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POLICY REGISTER

Subject: Statement of Purpose

Primary Responsibility:

All Board members, staff, students, contractors and volunteers

Policy Statement

Western Sydney Community Forum Inc. (WSCF) is a regional peak organisation representing community managed groups and organisations in fourteen (14) Local Government Areas of Greater Western Sydney. WSCF aims to promote social justice principles. Through a process of representation and action WSCF strives to maintain and improve the quality of life for the residents of Greater Western Sydney.

Description

WSCF is the Western Sydney regional peak organisation providing regional leadership, facilitating collaborative action and developing resources to enable community organisations to effectively address issues relating to social justice and social inclusion.

Purpose

Western Sydney Community Forum strengthens the work of community organisations across the Western Sydney region to increase the capacity and resilience of disadvantaged communities.

WSCF Works with and for...

Funded and unfunded community-based organisations / services working for social justice in Western Sydney.

WSCF Strategic Directions

All projects work towards -

- Facilitating collaborative action on social justice issues and leading responses to government policy
- Building strong resilient community organisations in Western Sydney
- Connecting pro-actively with marginalised groups to increase equity of access to resources
- Demonstrating and practicing models of good governance and sustainability

Procedure

- WSCF will represent Western Sydney in the following Local Government Areas: Auburn; Bankstown; Baulkham Hills; Blacktown; Blue Mountains; Camden; Campbelltown; Fairfield; Hawkesbury; Holroyd; Liverpool; Parramatta; Penrith; and, Wollondilly; with services provided in specific LGAs as per funding arrangements
- WSCF will provide services to community managed groups and organisations representing the community sector in Greater Western Sydney, particularly those who are disadvantaged such as the frail aged, people with disability and their carers, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples, and people from non-English speaking backgrounds;
- The values which underpin the work of WSCF include:
 - ⇒ respect
 - ⇒ equity
 - ⇒ expertise
 - ⇒ participation
 - ⇒ strength
 - ⇒ leadership
 - ⇒ inclusion
 - ⇒ partnership

Outcomes

The outcomes pursued by WSCF are:

- Services provided by WSCF are effective, efficient and accountable;
- The enhancement of existing services to respond to the needs of the diverse communities of Western Sydney, including those from non-English speaking backgrounds and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples;
- The collation and dissemination of information relevant to the community sector through appropriate methods;
- The development of an agenda of regional needs and appropriate strategies for community based action to ensure that such needs are met, particularly the needs of people who are frail aged or disabled and their carers.

Services Provided

WSCF currently provides the following services:

- Advocacy;
- Regional Transport and HACC Development;
- Service Support to HACC and other Community Services;
- Information and resourcing to community services and their management Committees;
- Policy Development;
- HACC and DOCS Training

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- Nationally Recognised Training in Community Management
- Translations for HACC and non HACC services.

Evaluation

- WSCF will ensure ongoing consultation with members and client organisations about the appropriateness of its purpose, services, values and desired outcomes.

Adopted by the Board on: 02/06/2009

CROSS REFERENCE

- GP1 Vision Statement Policy
- GP2 Access & Equity Policy
- O5 Planning & Evaluation Policy
- PS2 Consultation Policy