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General WACOSS News

17 Sustainable Development Goals for One World - Fri 27th Nov

On Wed 2nd Dec 9.00am -1.00pm WACOSS is partnering with Curtin University on the theme of "17 Sustainable Development Goals for One World" this event will explore the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) and how they will make Australia accountable for, among other elements, its progress on combating climate change and tackling inequality and improving wellbeing.

This free event will be held at Curtin University and RSVPs can be sent directly to Peter.Devereux@curtin.edu.au by 27th Nov, 2015. More information can be found [here](#)

Expression of Interest: Learning for Purpose Program

Community sector organisations in Western Australia will benefit from a new Action Learning program that aims to improve the capabilities of the sector's leaders. The inaugural Action Learning program will be offered at no cost to selected leaders of community sector organisations in Western Australia. For more information [click here](#).

Leaving No-One Behind: A Brighter Future For Our

Children, Families and Community

The Council's 2016-17 Pre-Budget Submission was launched and sent to the State Government on the 23rd October. The PBS is written following extensive consultation and engagement with over 194 service providers, government agencies, our interstate counterparts, local government and industry stakeholders, and the community.

The PBS canvasses key questions including:

- **How do we think our world is changing ... or failing to change?**
- **What are the biggest challenges we face?**
- **Where is there increasing community concern and**
- **Where are emerging opportunities for new initiatives?**

In addition the PBS provides a high level analysis of the key priorities of the community services sector, which we are seeking to have addressed by the WA Government through the next State Budget.

Leaving No-One Behind: A Brighter Future For Our Children, Families and Community includes recommendations and specific budget asks across a range of areas including issues facing children, young people and families, regional services, support for people with complex needs, housing accessibility and homelessness, and increased financial resilience.

Leaving No-One Behind: A Brighter Future For Our Children, Families and Community can be [read/ downloaded here.](#)

To view the presentation given by Director Social Policy, Chris Twomey; please follow [this link.](#)

WACOSS Conference 2016 – “WAY Ahead: Leave no one behind”

The WA Council of Social Service (WACOSS) would like to invite you to participate in the WACOSS Conference 2016, "WAY Ahead: Leave no one behind" by submitting an abstract for consideration by the conference committee to present at the WACOSS Conference 2016 or Sector Networking Day.

The conference theme, "WAY Ahead: Leave no one behind" will look at the future of the Community Services Sector in Western Australia. We know that there are amazing projects, service designs and initiatives being undertaken in the Community Services Sector in WA, nationally and internationally. We are looking for presenters to share, discuss, debate and reflect on the emerging issues in the WA community and share how the sector can meet the challenges of these complex issues now and in the future.

For more information on the themes for the Networking day and Conference, please visit the

WACOSS website by [clicking here](#).

To submit your abstract, please visit our online submission form [here](#). Submissions are open until 30th November 2015.

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars

- [Communicating & Connecting with Aboriginal Clients](#) - Tue 24th Nov
- [Foundations in Governance](#) - Wed 25th Nov
- [Managing Challenging Behaviours](#) - Tue 1st Dec
- [Capture, Store and Share: How Knowledge Management systems can enhance organisational efficiency](#) - Wed 2nd Dec
- [DropIN 101](#) - Thu 10th Dec
- [Diploma of Leadership & Management](#) - Tue 8th Mar

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Sector News

Government of Western Australia Reveals an Open Data Portal for Western Australia - Test Drive the Beta Today!

This new portal is the result of an exciting collaboration between Landgate and the Department of Parks and Wildlife. The Department has been doing excellent work making open data discoverable and very generously lent Landgate one of its own, Florian Mayer to get the portal up and running.

Over 300 datasets from Landgate's [Shared Location Information Platform](#) (SLIP) have been added to the portal. SLIP is the home for the geospatial data collected by many WA government agencies, and provides a single point-of-entry to discover, understand, and reuse data such as property information, road, rail, and water infrastructure and much more.

The team would love to hear any feedback you have about the content or functionality of the new portal.

Please leave your thoughts on the blog data.wa.gov.au/blog, on Twitter [@datagovwa](https://twitter.com/datagovwa), or get in touch at opendata@landgate.wa.gov.au.

