

eNews 2014 ShelterTAS

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Housing and Homelessness News

Reminder - Shelter Tas AGM

Shelter Tas' AGM will be held on **Friday 28th November from 2.30pm-3.30pm, at Salamanca Inn (10 Gladstone Street, Hobart)**. Guest speakers will be the Minister for Human Services, Jacque Petrusma and CEO of National Shelter, Adrian Pisarski. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the AGM. Please RSVP by Friday 21st November by phoning 03 6224 5488 or emailing trudy@shelertas.org.au.

You are also welcome to attend National Shelter's AGM from 2.00pm-2.30 at the same venue. We hope to see you there!

Training Opportunities through Shelter Tas

Units from Cert. IV in Social Housing: The Centre for Training in Social Housing (CTSH) is offering seven units of accredited training for study. The units are available to Shelter Tas members from the affordable housing and homelessness sector at a subsidised rate of 80%, supported by Skills Tasmania (the employer contribution is just 20% of the total cost). Units can be taken individually, or as part of the Certificate IV in Social Housing and a full list of the available units and study details are available on our [website](#). Most units are offered via e-learning, which makes them accessible to anyone, State-wide. Experienced trainers will provide ongoing support for e-learning units. There are only 12 places available in each unit, so enrol now to make sure you don't miss out on this excellent opportunity. The first unit of study **'Assess and Provide Services for Clients with Complex Needs'** is scheduled for 3rd December 2014, at the Shelter Tas office in Hobart. Please complete the enrolment form (go to our [website](#)) and return it to trainingenquiries@communityhousing.org.au. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Saide, CTSH Training Manager on (02) 9281 1744 ext 215 or the Shelter Tas office on (03) 6224 5488.

Training Units from Shelter Tas and Singleton Consulting: Our final workshop **'Ensure Team Effectiveness'** will be held on 2nd December in Hobart from 10.00am – 4.00pm. This unit is nationally accredited and subsidised by Skills Tasmania, meaning a cost of just \$120 to your organisation. For more details and registration go to the [Singleton Consulting website](#).

'Renters at Home' Griffith University Research Project

The School of Environment, Griffith University, are seeking anonymous 'rental tales' from tenants in rental housing or those working in housing/tenancy management, policy or advocacy. The 'Renters at Home' project aims to inform and support community engagement in planning for urban housing, better understandings about renters' sense of home and better housing policy, services and practices. This research enquires into tenants' experiences of rental housing that may contribute to

having a sense of home, wellbeing, connectedness and security - or not, as the case may be. To contribute to this project [click here](#).

Australasian Housing Researchers Conference – Extension to abstract submission date

The AHRC will be held from Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th February 2015 at the University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay Campus. This will be the first time the conference has been held in Tasmania and includes keynote speakers Prof. Suzanne Fitzpatrick (Director, Institute for Social Policy, Housing, Environment and Real Estate, Heriot-Watt University), Prof. Laurence Murphy (Property, University of Auckland, New Zealand) and Prof. Brendan Gleeson (School of Design, University of Melbourne). The call for abstracts will close at 5.00pm on Monday 17th November 2014. To register for the conference or to submit your abstract online please visit the [AHRC website](#).

Factoid of the Week | Support from Homelessness Services

Between 1 July 2011 and 31 December 2013, the median number of days of support received by people who presented to Specialist Homelessness Services and then became housed, was between 112 and 175 days.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2014, Housing outcomes for groups vulnerable to homelessness. Cat. no. HOU 274 Canberra: AIHW.

Media Releases

Partnership Agreement with community sector renewed

Minister for Human Services, Thursday 12th November 2014. [Click here](#).

More positive housing finance figures

Minister for Planning and Local Government, Monday 10th November 2014. [Click here](#).

Research and Articles

AHURI Evidence Review #67 – 4.6% of tenants leave public housing voluntarily

In 2012–13, only 4.6% of public housing tenants left voluntarily while 63% had lived in public housing for five or more years. The result is that the number of public housing dwellings available for new tenants has reduced. [Read more](#).

Summer Foundation Forum – Housing and disability, the next 10 years

This expert panel paints a picture of where they would like to see housing for people with disability in 10 years time and provides some practical suggestions of how to get there. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

ABC News – Economists say Government should scrap negative gearing tax break to potentially save \$5 billion

[Click here](#) to read this article.

Of Substance - Ice epidemic: fact or fiction?

This article examines the facts behind the “ice epidemic” and asks the question, are the media sensationalising the issue or have consumption patterns increased in Australia? [Click here](#) to read this article.

