

# Forum Flash – 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

News from Western Sydney Community Forum

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## NEWSWIRE NOW AVAILABLE CHILD AND FAMILY SECTOR

**Exciting new way to get your information about what's happening in the child/family sector.**

The combined Nepean and Cumberland / Blacktown / The Hills (CBH) Service Network Project website is now available at [www.servicenetwork.ngo.net.au](http://www.servicenetwork.ngo.net.au) .  
Subscribe to the Newswire from the website.

You will gain a wider audience to advertise your events/activities/programs, as well as reducing your email overload. You will only be receiving one email a week, on Thursdays, from the Cumberland / Blacktown / The Hills (CBH) Newswire. The Newswire service started on 7 August 2008.

You're also encouraged to submit content for inclusion in the Newswire: promote your services, events, training etc, to a wider audience. You can do this by either completing the online submission form on the website:  
– [click here to go to form](#) or click on the "Contribute Content" link on the left hand column of the website, or email: [cherylk@wscf.org.au](mailto:cherylk@wscf.org.au) or [himaliw@wscf.org.au](mailto:himaliw@wscf.org.au) .

The Nepean region has its own newswire. If you also provide services in the Penrith, Blue Mountains or Hawkesbury LGAs, please email [servicenetwork@tricom.org.au](mailto:servicenetwork@tricom.org.au) to subscribe. This additional Newswire might be particularly useful for agencies which provide services across local government borders in the two regions.

This project is a partnership between Western Sydney Community Forum and TRI Community Exchange. Child and family services in these regions will now have access

to information from a larger area. You will have access to more resources, more research, more network information, more Group Work Calendar items and more information about other current children and family services events.

These projects are funded by Families NSW.

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## PARRAMATTA CARE CAMPAIGN

**To improve the wages and conditions of community workers.**

**Monday August 18<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm**

**WSCF, level 4, 146 Marsden St, Parramatta**

The Care campaign is an initiative of the Australian Services Union (ASU) working towards improving the working conditions and pay of community workers on the SACS award.

The first strategy of the Care campaign is to get good information about the sector so we are encouraging community workers to fill in the CARE survey

You don't need to be a Union member to fill it out and it is online

<http://www.asumembers.org.au/care-campaign>

The ASU has received about 2,000 completed surveys to date.

The CARE Campaign is adopting a long term strategy of collaboration – workers, community agencies (large and small) and government partners all working together for the sustainability of the sector and therefore the community.

The dates of the next three meetings to put in your diary –

**3-5pm third Monday of the month August 18<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

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## INTERAGENCIES and FORUMS CONTACT LIST HAS BEEN UPDATED

The Interagencies and Forums list has been updated and put online on the WSCF website. We have had very positive feedback about the list from various organizations.

Click here: [Western Sydney Interagencies List](#)

If you are aware of any interagency or forum that is running in Western Sydney and is not on our list please contact Semra Guler on 9687 6974 or send an e-mail to [semrag@wscf.org.au](mailto:semrag@wscf.org.au)

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## SPECIAL HACC EVENT

**AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED!**

**Supported by: CUMBERLAND / PROSPECT HACC, Auburn Council, and WSCF**

**Special Guest: Dr Michael Fine:**

Associate Professor, Sociology, Macquarie University

Deputy Director, Centre for Research on Social Inclusion

Director of the Bachelor of Social Science, Macquarie University

Director, Postgraduate Program in Policy and Applied Social Research

Dr Fine's current research concerns the sociology of care. It addresses theories of care and international developments in care provision; the issue of migration, demography and care; links between formal and informal support; individualisation, social housing, isolation and social support; and on emergent patterns of service delivery, including issues of funding, planning and consumer engagement.

**5th September, 2008, 2pm**

**The Exhibition Gallery, Auburn Council,**

**1 Susan Street, Auburn.**

Afternoon Tea will be served.

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## INTRODUCTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

**Monday, September 15**

**9am – 3pm at WSCF**

WSCF will be holding one day course in conjunction with UWS. The Course is introduction to Climate Change and is specifically designed for community organizations. More information on the Introduction Course and will be available on the next e-flash. Please contact Semra Guler on 9687 6974 or send an e-mail to [semrag@wscf.org.au](mailto:semrag@wscf.org.au).

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## PUBLIC FORUM ON BUS SERVICES FOR SOUTH-WEST SYDNEY

WSCF recommends that people with an interest in the bus routes in South Western Sydney attend this Ministry of Transport Public Forum. Please contact the ministry if

you intend to come along. They are looking for your input into Regions 10 and 13, more details on the website <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/busforum/>  
The Ministry of Transport will hold a public forum on Monday evening, 25 August 2008 for bus services that cover all or part of Auburn, Bankstown, Fairfield, Hurstville, Kogarah, Liverpool, Parramatta, Rockdale, Sutherland and Strathfield local government areas. The Ministry of Transport refers to these bus service areas as regions 10 and 13.

**Date: Monday 25 August, 2008**

**Place: Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown NSW 2200**

**Time: 6 pm registration and refreshments for a 6:30 pm start - 8:30 pm**

**RSVP: by 21 August to contact details below.**

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## **CBD MOBILITY FORUM - Submissions**

Following the success of World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney, the Premier has announced a CBD Mobility Forum to build upon and further develop measures to keep the Sydney CBD moving smoothly.

Many community transport clients and the transport disadvantaged people need access to CBD services such as medical specialists in the CBD. We need a better plan and better public transport to manage the increasing volumes of traffic. If you have any ideas or would like to discuss the matter further, please give Paul a call on 9687 8937 or email [paulf@wscf.org.au](mailto:paulf@wscf.org.au) and we can help with a submission.

Submissions should be lodged by 22 August 2008 either by email to [mobilityforum@dpc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mobilityforum@dpc.nsw.gov.au) or by post to CBD Mobility Forum, Department of Premier.

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