

News from Western Sydney Community Forum

Forum Flash

20 July 2009

“To Market, to Market ... Competitive Tendering and Purchase of Service in the Community Sector:

A partnership research project between Michael Darcy of Social Justice Social Change, University of Western Sydney; Jane McIvor of Sector Connect and Mary Waterford of Western Sydney Community Forum. This research is the culmination of several years of research, followed up by focus groups and seminars. The evidence gathered in this study and the examples cited demonstrate the distance which is opening up between government and its partners in the delivery of community welfare services in NSW, and which threatens a long standing and productive relationship. Adoption of the recommendations of this report might begin to close that distance.

Manager’s Peer Support Network

(Specifically for Workers in Management/Supervisory role of small community organisations.)

The first Peer Support Network session held in April was very successful and those attending found it to be very useful. It proved to be a great forum to raise ideas and issues and share resources. The group spent a very productive 2 hours exploring a range of management issues eg. HR, IT, accountability etc.

It time to get the diaries out again! The 2nd get-together of the Manager’s Support Network is happening:

- When: 6th August 2009 from 11am to 1.00pm (lunch provided)
- Where: ACDN, 86 Harrow Rd, Auburn Western Sydney NSW.
- Contact: Nancy @ WSCF: email: nancyn@wscf.org.au Tel: 02 9687 9695
- RSVP: 3 August 2009 for catering purposes.

Cumberland Blacktown, Baulkham Hills Service Network Project

The Cumberland, Blacktown and Hills Service Network Project came to an end on the 30th of June 2009. Western Sydney Community Forum congratulates our workers, Himali Wettasinghe and Cheryl Kelly for their great work over the past two years and warmly wish them well in their endeavours to find new employment. The final Evaluation of the project is on our website - it demonstrates well the achievement of the project and the value of the Service Network strategy ([click here to go to the SNP page of our website](#))

As of July the following services will be unavailable

- E-Newswire - The final e-newswire occurred on the 25th of June
- Group Work Calendars - The final group work calendars for the project were completed last term. We will not be compiling group work calendars for term 3 or going forward. If you wish to advertise your groups you may need to access the following website and post the groups there <http://www.resourcingparents.com/>

- Service Practice Forums - the final Service Practice forum was held on the 20th of April 2009.

For information about Child & Family Services we recommend you visit the Child & Family Services News section of communityNet www.tricomm.org.au/communitynet

WSCF Training Calendar:

Please note the WSCF training calendar will be available by end of July 2009.

Diploma of Community Services Management Information session

Are you interested in advancing your career in community services with a qualification in managing a community based non government organisation? WSCF, in partnership with Harris Bromly Pty Ltd is once again offering the Diploma of Community Services Management CHC51602. We have organised an information session for people who might be interested in enrolling for the course.

The info session will be held on 13 Aug 2009, 9:30am-12:30pm at WSCF Training Room
RSVP: by 7th August 2009 fax: 9687 8665 or email: danar@wscf.org.au

[Click here to learn more about the Information session.](#)

WSCF STAFF: Diversity in the workplace



Western Sydney Community Forum is the face of diversity in the workplace. Our staff represent the richness of multicultural Australia. We represent many nations, ethnic groups and cultures. We acknowledge and celebrate our diversity by holding monthly cultural celebrations. Through such celebrations we increase our cultural awareness, knowledge as well as respect for each other's cultures. Our team originates from China, PNG, Japan, India, Sri Lanka, Turkey, New Zealand, Chile, Poland and Australia.

Joke Spot

Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you can't drink and drive?