

News from Western Sydney Community Forum

Forum Flash

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Join the train for National Equal Pay Day of Action June 10th

Western Sydney Community Forum workers are joining ASU members to attend the Day of Action on Fair Pay in Sydney on 10 June. Western Sydney community workers are travelling the Western train line, collecting people as we go - leaving Blackheath at 8.12am, Katoomba at 8.25, Springwood at 9.06, Penrith at 9.39, Blacktown at 9.53 & Parramatta at 10.05 and arriving at Central at 10.3am.. South West Sydney workers will leave Liverpool at 9.41am.

The rally is part of the ASU campaign for pay equity for workers in the social and community services industry, with events planned in every capital city and many regional centres.

WSCF has been a strong advocate for improved pay and conditions for workers in social and community service organisations. Together with other peaks, this is an integral part of our sustained advocacy for fair and proper funding that ensures the best quality of service delivery and improved outcomes for the most vulnerable people and communities.

WSCF will be closed on 10 June to allow staff to participate in the National Day of Action. For more information or assistance rallying the troops in your workplace, networks and community contact Emily 02 9310 4000 or email emily@asu.org.au. Also see www.asumembers.org.au/equalpay and www.payup.org.au

WSCF TRAINING CALENDAR FOR JULY TO NOVEMBER - On our Website

NOW!

Take a look at the courses we are presenting for the second half of 2010. We have exceeded our own expectations with 22 courses on offer. There was a high demand for some of the courses held in the previous six months so we are making them available again - so if you missed out here is another opportunity. There are also some new courses provided for the first time...

- Leading with Presence
- Working effectively with Culturally Diverse Clients and Co-workers
- Making your service accessible to people from a Non-English Speaking Background

NB: TRAINING SESSION DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED **“NSW PROTOCOL FOR RESPONDING TO ABUSE OF OLDER PEOPLE”**

This session was initially scheduled for 10 June, however, as that date clashes with the “Equal Pay” action day organised by the Australian Services Union, WSCF has decided to move the training session to 15 July 2010.

The time and the venue will be same: 9.30 am to 1.30 pm at the Forum - Level 4, 146 Marsden St.

Parramatta. This information has been updated on our website. [Click here to register.](#)

WSCF Staff Profile - What We Do!




The fourth in our staff profiles is...

Hello e-flash subscribers.

My name is Semra Guler; I am one of the Regional Resource Workers at Western Sydney Community Forum. This project involves supporting the development of services that better meet the needs of marginalised and disadvantaged people and communities. My position entails resourcing non-government organisations and groups in Western Sydney by being involved in identified interagencies and networks of regional significance, and ensuring that non-government organisations and groups in Western Sydney are informed about social policy and program developments.

I am a Kurdish woman from Turkey and acceptance & respect are extremely important values to me as even our existence had been denied till last 10 years. Therefore I am very sensitive to the multiculturalism in 'Paradiso Australia' and very passionate about the real meaning of an inclusive society. I also have been living and working in Western Sydney since I came to Australia except for a year of work in Inner West. Being a Middle Eastern woman, living in Western Sydney where the 59% of Aboriginal people in NSW live make me work with a deep empathy which sometimes causes Western style 'professionalism' to go out of the window.

I have extensive experience working in the community sector, especially working with migrants and refugees. Prior to my work with WSCF I worked with the Auburn Migrant Resource Centre (now known as ADSi-Auburn Diversity Services Inc) holding various positions including Humanitarian Case Manager, Community Projects Officer and Acting Sub-Coordinator.

Look for **Semra Guler-wscf** on  add me to your friends list as we are trying to utilize various communication methods.

COMMUNITY BUILDERS:

No news yet of outcomes of Community Builders submissions - Ross Beaton and Peter Prants from Communities and Early Years Division - Metro West Community Services have told us that they still hope successful submissions will be announced by the end of the month.

Joke Spot

Is reading in the bathroom considered multi-tasking?

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