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## General WACOSS News

### Expression of Interest: Learning for Purpose Program

The University of Western Australia Centre for Social Impact (UWA CSI), the Western Australian Council of Social Services (WACOSS) and BHP Billiton have joined together to offer the Action Learning program for the first time in 2016.

The Action Learning program brings together highly motivated participants who seek to make a difference in their organisations and the community they serve. By grouping learners both within and across organisations to share experiences and knowledge about real organisational problems the community service sector faces, the program builds collective leadership capacity that will facilitate the implementation of positive organisational change.

Applicants must represent community service sector organisations operating in Western Australia. Organisations that address issues of Health or Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol, Disability, Housing and Homelessness, and Youth and Youth Welfare, as well as indigenous organisations and/or those operating in regional WA are strongly encouraged to apply.

The program is designed to build participants' capacity to tackle important organisational challenges and initiate change to address them. To facilitate this, participants should hold positions that best enable them to instigate change within the organisation, such as CEO; Board Director; Executive-, General-, Senior Manager; Human Resource Director. Individuals in less formal leadership positions are still encouraged to apply, but should clearly

demonstrate the impact they can have.

Over a period of four months, the Action Learning program will address the domains of strategy, leadership, funding, and talent to equip community sector leader with the knowledge, skills, and capabilities relevant to achieve social change.

Participation in the Action Learning program will be offered at no cost to selected members of WA community sector organisations with two programs being offered in 2016.

For more information on the program or to apply, please visit <http://learningforpurpose.org/>

## **Diploma of Leadership & Management**

Applications for the Diploma of Leadership & Management are closing soon. This highly valued course has remained a benchmark for managers and team leaders in the business sector. This program is designed and tailored for those in management roles within the community services sector who wish to further their managerial background with management qualifications. For more information on the course or to apply [click here](#)

## **Last chance to submit an Abstract!**

### **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 11th December 2015.

## **WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars**

- [DropIN 101 - Thu 10th Dec](#)
- [DropIN 101 - Thu 4th Feb - WEBINAR](#)
- [Mastering Email & Workflow - Thu 18th Feb](#)
- [Communicating & Connecting with Aboriginal Clients - Thu 25th Feb](#)
- [Developing a Reconciliation Action Plan \(RAP\) - Tue 1st Mar](#)
- [Diploma of Leadership & Management - Tue 8th Mar](#)
- [Show Me the Money - Winning Grant and Tender Writing - Thu 17th Mar](#)
- [Self-Care & Professional Boundaries - Thu 24th Mar](#)
- [Foundations in Governance - Thu 24th Mar](#)

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## Sector News

### UWA Centre for Social Impact Outcomes Measurement Study

In a study funded by the Bankwest Foundation, the University of Western Australia Centre for Social Impact is undertaking ground-breaking research examining the state of play in outcomes measurement in the West Australian community sector.

The study is led by Professor Paul Flatau and seeks to explore the current state of outcomes measurement in Western Australia, key barriers and challenges faced by community sector organisations, and the relationship between funders and outcomes measurement. Understanding outcomes measurement enables organisations to better understand the difference they are making and the most effective way of supporting clients; provides recognition of the value delivered by community organisations, and strengthens the case for funding of community organisations.

The survey represents the first step towards understanding the state of outcomes measurement in Western Australia, and will inform future initiatives to reduce barriers and improve outcomes measurement. The important findings of the study will ensure that the impact of community organisations in Western Australia is widely recognised.

If you wish to participate and have not received a link, contact Ami Seivwright at the UWA Centre for Social Impact at [ami.seivwright@uwa.edu.au](mailto:ami.seivwright@uwa.edu.au).

### Catalyst Youth Summit - Last Call for Applications

The Catalyst Youth Summit team are working hard to put together an amazing three day summit for multicultural young people next February. Summit applications close on Fri 4th December and aa eligible young people you know or work with are encouraged to apply.

The Catalyst Youth Summit is a unique youth led project which will bring together multicultural

young people from across WA to talk about the issues that are important to them. Delegates will work together to develop understandings and solutions and will speak directly to politicians and decision makers. Attendees will also receive training on leadership and advocacy.

The summit will be held over three full days from Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th February 2016 at Edith Cowan University – Joondalup campus.

For questions or more information please contact [myanwa@yacwa.org.au](mailto:myanwa@yacwa.org.au) or 9227 5440.

## **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](http://data.wa.gov.au/blog), on Twitter [@datagovwa](https://twitter.com/datagovwa), or get in touch at [opendata@landgate.wa.gov.au](mailto:opendata@landgate.wa.gov.au).

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:simon.robbins@risenetwork.com.au)

## **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...](#)

## **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.

## **Sector Events**

### **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 – Couple or Single Carers \(Regular Respite\) – Part time](#)
- [Community First – Mental Health Recovery Worker – Part-time](#)
- [UnitingCare West – Support Workers, Disability – Casual](#)
- [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](mailto:jcho@anson.com.au)

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