For further reading please [click here](#).

St. Patricks - Christmas Hamper Donations

Christmas at St. Pat's is a busy time with lots of people in crisis coming to the Centre. St Pat's would love your help this year to bring a little joy to those West Australians in need by providing them with a festive box of food to share with their family or friends over the festive

season.

If you would like to help you can either provide a hamper which costs approximately \$20 (see the [information attached](#) for the specific items we will be needing for the hampers) or donate to St. Pat's and we can put the hamper together for you (www.stpats.com.au and go to the donate button). For any more information please either email Melanie Watkins or telephone her on 9430 4159.

Applications Open: Better Boards Conference 2016 (Closing 9th Dec 2015)

The conference theme, Game-Changing Moves...Governing for Maximum Impact, acknowledges the increasing number of non-profit boards, CEOs and executives that are creating new game plans as a period of Commonwealth and State Government driven transformational reform draws to a close.

The conference conveners are looking for presentations that will focus board and leadership discussions on four key areas of the conference theme that support successful outcomes in contemporary game plans: Strategy, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Technology. What transformational strategies, practical lessons, innovations, ideas, business or service models can you share to assist non-profit boards to govern with maximum impact?

To find out more about this opportunity please download the [Application to Speak](#). Applications close 5:00pm Wednesday 9th December 2015.

For further information please contact Natasha or Carla at Better Boards Australasia, (03) 5429 3786 or info@betterboards.net

Rise Network - Office Space Available March/April 2016

Rise is purchasing a property in Cockburn with a view to creating a NFP hub. Rise have been in discussion with complementary service providers about entering arrangements to "share" space in the building. The goal is to establish a 'One-Stop-Shop' type space that adds value to visitors to the premises.

As a disability service provider the building meets (and in many ways exceeds) universal design principles. It is accessible for people with disability and has toileting and changing facility to meet the needs of people with complex physical disability. There is accessible parking and shared parking spaces for staff/visitors. There will also be access to shared multipurpose meeting rooms, reception space and staffed reception (during regular office hours) – somewhat like a Professional Managed Suite

Rise are inviting Community Groups / Service Providers to contact Rise to express an interest in sharing this space or learning more about the opportunity. Rates are based on the needs of the external party – be that access to a Hotdesk, dedicated m2 permanent desks and/or

offices for their fulltime staff etc. Costs will reflect a cost-plus approach that is affordable to Community and Not-for-Profit sectors. We are anticipating the building becoming available March/ April 2016.

Please contact **Simon Robbins** on **08 6274 3753** or simon.robbins@risenetwork.com.au

Vinnies WA issues Phone Scam Warning

The St Vincent de Paul Society WA is warning people of possible phone scammers contacting them and asking for donations in the organisation's name. Vinnies wish to make it very clear that to this date the Society in WA does not undertake the practice of cold calling people and asking for donations or trying to sell anything.

Recently Vinnies WA were contacted by a lady in Perth who had received a call from someone claiming to be a Vinnies volunteer and asking her to support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

We understand that the caller's message was that many people struggle at this time of year and you can help by purchasing tickets at \$4 each or if you buy 50 tickets you will receive a \$75 gift voucher. Thankfully the lady who received the call was suspicious and didn't give out any bank details but instead called Vinnies to check whether this was legitimate.

The Society operates with the upmost integrity and adheres to strict and robust fundraising guidelines.

Vinnies WA do conduct an annual Christmas Appeal which runs from 1 November to the end of January. However to date do not undertake the practice of door knocking or cold calling in relation to this campaign but simply appeal to the community to support the organisation through donations.

If anyone receives a call that they are concerned may not be legitimate, Vinnies WA would encourage them to check with the organisation directly before giving out any credit card details. Vinnies WA can be reached on this number: **08 9475 5400**

Curtin University - Housing Affordability Survey

Curtin University is undertaking a Housing Affordability Survey for those over 18 years of age in NSW, QLD and WA. Whether you are renting, buying or living at home – we would like to hear about your housing affordability experiences, understand any trade-offs you made when selecting your home, strategies households use to make their housing more affordable as well as future housing aspirations.

