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News from Western Sydney Community Forum

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CHANGE OF VENUE

Working with Fathers & Networking within Children's Services Sector

When: 11 August 2008 from 9.00am to 1.00pm (Free Event)

Venue: WSCF Training Room. Level4, 146 Marsden St, Parramatta.

Guest Speakers: Andrew King (Consultant Men's Line), Dale Williams (Anglicare)
Anthony Brown (NSW Men's Health information Resource Centre)

Topics Include: Latest Research and Good Practice on working with men, Successes and overcoming challenges in working with men within diverse community context, Networking and Information/ Resources for working with men will also be provided.

[To find out more or register click here](#)

[To download the agenda click here](#)

PLANNING AND REPORTING

Facilitator: Anny Druitt

Cumberland/Prospect 12th August 2008 9:30am – 4:30 pm

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

How do you keep an organisation focused as a whole and not let it become a series of projects with no common agenda? Come to this training session and you will learn much more!!!!

Enhanced accountability for the expenditure of public funds and quality assurance mechanisms are having a great impact on the planning and reporting processes for Non –Government Organisations.

One of the challenges for community organisations is the need to consider the constant changes in the cultural landscape and political climate. How does your organisational plan maintain the integrity of your organisation or validate legitimacy and expertise while making sure that it is responsive to the changes in the environment we live in?

How do you keep an organisation focused as a whole and not let it become a series of projects with no common agenda?

Organisational planning requires creative approaches to meet desired project outcomes and the vision and purpose of the organisation.

An organisational plan that addresses the governance of the organisation, identifies critical stakeholders, possible partnerships and builds coalitions has a greater chance of having a positive impact on our communities.

This one day workshop will cover:

- Setting directions for the future of the organisation
- Collection, documentation and information analysis
- Setting goals and objectives
- Identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats
- Key strategies to achieving organisational goals and objectives
- Evaluation of organisational performance
- Roles within the organisation
- The role of the Board/Management Committee
- Exploring financial possibilities and scenarios
- Identifying financial constraints
- Identifying and documenting funding options
- Identifying possible partnerships and networks

[Register Here](#)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SOCIAL INCLUSION FORUM - MONDAY AUGUST 18

[To register – click here](#)

Please note that places are filling fast.

Peter Phibbs from the UWS Research Centre and Craig Johnston from Shelter NSW will be speaking and there will be small group discussions so you can discuss your experiences, ideas, and visions for affordable housing and social inclusion in Western Sydney.

WSCF is undertaking this forum with the donation of WESTHIRN funds. Your input will be valuable for the position paper that will be written at the conclusion of the project.

Enquiries: contact Judith Brownhill, Housing Project Worker, ph 9687 6864 or email project@wscf.org.au

WSCF MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE

Your 2008-09 membership with the Western Sydney Community Forum is due for renewal. Membership of WSCF builds a stronger voice for the community sector across the region and costs just \$38.50 including GST. Due date for payments is 31 July 2008.

- For your application renewal form (pdf 51Kb) [click here](#)
 - For information regarding your rights and responsibilities as members (pdf 54Kb) [click here](#)
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WHO'S WHO IN THE ZOO? or WHAT IS THE STRUCTURE OF WSCF?

People have asked us to talk about the way we are organised at WSCF and which staff work on which projects. Below is a brief description for you in words or, for all you visual people, [Click here for our WSCF organisational chart](#).

Mary Waterford is the Executive Office while Leah Godfrey is on maternity leave. Mary links the WSCF Board to the business of the organisation and works on the "big" issues for the sector.

Nancy Nicholson is our Operations Manager and works to organise and support the work of the rest of the staff. All WSCF staff report to Nancy.

Debbie McIntosh is the Office Manager and runs the training room. Frank Zheng is our Administration Assistant and Charles Rajan is the WSCF book-keeper.

There are three teams of community workers at WSCF; the Regional Resource Team, the Learning and Development Team and the Network Development Team.

In the Regional Resource Team is:

- Noel Hiffernan - Noel works on all HACC related issues including food. We are currently recruiting a three day week worker to support this work.
- Semra Guler - Semra works on CSGP issues and has a special interest in the way that WSCF connects with indigenous and CALD organisations. Judith Brownhill is working with Semra for the next two months on a housing project.
- Paul Falzon and Hugh Worrall - Paul and Hugh are working on transport issues. They are currently developing the 'Connecting with Buses' project.

The Learning and Development Team is:

- Dana Rosinski coordinates the WSCF training program, including the new Diploma of Community Services Management. She also organises translations.
- Miguel Ferrero has a development role in the Learning and Development Team and has a special interest in improving access for CALD and ATSI workers to the WSCF training.

The Network Development Team is:

- Cheryl Kelly and Himali Wettisinghe - Cheryl and Himali work to develop connections between the various child and family services in the Cumberland/Prospect and Hills areas as well as providing support to the sector.

[For a full staff list with contacts, click here.](#)

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