

# Forum Flash – Sept 12<sup>th</sup> , 2008

News from Western Sydney Community Forum

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## CSGP REVIEW

WSCF has produced a number of short online videos with members of the CSGP Roundtable to discuss the various issues raised by the progress of the CSGP Review.

The latest video is focused on how the Review may affect youth services and features Rey Reodica, EO at YAPA and Damian Cooper, Manager of Mountains Youth Support Team (MYST).

To see these videos, and the other WSCF videos, click on this link:

[www.youtube.com/forumflash](http://www.youtube.com/forumflash)

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## TRAINING CALENDAR 2009 NEEDS SURVEY

Western Sydney Community Forum is taking a different approach this year for our training calendar for 2009.

Firstly we will be doing two 6-month calendars (Feb-Jun and Jul-Nov). This will allow us to be more flexible in what we schedule. There is a lot of training being offered out there and we want to avoid duplication.

We want to target those who will actually require training. The training survey has a different format this year. We are focusing on the specific competencies needed to work in the community sector.

We value your input in this survey and it will enable us to provide training to assist you in your work in 2009.

[To participate click here.](#)

Please complete the survey by Friday 10th October 2008

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## CREATING A NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT AND THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT SECTOR

**WSCF in partnership with ACOSS / NCOSS has organised a Western Sydney Consultation on the proposed National Compact between the Government and the Community Sector. The event will be held on Monday September 29<sup>th</sup> in the Nirimba Room at Blacktown Council 9.00am - 1.00pm.**

As we know, the Not-for-Profit Sector is a vital part of Australia's civic, social, economic and environmental life. The Sector provides a broad range of services and opportunities to Australians, including essential community services, culture and recreation, representation and advocacy. Through participation in Not-for-Profit organisations, many Australians also make significant contributions to our civic life, which builds a stronger Australian democracy. It is therefore important that the Not-for-Profit Sector is well supported and able to work in partnership with the Government to build social inclusion and improve the lives of Australians. Crucial to this is the development and maintenance of strong and positive relationships between the Sector and the Commonwealth Government.

The Not-for-Profit Sector and the Commonwealth Government are exploring ways to develop a new and stronger relationship with each other, based on partnership and respect. It has been proposed that this could be done through the development of a National Compact.

The Sector and the Government want to know what you think about the proposal to develop a National compact. We want to know what you think the value of a compact is, what a compact should focus on, and what should be in one. Come and tell us your views.

Places are limited so register as soon as possible. To register email [compact@acoss.org.au](mailto:compact@acoss.org.au) or contact Amy 02 9310 6203

Go to: [www.acoss.org.au](http://www.acoss.org.au) to download your copy of the consultation discussion paper today.

# UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

**Facilitator:** Sarah Stewart

**Date:** 27 October 2008, 9:00am – 4:00 pm

**Venue:** Western Sydney Community Forum Level 4, 146 Marsden St, Parramatta

**Key contact:** Miguel Ferrero. Email: [miguelf@wscf.org.au](mailto:miguelf@wscf.org.au) Telephone: 9687-9742

The NSW Institute of Psychiatry & Western Sydney Community Forum invite you to attend this free introductory training session. This module has been developed by the Australian Network for promotion, prevention and early intervention for Mental Health (Auseinet) to introduce participants to the principles and concepts underpinning mental health promotion, prevention of mental ill-health and early intervention and their relevance and applicability to a range of work settings.

The workshop will cover:

- Concepts of positive mental health
- Influences on mental health
- Benefits of promotion and prevention
- Status of the evidence
- Overview of mental health promotion, prevention of ill-health and early intervention
- Applications to clinical and community settings
- Examples of evidence-based interventions

To register your interest in attending the workshop, please contact:

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Closing date for registration 13 October, 2008

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## INTERAGENCIES and FORUMS NEW SURVEY

Western Sydney Community Forum is undertaking a **survey** to gather some information on the functions of interagencies, networks and forums. We'd appreciate it if you could spare 5 minutes to answer the very short survey.

The survey is only relevant to community workers that attend interagencies, networks or forums. Please complete the survey by Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

[Click here to do the survey.](#)

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

Contact Semra Guler on 9687 6974 or send an e-mail to [semrag@wscf.org.au](mailto:semrag@wscf.org.au) if you'd like more information on the survey.

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 the contacts above.

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