Housing affordability is a national issue and it has wide-ranging social and economic implications for individuals and households. The results of the survey will be used to provide housing policy makers with a better understanding of how housing affordability affects

individual and households in New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia.

The survey is anticipated to take no more than 15 minutes, all responses will remain anonymous and participation is voluntary. The project is funded by the Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre and has been granted ethics approval by Curtin University.

To start the survey please click on this link: [Curtin Housing Affordability Survey](#)

HUGS Now Unavailable Through Financial Counsellors

As of 1 Oct 2015, people who wish to apply for a Hardship Utilities Grant will need to negotiate a payment arrangement directly with their utility. Hardship Utilities Grants will no longer be available through financial counsellors.

"If you approach a utility for a HUGS grant and are told you must meet with a financial counsellor before it is granted, be aware that recent funding cuts mean the number of financial counsellors across WA has been greatly reduced," Charlie Brown, Executive Officer of FCAWA. "It's likely you won't be able to get an appointment for several weeks."

The grants enable Western Australians experiencing financial hardship to keep connected to their electricity, water or gas services. [Read more...](#)

Join Other Organisations that are Making Smoking History

People experiencing social and financial disadvantage carry an unjust burden of death, disease, grief and financial stress caused by high smoking rates. Health and community services are well placed to support people from at risk groups to quit or cut down their smoking. Some organisations have already committed to be part of the solution to tackle health and financial inequalities caused by smoking in their organisation by following a two-step process:

Step 1: Committing to do something about unacceptable high smoking rates of at risk groups
Step 2: Completing a smoke check

Commit your organisation to be part of the solution [here](#).

Sector Grants

OMI alert: Catalyst Youth Summit - Inspiring Our Future Leaders

Applications to attend and present at the Catalyst Youth Summit are now open to all young people, aged 18 to 25, living in Western Australia from a refugee or migrant background.

The summit, which is being sponsored by OMI, will bring together multicultural young people to talk about the issues that are important to them, to work together to create solutions and to have a chance to speak directly to decision makers about these issues and solutions. Attendees will also receive training on leadership and advocacy during the summit program.

The summit will be held over three days from Wednesday 3 to Friday 5 February 2016 at Edith Cowan University - Joondalup campus

Applications are encouraged from young people who:

- have an interest in talking about current social issues that affect multicultural young people
- are passionate about new ideas and creating positive change
- are active or want to become active community leaders.

There are 25 places for people living in the Perth metropolitan area and 25 places for people living in regional Western Australia (this includes the Peel region).

The summit is free for all successful applicants and will include a morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea each day. Regional applicants will also have their travel costs, transfers and accommodation costs paid for.

To apply for a place, please complete the [online application](#) form and submit by 4pm, Friday 4 December 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

OMI alert: Project Grants to Engage At-Risk Youth in Sport Now Open

Applications are now open for grants to involve 'at-risk' young people in sport and recreation activities. The Youth Engagement Scheme targets young people aged eight to 18 years who live in lower socioeconomic areas in metropolitan and regional locations.

Administered by the Department of Sport and Recreation, the scheme supports local governments and not-for-profit organisations in delivering programs to targeted local youth. Grants for projects of up to \$40,000 will be considered. For more detail please [click here](#).

Sector Events

Upcoming Training With Anglicare WA

Anglicare WA draws on over 30 years' experience as a leading service provider to develop and deliver quality training and professional development. We are committed to workforce and sector development delivering the latest research and best practice and sharing our expertise

and experience.

Bookings are essential for all courses. To register, please send a completed registration form to: training@anglicarewa.org.au

SPECIAL EVENTS

[Small Acts of Living: Promoting Effective Responses to Interpersonal Violence, presented by Dr Allan Wade](#) (23 November 2015)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2015

[Children and Domestic Violence](#) (23 Nov 2015)

[Supervision Skills for Community Based Settings](#) (24-25 Nov 2015)

Please [click here](#) for more details, or contact us on training@anglicarewa.org.au or 9263 2122 if you have any questions.

