka Maya Health Service. Come celebrate with the team. Enjoy some light refreshments and come see what projects the team have on the go and how we can assist you. [Click here](#) to find out more.

National Law Week - Mon 12th – Fri 16th May 2014 – Law

and Justice in Your Community- Free Events

Starting on Monday 12 May the Law Society of Western Australia is co-ordinating a range of free Law Week events throughout the Perth metropolitan area and regional WA. [Click here](#) to read more.

Building children's resilience the focus for 2014 Thinker in Residence - 19th - 30th May

International child resilience expert Michael Ungar returns to Perth from 19 to 30 May as the 2014 Thinker in Residence for the Commissioner for Children and Young People. [Click here](#) to read more.

Collective Impact and Creating Shared Value – Tue 27th and Wed 28th May

Woodside, The University of WA and the Centre for Social Impact will be hosting Mark Kramer, the founder of FSG Social Impact Advisors to discuss Collective Impact and Creating Shared Value.

On Tue 27th May from 6pm-7pm Mark will present 'Collective Impact: Reimagining Social Change' where he will discuss how deep commitment and structured coordinated action can affect large-scale social change. [Click here](#) to register.

On Wed 28th May from 11:45am-2pm, the topic will be 'Creating Shared Value: aligning economic and social progress' with discussions around how business can foster social progress in communities in which they operate while also enhancing their own competitiveness through shared value creation. [Click here](#) to register.

The Resilience Doughnut – professional training presented by CLAN WA – Thu 29th May

Based on the Strengths Approach, the Resilience Doughnut identifies what is working well in a person's life. Working with the Resilience Doughnut model has the potential to strengthen the human spirit and build a sense of hope and optimism. This is a creative, fun and practical tool for change.

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

Relationships Australia present The next steps: Working with fathers and families to support safe, positive fathering – Thu 29th May

Fathers have a significant and long-lasting impact on the lives and development of their children and engaging fathers in parenting intervention is important. However, services find it a challenge to work successfully with fathers who often don't participate in programs or feel alienated from the process.

This one-day workshop by Andrew Kind will explore the importance of the fathers' role and how programs can engage and support them. [Click here](#) for more information.

Opening Closets Mental Health Training

Living Proud LGBTI Community Services of WA and the Mental Health Commission present Opening Closets Mental Health Training.

For more information on the course click the links below

- [FREE Opening Closets Mental Health Training](#)
- [Specialist Opening Closets Mental Health Training](#)

Recovery Based Training - Richmond Fellowship WA - May

As part of its Special Guest Program, RFWA presents Dr Rachel Perkins OBE, to give several talks and facilitate a series of Recovery based workshops. Join us 9 May in [Changing Mental Health Practice - Professionals 'on tap' not 'on top'](#) ; 12 May in [Managing Risk in Recovery Environments](#) ; 13 May in the free public event [The Art of Supporting Recovery; A chance to do the things that matter](#) ; and on the 15th of May for the [Living Well with Dementia](#) workshop. Find out more about at www.rfwa.org.au or Follow us on Facebook Richmond Fellowship WA

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.

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 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)
- Dealing with Sexually Disinhibited Behaviours (30 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/>

The Mental Health Services Conference (TheMHS) - 26th-29th Aug 2014

Join the discussion in 2014 at one of Australasia's longest running and premier mental health conferences. TheMHS Conference 2014 will be held in the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on 26-29 August 2014. This year's theme is "What We Share Makes Us Strong" and the conference will explore topics relating to real, on the ground experience.

TheMHS Conference is very excited to welcome Dr Pat Bracken, Clinical Director of the Mental Health Service in West Cork, Ireland, and Melody Riefer, Senior Associate and Director in Training at Pat Deegan, PhD & Associates, as Keynote Speakers in Perth. Registrations are now open. [Click here](#) for more information.

Better Boards Conference August 2014

Australasia's leading governance and leadership event, the Better Boards Conference, is taking place in Adelaide, August 1-3 2014.

Designed specifically for board members, CEOs and senior management teams of non-profit organisations across the entire sector, this year's conference theme focuses on the processes required to regenerate non-profit organisations within a rapidly changing environment. [Click here](#) to find out 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.

- [CommunityWest - Quality Partner/Reviewer](#) - CLOSING FRIDAY
- [WAAMH - Mental Health Trainers \(Casual\)](#)
- [Hepatitis WA - Prison Education Officer \(Casual\)](#)
- [Business and Finance Manager](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Case Worker](#)
- [Ethnic Disability Advocacy Centre - Administrator \(0.6 FTE\)](#)
- [Centrecare - Program Manager](#)
- [Medicare local - Mental Health Professional - Outreach](#)
- [The Patricia Giles Centre - Property Manager](#)

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

Associate Member Advertising

Beyond Bank Australia

Beyond Bank is committed to the community, to giving something back to those who help others.

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