

Forum Flash

8 May 2009

Community Worker Transport Forum June 1st, 2009

Are you wondering what's going on in Public Transport in Western Sydney? Can your community members get to work, education, health appointments? Is bus reform a dirty word? Have you seen pigs flying in the sky where they North West Metro was planned to be built? This is your chance to find out what Paul Falzon and Hugh Worrall have been working on for the last year. We will have opportunities for questions and discussion around your particular topics, we have left them open for you to provide your input into the discussion. We will be focusing our efforts on building on our existing work and seeking your input and advocacy on the day.

[Don't forget to click here for transport and parking.](#)

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UWS Competitive Tendering and Purchase of Services in the Community Sector Seminar May 22nd 2009

We know that Universities are doing incredibly valuable researches on the community work, community sector, impacts of various programs and legislative changes on community sector however the sector is not necessarily aware of the findings and the valuable work. We would like to assist Universities to reach the community sector in a better way. Therefore WSCF is partnering with UWS and Sector Connect to put on a seminar and launch of the "To Market, to Market . . ." *Competitive Tendering and Purchase of Service in the Community Sector* Research on Friday May 22nd at WSCF.

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Workshop on 'Protecting Our Human Rights' on May 26th 2009

As many of you know The National Human Rights Consultations and Submission writing workshops have been organised by various groups and organisations nationally and some in Western Sydney. WSCF would like to invite you to the Consultation and Submission writing workshop that been organised in partnership with Australian Human Rights Commission and PIAC (Public Interest Advocacy Centre) for the individuals, groups and organisations who have missed out to join other workshops and would like to be part of this very important process.

[Click here for the Invitation, Registration Form & Agenda.](#)

Reconciliation for Western Sydney and WSCF invite you to the Jeff McMullan talk on 20 May 2009

WSCF proudly sponsors the “THE ROAD TO BETTER DAYS SEARCHING FOR EQUALITY IN AUSTRALIA” that Reconciliation for Western Sydney has organised. The speaker for the event is Journalist and Broadcaster Jeff McMullen who will talk about policies concerning Aboriginal people a year after the Apology. He will point to some hopeful recent developments that should help improve Aboriginal education in Western Sydney while opening up more opportunities for young people. He will also discuss the obstacles that remain including discriminatory policies such as the Northern Territory Intervention.

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Training

MAKING GREAT INTERAGENCIES, NETWORKS AND FORUMS

Facilitated by: Semra Guler and Miguel Ferrero

20th May 2009 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

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

Interagencies, networks and forums are meetings that are comprised of representatives from a range of local service providers. When they work, they are really useful as community development tools to identify, advocate and act on common issues of concern. This workshop will give you tips and techniques to help you get the most out of the interagencies you convene, chair or participate in.

During this presentation participants will have the opportunity to:

- Understand the function and role of Interagencies
- Define what is networking and what it involves
- Find out how to maintain and to enhance the role of an interagency

[Please make sure to complete our registration form](#)

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APPLYING A STRENGTHS APPROACH TO SUPERVISION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE WORK PLACE

Facilitator: Anne Heath

13th May 2009 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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

In keeping with strengths based ideas, it is appropriate to offer this workshop to both supervisors and those they supervise.

One of the challenges for organisations aspiring to work in strengths based way is the utilisation of strengths based practices in managing and supervising staff. There is a widespread belief that strengths based work means you cannot tackle difficult performance issues or challenge poor practice.

Participants in this workshop will use strengths based tools and techniques to explore the relationship between supervisor and those they supervise and develop a

strengths-based framework for supervision. They will also practice separating people from problems as a tool in resolving conflicts.

Course Outcomes

Participants will:

- explore the implications of strengths-based supervision for their own context
- use strengths based tools to develop a framework for supervision
- discuss the areas of responsibility for supervision
- practice applying a strengths approach to conflict resolution

Who is this course for?

People who are currently supervising staff or who are being supervised and are interested in the application of a strengths approach to supervision and conflict resolution

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Role of WSCF in Global Economic Crisis

WSCF presented at the ACWA Forum on the role of regional peaks in supporting members during the Global Economic Crisis - our presentation also covered the role of peak bodies in general.

[Click here to see the presentation.](#)

Community Care news and updates in Western Sydney (Cumberland-Prospect and Nepean)

Busy time's ahead of us!

Following the inaugural success of the NSW Community Care Conference in 2007, the sector is looking forward to this year's conference on 25 & 26 August at the Sydney Convention Centre.

This and heaps more Community Care news on upcoming events, current projects, new resources as well as a recap on the last quarter, in April's HACC Forums Flash.

Please visit WSCF's HACC webpage at:

http://www.wscf.org.au/index.php/home/hacc_home_and_community_care

Joke Spot

He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.