Mental Health Act 2014 - Information Sessions (State Wide) Sept - Nov 2015

On behalf of the Mental Health Commission, and in partnership with the Western Australian Country Health Service, you are invited to attend an information session designed to inform you of the changes associated with the new Mental Health Act 2014 and give you an opportunity to have your questions answered. Lunch will be provided and this event is free to attend. These information sessions will be hosted at a variety of locations throughout the State. To see if there will be one in your area please see the [flyer attached](#).

SRHWA - Market Research Findings - Tue 24th Nov

You are warmly invited to join SRHWA for a presentation of key findings from the most extensive WA sexual health survey this year.

In May, SRHWA commissioned a state-wide study to better understand the community's sexual and reproductive health needs, in particular those aged 15-30. The research explored people's knowledge and awareness of sexual health matters, their attitudes and behaviour relating to sexual health, and current and preferred sources of information and services. Running over three months, the study used innovative qualitative and quantitative research techniques, leading to powerful insights about community needs and how best to meet them.

If your role involves supporting the community's sexual and reproductive health, you can't afford to miss this!

Please RSVP to Cynthia Cross by Wednesday 18th November. Cynthia.Cross@srhwa.com.au

Collaboration and Mergers for NFPs - Thurs 26th Nov

This Forum will bring together CEOs and Board leaders from across the not-for-profit (NFP) sector to discuss and learn about collaborations and mergers.

Jayne Meyer-Tucker, Founder of JMTinc and former successful CEO at Good Beginnings Australia, will open this Forum by discussing the ideas and the practicalities that drove #GoodSave, the merger of Good Beginnings Australia and Save the Children Australia.

Other panelists will include David Crosbie, CEO of CCA who has extensive sector experience including three failed merger attempts, experts from PwC, and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission.

The Forum will be highly interactive and promote an open and honest dialogue about the real issues impacting on current practice. For more information follow [this link](#).

Lets Talk Culture Series - Thurs 26th Nov

The 'Let's Talk Culture' seminar series aims to assist professionals to work in a culturally responsive way with consumers and carers from ethnically diverse backgrounds. These seminars are jointly organised by the Mental Health Commission, Transcultural Mental Health of the Royal Perth Group; and the Cultural Diversity Unit of the Chronic Disease Prevention Directorate at the Department of Health.

The 21st seminar in this series will focus on the issues relating to family and domestic violence as seen through a cultural lens. Presenters will speak from personal and professional experience about how different culture-based beliefs and values concerning traditional gender role outside the culture of origin may influence interpersonal relationships. The experience of acculturative stress and its destabilising impact on family harmony is also explored. To read more [click here](#).

Come along to the WA Youth Awards 2015 - Fri 27th Nov

The WA Youth Awards were established in 1999 to recognise West Australians aged 12 to 25 years for their contributions to the community, as well as outstanding youth groups and organisations that serve and support the State's young people.

The WA Youth Awards 2015 will be presented in Grand Ballroom One at Crown Perth, on Friday, 27 November 2015.

The evening includes the presentation of all awards, a three-course meal, drinks and entertainment by some of Western Australia's best young performers.

The WA Youth Awards 2015 are proudly presented by the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia, in partnership with the Department of Local Government and Communities. The

Awards are supported by Lotterywest.

Don't miss your chance to see those you love recognised for their efforts. [Buy your tickets today.](#)

25th Annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March - Fri 27th Nov

This march has been arranged to remember and honour all those who have lost their lives as a result of domestic and family violence. Along with the march there will be free morning tea and information stalls.

10.30am: Rally with speakers

12.00 noon: Silent March through the City

MC: Verity James • Welcome to Country: Doolann-Leisha and Walter Eatts • Didgeridoo: Samuel Pilot Kickett

Guest Speakers: The Hon Helen Morton MLC, Minister for Child Protection, Dr Allan Wade PhD, Centre for Response Based Practice.

