

News from Western Sydney Community Forum

Forum Flash

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Community Services Grants Program Reform almost complete

The CSGP Roundtable representing community organisations are very pleased to announce the success of our campaign to support services funded under CSGP - 'no funding, no reform' this week became a reality with both

- Streaming of the old CSGP into two - this week all organisations will have received a letter to inform a linking of all projects into either 'Community strengthening' or 'direct services to children, young people and families',
- An increase in funding for both new streams - \$10 million for community strengthening and \$4.5 million for direct services to children, young people and families' programs. [Click here for Linda Burney's press release.](#)

This marks the end of the Community Services Grants Program as at 30.6.2010!

We ask that all organisations funded under this program **take the time to celebrate** this win, to **write to your local member** and thank them for their support (Western Sydney State Parliament members were instrumental in this success) and to ensure that your **membership of Western Sydney Community Forum** is up to date - a 5 year membership is only \$99.00! [Click here for membership and membership form.](#)

WSCF has put a lot of energy into this campaign over the past few years and we are always stronger with large membership. Community Development and capacity building is legitimised under the new arrangement - whatever fears we may have of a change of government, we are now 'reformed' and better resourced, with our work endorsed by many levels of government.

We are currently negotiating the rollout of the new funds and will keep you informed. Again, make sure you support the peaks who have worked to bring this to fruition - membership of your statewide peak NCOSS & LCSA, FamsNSW or YAPA is important to appreciate them in this work too.

For more information or assistance send an e-mail to Mary Waterford eo@wscf.org.au or to Semra Guler semrag@wscf.org.au or call 9687 9669.

National Equal Pay Day of Action June 10th

Western Sydney Community Forum workers were among 3,000 workers at this historic Sydney Town Hall event. There were 150 workers on the Western line train but we lost our trophy to the Illawarra who had 200! The event had the support of over 15 other Unions and good press. [Click here to see pictures.](#) Imagine if our sector got pay equity as well as good funding! Recruitment would be so easy!

Sydney Alliance -Listening to Sydney campaign Launch July 11th

Just imagine . . . *A fair and just city whose people and environment flourish* ..Imagine - a movement

- that enables your organisation to connect respectfully with your local community, faith and union organisations
- that gives people skills to talk respectfully with others about why they do what they do
- that not only enables communities to connect together about the big issues that effect their lives but also gives a proven process to put in place effective solutions

Western Sydney Community Forum and the Sydney Alliance invite you to attend the inaugural Sydney Alliance Listening Assembly. [Download the invite here.](#) This will be an occasion to remember - Sunday 11th July 1.30-3.30pm at Blacktown Civic Centre, Bowman Hall, Campbell Street, Blacktown. RSVP by 28 June to: Western Sydney Community Forum wscf@wscf.org.au

Come join with hundreds of members of community organisations, faith communities and unions to launch Listening Campaigns in member organisations across Sydney and to experience the Sydney Alliance perhaps for the first time. Find out more about this long term coalition strategy on www.sydneyalliance.org.au

Community Builders

No news yet of outcomes of Community Builders submissions

Associations Incorporation Act 2009

The Office of Fair Trading has advised that the Commencement Proclamation for the **Associations Incorporation Act 2009** and the **Associations Incorporation Regulation 2010** will be published on the NSW legislation website on Friday 11 June 2010. Both will commence 1 July 2010. Further details on the NCOSS website soon www.ncoss.org.au

Joke Spot

If all is not lost, where is it?

A Stronger Voice for Western Sydney Facebook Page: <http://www.ngo.net.au/strongervoice>