The Urban Developer – Vancouver’s social housing project uses recycled shipping containers

In Vancouver's downtown Eastside lies Canada's first recycled shipping container social housing development. The innovative idea stems from the city's need to transform social housing for single mothers and low-income senior women living in the region. [Click here](#) to read this article.

Events & Training

ACNC Saturday Morning Roundtable for NW Charities

The Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission are inviting North West charities to participate in a roundtable discussion this Saturday, 15th November, from 10.30am at the Braddon Hall, Wilmot St, Burnie. Charities of all types and sizes are welcome to attend and discuss local issues with the ACNC Commissioner, Susan Pascoe. The Commissioner will make a 30-45minute presentation from 11.00am. For more information [click here](#).

DSS Information Session on Grants and Data Exchange

The Department of Social Services will hold an information workshop regarding grant agreements and data exchange arrangement on Thursday 21st November, 1.30-3.30pm at Hotel Soho, Davey St, Hobart. The sessions will assist organisations to understand the arrangements for receiving DSS grant funding, including key changes to simplify terms and conditions and the new streamlined reporting requirements under the DSS Data Exchange. For more information [click here](#).

Managing the Industrial and People Aspects of Restructuring and Change

Jobs Australia and TasCOSS are staging forums on topical industrial relations issues for the Community sector on Wednesday 3rd December at Hadley's Hotel, 34 Murray St, Hobart. *Managing the Industrial and People Aspects of Restructuring and Change* will be held from 9.30am – 12.30pm and *Briefing and Consultation on the Review of Modern Awards Review* from 1.30 - 3.00pm. To register [click here](#) or for further enquiries contact Michelle Laufer on 1800 060 098 or email mlaufer@ja.com.au.

TasCOSS State Budget Regional Forum

TasCOSS will be holding consultation forums during November in the [South](#), [North](#) and [North West](#) to help shape their Budget Priorities Statement for the 2015-16 State Budget. Forums are open to the public, RSVPs required.

Other News

Common Ground Tenant Art Exhibition – “Home For Christmas”

The “Home For Christmas” exhibition will run on Thursday 13th November 10.00am – 5.00pm and Friday 14th November 10.00am – 7.00pm at Common Ground, 87 Campbell St, Hobart. The exhibition commemorates 2 years since Common Ground, Campbell St, opened its doors and features “Commonwall”, a 55m mural created by the tenant community. There will be works for sale with 20% of the proceeds to go towards the Common Ground Tenant Community Fund to continue to support tenant programs and events. The balance of the proceeds will go directly to the artist.

Welcome Dinner Project Volunteers Sought

Do you have a passion for connecting people and creating a welcoming Australia? The Welcome Dinner Project relies on volunteer facilitators to create successful experiences where people come together, across cultures, over a shared meal. The Welcome Dinner Project is coming to Tasmania through a partnership being developed by 2014 Tasmanian Leaders Program participants, to include the University of Tasmania and the Migrant Resource Centre Northern Tasmania.

Facilitator training sessions will be held in Tasmania this month:
Launceston: Sunday 16th Nov, 10.30am-4.00pm, UTAS Newnham Campus
Hobart: Saturday 22nd Nov, 10.30am – 4.00pm, Australian Red Cross, 40 Melville St
To register, or for more information email tasmania@joiningthedots.org

NFP Develops Ethical Buying Tool

[Ethical Consumers Australia](#) (ECA) has announced the launch of [Good On You](#), a browser extension which will help conscious consumers to browse and buy ethical products from thousands of online brands, by making shoppers aware of products' impact on people, the planet and animals. The extension automatically detects brands in its 1,500-strong database on any page a user browses, and displays a one-click ethical rating.

The rating system, designed using input from NGOs like World Vision, Rank A Brand, Behind the Barcode, Ethical Clothing Australia, and Choose Cruelty Free, brings together available information about brands' labour record, environmental practices and animal welfare.

ECA says Good On You lets shoppers take their values into account as easily as they can compare price, size and colour. Categories covered include clothing, shoes, cosmetics, electronics and baby products. Good On You is currently compatible with Google's Chrome browser, and ECA said it plans to produce similar extensions for other browsers in the future.

Thanks to all contributors for their submissions and feedback. As information for our eNews comes from many different sources, views expressed are not necessarily those of Shelter Tas. If you would like to make a submission to the Shelter Tas eNews please [forward it](#) to us for consideration.



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