For further information contact Carolyn on 9420 7264 or carolyn@womenscouncil.com.au
View our website www.womenscouncil.com.au

SPSW Workshop - Getting the Most Out of Your Supervision - Fri 27th Nov

SPSW is pleased to present this important workshop relevant for all human service workers who ever wondered why they weren't getting the most out of their supervision, why supervision was difficult to schedule, or why it didn't seem to help them with their practice.

The workshop will be presented by Dr. Barbara Meddin, a well known and experienced social work practitioner, supervisor, and trainer. Dr. Meddin is the author of the supervision policy of a major West Australian government agency and several non government agencies, is widely published in the area and has presented this workshop to a number of government and non government agencies where it has consistently been extremely well received. [Read more...](#)

Peoples Climate March 2015 - Sun 29th Nov

As world leaders meet in Paris for the United Nations climate summit, people will gather in Australian cities and walk alongside millions in hundreds of major cities around the world. This is going to be a fun event, aims to put out a positive message and where people can bring the whole family!

The march will show that citizens want an end to fossil fuels and a planned transition to 100%

renewable energy.

The Perth march and rally will be held on Sunday, the 29th of November. It will start off at 1pm from Wellington Square, march through Perth's CBD and finish at Wellington Square with some speeches, music and other activities.

FIFO Focused Communities Workshop - Wed 2nd Dec

Ngala invite service providers in Perth to partner with them for a free workshop to begin the exploration of the local needs of long distance commuting families and their use of services.

The workshop will cover:

- **Fly-in fly-out and drive-in drive-out in your region,**
- **Issues faced by a commuting worker and their family, and**
- **Service needs of commuting workers and their families.**

When: 9.30am to 12.30pm, Wednesday 2 December 2015

Where: Ngala 275 Abernethy Road, Cloverdale, WA

Please [register](#) before 27 November, 2015 Queries: Contact Ngala on (08) 9368 9315 or email fifofocus@ngala.com.au

Curtin University Health Promotion 4 Day Short Course - 30th Nov - 3rd Dec

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 develop the skills to plan, implement and evaluate a health promotion program. This course has been developed 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.

As part of this course, you will design a health promotion project in small groups with the assistance of highly qualified academic staff. 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. [Read more...](#)

Trauma Triggered Behaviour in Looked After Children and Beyond - Thurs 3rd Dec

This one day interactive, dynamic workshop demonstrates how the legacy of maltreatment and neglect frequently prevents children from growing up 'normally' and demonstrates why

therapeutic re-parenting and truth telling is essential for fostered and adopted children.

The day weaves together data on trauma, brain functioning, sensory memories, parenting strategies and child development with practical strategies and behaviour management tools. Please [click here](#) for more detail.

Walking Away From Diabetes - Prevention Program - 4th December

Come along to Walking Away from Diabetes, a new FREE prevention program that will help you reduce your risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Walking Away is a three hour, interactive program for those who have been diagnosed with pre diabetes or are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The program will identify small changes that you can make now to help reduce your risk in the future. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.

Victim Awareness Training Program - Jan 2016

angelhands Inc presents the launch of the Victim Awareness Training Program.

- Lived-experience and theoretical approaches to better management of traumatised Survivors of violent crime,
- Delivered by the only free ongoing trauma specialised service in Perth.

Workshops are also FREE to attend or host. These will be a half day in duration, plus networking time. Workshops are to be scheduled on agreement between angelhands and the organisation, and will begin in January 2015. [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.

- [UnitingCare West – Family Care Worker, Intensive Family Services – Full time](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Help Desk Officer Information & Communication Technology \(ICT\) – Full time](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Team Leader Information Services & Administration](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Team Leader Information & Communication Technology \(ICT\) – Full time](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Team Leader, Housing Service – Full time](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Support Workers, Disability – Casual](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Executive Assistant, Strategic Service Development Group – Full time](#)
- [WACOSS – Administrative Officer, Corporate Services – Full time](#)

- [Community First – Partners in Recovery Support Facilitator – Full-time](#)
- [Community First – Mental Health Recovery Worker – Part-time/Full-time](#)
- [Regional Coordination Manager – Country WA PHN – Goldfields](#)

If you would like to advertise your vacancies on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page please contact John Broweleit at ANSON at jcho@anson.com.au

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