

News from Western Sydney Community Forum

Forum Flash

Date: 29 January 2010

A Stronger Voice for Western Sydney

This will be the focus of WSCF's first forum for 2010. Please make note of the date in your diary...

Tuesday March 2nd 2010

The forum will be held at Blacktown Council's Nirimba Room to start at 9am and finish at 4.30.

It is anticipated that this forum will be a catalyst to bring people together to identify ways on how we can be a stronger advocate for the community sector and to ensure the voice of Western Sydney is heard.

Three guest speakers have agreed to present:

- *Jeremy Goff, Executive Director WSROC - The Power of Lobbying*
- *Peter Rogers, Director WESTIR - The changes/trends in WS demographics*
- *Kerry - Strategies for Successful Advocating*

We will also have a panel discussion and interactive workshop to develop your plan.

We anticipate that this full day event will generate some interesting and stimulating talking and thinking from which will emerge exciting and vibrant actions.

To book your place early: [Register Online](#) or [Mail/Fax Registration Form](#)

Cost: **Free**

RSVP: **Final date for registrations - Friday, 19 February 2010**

WSCF Training Calendar

WSCF training calendar for February - June 2010 is now available on our website. You can now register 'Online' which makes it easier for you to book into our training courses.

Upcoming Training Courses

- **Roles & Responsibilities of Management Committees**

Have you recently joined a Board or a Management Committee? Do you want to know more about your roles and responsibilities? This session will provide information on these issues, especially if you do not have much previous knowledge and experience with Management Committees.

At the information session participants will have the opportunity to:

- Understand the difference between governance and management
- Find out more about the basic roles of Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer

- Find out more about subcommittees and roles of Management Committee members

Facilitator: Miguel Ferrero

Date: Wednesday 18th February 2010

Time: 5:30 - 7:00pm

Venue: WSCF, Level 4, 146 Marsden St, Parramatta

Cost: \$10.00

Please register by 8th February 2010

- **Types/Model of Partnerships**

This session will explore the concept of partnership and the innovative and flexible ways in which a partnership can achieve outcomes beneficial to both partners and the wider community.

The session will cover:

- Introduction to Corporate Responsibility
- Difference between partnerships and philanthropy
- Definitions for what a community business partnership is
- Common points of partnership - team work & the achievement of outcomes.
- Grounds for a successful community partnership
- Why should my organisation be involved - benefits of community business partnership
- Local focus - why should you look locally for business partners
- Why should you look beyond partnerships with big business
- How to get started
- Finding the best partnership model - exploring different models
- Approaching a business - developing that winning pitch, cover letter, supporting material
- Examples of written partnership approaches
- Maintaining the partnership
- Ending a partnership

Facilitator: Margot Richardson

Date: Wednesday 24th February 2010

Time: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Venue: WSCF, Level 4, 146 Marsden St, Parramatta

Cost: WSCF Members - \$35.00, Non Members - \$75.00

Please register by 10th February 2010

WSCF joins the Sydney Alliance

WSCF has become a partner to the Sydney Alliance, a diverse coalition of community groups, faith-based organisations and Unions developed to build a stronger voice for the kind of society we want to live in. Sydney Alliance is working to build a fairer and just Sydney. It does this by bringing together the three pillars of civil society; community organisations, unions and religious organisations giving us power and legitimacy to act as a coalition for the common good.

The Sydney Alliance is founded on the traditions of community organising from the Industrial Areas Foundation, recently popularised by Barack Obama in his Presidential campaign.

[Find out more about the Sydney Alliance from the attached article.](#)

As members of WSCF you have access to Sydney Alliance training - click onto the Sydney Alliance website <http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au> to see what is available.

Regional Development Australia – Greater Sydney

The Federal Government has developed a regional planning structure that includes RDA committees in 55 regions across Australia - just one for the whole of Sydney. WSCF EO, Mary Waterford is one of 12 individuals appointed by Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Maxine McKew, to guide Federal, State and local planning for the Sydney region.

“Regional Development Australia (RDA) is a partnership between the Australian, state and territory and local governments to support the growth and development of Australia’s regions. RDA committees will build partnerships between governments, regional development organisations, local businesses, community groups and key regional stakeholders to provide strategic and targeted responses to economic, environmental and social issues affecting the regions of Australia” - a tall order for an enthusiastic group of people. We shall be ensuring that Western Sydney and social inclusion issues are considered. (Visit <http://www.rda.gov.au/> for more details)

Joke Spot

There are 2 cowboys in the kitchen. Which one is the real cowboy?
The one on the range

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