



START AT THE BEGINNING CAMPAIGN & WRAP UP

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What is Anti-Poverty Week?



Anti-Poverty Week 2017 begins on Sunday 15 October and finishes on Saturday 21 October. The United Nations has designated 17 October as International Anti-Poverty Day.



What is Anti-Poverty Week?

- ▶ Western Australia has seen a sharp growth in inequality, taking it to a higher level than the rest of Australia combined.
- ▶ Figures indicate that 240,000 Western Australians are living below the poverty line

We would like to highlight that the high number of young people being left behind is alarming, and that it is the responsibility of each and every one of us to address these issues.

Aims

- ▶ The Week is concerned with poverty around the world, especially in the poorest countries but also in wealthier countries such as Australia.
- ▶ Its main aims are to strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship;
- ▶ and encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

Anti-Poverty Week WA Working Group

- ▶ Bankwest
- ▶ Cancer Council Western Australia
- ▶ Foundation Housing
- ▶ Outcare
- ▶ Rise Network
- ▶ Ruah Community Services
- ▶ St Bartholomew's House
- ▶ Telethon Speech and Hearing Institute
- ▶ University of Western Australia
- ▶ Western Australian Council of Social Services
- ▶ Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia





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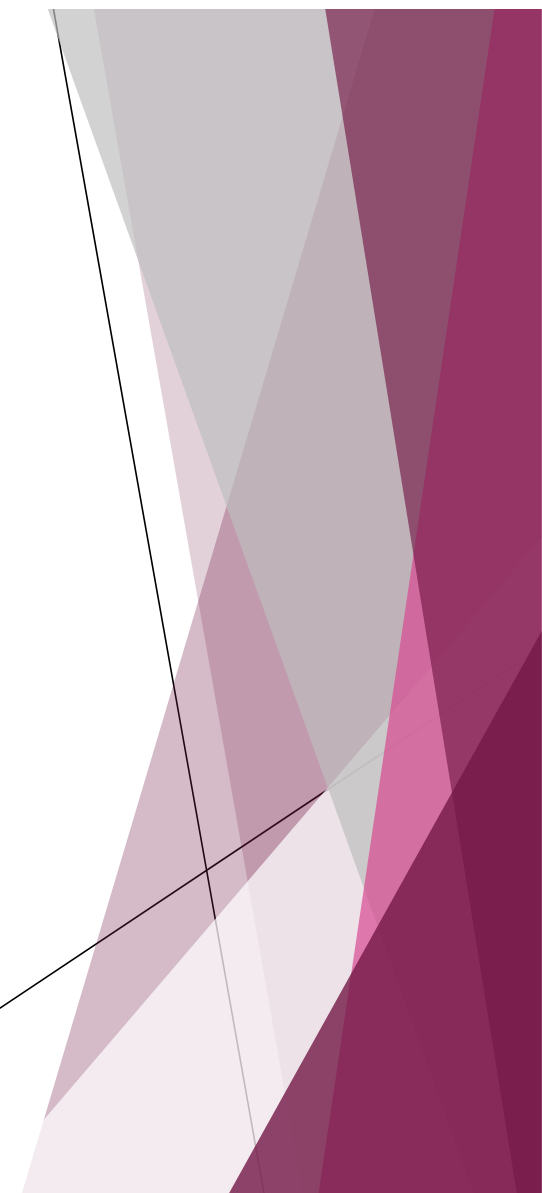
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One in four
Australians who apply for homelessness services are indigenous and just 3% of the Australian population is indigenous. A quarter of those seeking housing assistance are under 18. This over-representation demonstrates inequalities that exist for the indigenous community.

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Anti-Poverty Week WA Campaign



How can you participate

- ▶ *We are encouraging a wide range of organisations to develop their own goals, proposals and activities for Anti-Poverty Week, including at local or regional levels.*
- ▶ *Make sure to register any activities you are planning via the APW 2017 website - www.antipovertyweek.org.au*
- ▶ *Further information about Anti-Poverty Week and examples of activities are available on the website.*

Get involved and active with the “Start at the Beginning” campaign by following the instructions contained in our booklet.

Start at the Beginning Booklet



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