

## News from Western Sydney Community Forum

### Forum Flash

7 April 2010

#### Stronger Voice for Western Sydney: Future Strategies

Here's your chance to have a say about the future directions WSCF is considering to '*Build a Stronger Voice for Western Sydney*'.

We are thinking of focusing on the following strategies and it would be great to your views on these by the end of April. If we don't hear from you by that date we will assume you agree with them.

[Click here to tell us your ideas](#)

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<http://www.ngo.net.au/strongervoice> and visit [www.westernsydney2030.com.au](http://www.westernsydney2030.com.au) to link to WSROC's 2030 vision building for our area.

#### Helping out at the Homelessness Street Count

The Regional Taskforce on Homelessness is organising a Street Count on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010 to identify the number of people sleeping rough in the Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury and Penrith areas.

The data collected will be used to develop programs and monitor progress on the Taskforce's efforts to reduce homelessness in the region.

We are seeking volunteers to participate in the Street Count. Volunteers will be required for a total of 4 hours from 11.45pm on Monday night 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 3.30am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

All volunteers must have a working mobile phone with credit and a working torch on the night. If you would like to volunteer in one of the four Local Government Areas: Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Blacktown or Penrith, please download the Registration Form below and email it to [nepeanstreetcount@gmail.com](mailto:nepeanstreetcount@gmail.com).

#### [Registration Form](#)

There will be a volunteer training session in your local area on **Tuesday 27th April from 6:30-7:30pm**. It is important that people attend the session to safely participate in this important initiative.

Please find out more by visiting [www.ncah.org](http://www.ncah.org) or contact Eamon Waterford, Coordinator - Nepean Street Count , Wentworth Community Housing / Nepean Campaign Against Homelessness 0431 534 790 [nepeanstreetcount@gmail.com](mailto:nepeanstreetcount@gmail.com)

## Training Opportunities at WSCF

### Budgeting for Tenders

Facilitator: Margot Richardson

21<sup>st</sup> April 2010 Wednesday - **Please register by 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010** - 9:30am - 4:30pm

The Macarthur Sustainable Living Centre, 1 Mount Annan Drive, Mount Annan

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

This workshop will present participants with simple concepts that are fundamental in preparing project budgets and give participants a foundation on which to build a solid budget structure.

### Submission Writing for Beginners (Relaunched)

Facilitator: Miguel Ferrero

3 May 2010 Monday - **Please register by 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010** - 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Western Sydney Community Forum, Level 4, 146 Marsden Street, Parramatta

Cost: WSCF Member - \$10    Non Member - \$10

This workshop targets those who have no knowledge or very limited knowledge on submission/grant writing. You will gain an understanding of the basic components of a submission application and the steps you need to take before writing the application.

### Marketing for Youth Services - In Partnership with YAPA

Facilitator: Leah Weber - YAPA

19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 Wednesday - **Please register by 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010** - 9:30am - 12:30pm

WSCF, Level 4, 146 Marsden St, Parramatta

Cost: WSCF Members - \$25.00    Non Members - \$50.00

Have you ever wondered how to market your service? Youth workers are such passionate, dedicated people with fantastic programs and services to offer young people, but it's not often they get the chance to learn the skills to market their service effectively. Well, now is your chance. Drawing on business marketing principles, this workshop will teach you how to adapt them to a community services framework, and give you basic skills in marketing and promotion.

### Gangari Understanding Reconciliation

Facilitator: Maria Bamford & Kerri Maguire - Gangari

27<sup>th</sup> May 2010 Thursday - **Please register by 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010** - 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

TAFE NSW - Western Sydney Institute, Mount Druitt College - Building A

Corner Mount Street and North Parade, Mount Druitt 2770

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

This workshop targets non-Indigenous Australians, in particular those working with Aboriginal children and families. It will provide participants with a better understanding of Aboriginal Australia leading to building new relationships based on trust and respect.

A meaningful and interactive workshop will provide a starting point to:

- Understand the key issues of reconciliation, particularly our shared history
- Learn the facts and challenge myths and stereotypes about Aboriginal Australia
- Promote the value of consulting locally and where to begin
- Provide relevant information and practical resources to assist in respectfully acknowledging and celebrating Aboriginal Australia.

*Participants will also receive a 100 page resource booklet.*

## Only a few places available in the Advocacy Training Workshop

### Advocacy Training for Community Workers

The training offered in partnership with Cabramatta Community Centre is specifically targeted for community workers in Western Sydney and covers topics such as power relations, identifying the best issues to campaign on, developing a campaign strategy, government structure; and interaction with government and the community.

**Facilitator:** Kerry Nettle

**Date & Time:** 29 April 2010 9.00am to 4.30pm (9.00am for 9.15am Start)

**Please register before 23 April 2010**

**Venue:** Western Sydney Community Forum, Level 4, 146 Marsden St, Parramatta

**Cost:** \$20 (includes lunch and handouts)

**Queries:** Kerry at CCC on (02) 9727 0477 or Miguel Ferreo at WSCF on (02) 9687 9742

## Promotion of the Pay-up Campaign

“It’s hard to believe but on average Australian women are paid 17% less than men.

The pay gap is so big that on average women have to work 63 days more a year just to earn the same income.

It’s time to pay up. Put an end to the lip service. Show your support and send a kiss to Julia Gillard now. Website: [www.payup.org.au](http://www.payup.org.au)

## Song Research

WSCF is involved with UWS in an exciting research project that may help small organisations develop critical planning around practice in the light of expectations about accountability. The project will focus on the importance of process in small community organisations.

If you feel you fit the bill we hope you will consider an expression of interest in the project.

Does your organisation:

- Have less than 15 FTE
- Have a 'local' focus or a 'special interest' focus
- Incorporate a 'community management' model
- Operate on a community development approach to service delivery?

If the answer to most of these questions is 'yes' (or if you think you are a 'small organisation' that would benefit from the ideas in the attached description of the project), we encourage you to consider taking part in the project.

If you are interested we would love to come and explain more about the project in person. Please ring Mary Waterford on 9687 5812 or email [eo@wscf.org.au](mailto:eo@wscf.org.au) or Dr Mick Houlbrook, Social Justice Social Change Research Centre, University of Western Sydney Ph 9772 6818 [M.Houlbrook@uws.edu.au](mailto:M.Houlbrook@uws.edu.au) to register your interest

## Joke Spot

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.

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