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Peak Body for Housing and Homelessness

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Housing and Homelessness News

Tasmanian State Election – 15 March 2014

Now that the election has been called, Shelter Tas will be *working hard* to alert candidates to the affordable housing and homelessness issues throughout the campaign. We will be reiterating some of the key points from our [Budget Submission](#) and asking candidates to commit to measures to:

- Revitalise Social Housing
- Combat Homelessness
- Maximise Affordable Housing.

In addition, we will be calling on the major parties to demonstrate a commitment to lobby the Federal Government to continue the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH), which is due to expire in June 2014 and currently funds many of our vital supported accommodation facilities.

We also take this opportunity to thank Minister Cassy O'Connor for her dedication she has shown to the sector, and willingness to consult and negotiate with us on a range of important reforms.

An Invitation: National Regulatory System for Community Housing Training Workshop – February 5 & 6 2014, Hobart

Housing Tasmania and Shelter Tas will host a training workshop in Hobart on February 5 & 6. Training will be provided by the Community Housing Federation of Australia to provide background on the National Regulatory System ([NRS](#)) which will be proclaimed on the **1st January 2014 in Tasmania**. The NRS is a new national system of registration, monitoring and regulation of community housing providers, and is designed to encourage the development and viability of community housing and facilitate investment in the sector.

The workshop is aimed at senior staff or CEOs interested in becoming registered under the NRS and will provide practical information on what organisations will need to do if they choose to apply. For the **draft agenda and background information** go to www.shelertas.org.au. **Numbers are limited, so please RSVP** to jeanette.lewis@dhhs.tas.gov.au or call (03) 6166 3628 by **24th January**. The workshop is free, but participants will need to provide their own laptop on the day.

Youth Off The Streets: An Invitation to the Derwent Outreach Launch

Youth off the Streets would like to invite you to the launch of their outreach service in the Derwent Region.

Date: Tuesday 28th January 2014

Time: 3.00pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Tottenham Park – Tottenham Rd, Gagebrook (between Bond Place and Laurence Place)

For more information, please call Jessica Quin on 0477 390 028 or email

DerwentOutreach@youthoffthestreets.com.au.

Youth Homelessness Matters Day (YHMD)

YHMD is the annual national awareness day for youth homelessness in Australia. Peak body for youth homelessness *Yfoundations*, is organising a competition for young people 18-25 years old in preparation for YHMD on Wednesday 9 April 2014. **Participants could win an iPad mini or other iTunes prizes!**

Entrants need to:

- write a 100-500 word article about what home means to them
- take a selfie or ask someone to take a picture of them to go with their story
- sign the [media consent form](#).

Entries need to be sent to sophie@yfoundations.org.au by **26 January**

You'll find more information on [the Yfoundations website](#) and on [Facebook](#).

You can also contact Jessie or Sophie, (jessie@yfoundations.org.au / sophie@yfoundations.org.au / (02) 8306 7904 if you have any questions.

Research

2014 Funded Housing Research

AHURI has released the list of housing research projects for 2014, funded through their National Housing Research Program. Click [here](#) to view the list on the AHURI website.

Article: 'Affordable Housing is a Problem for Older Australians, too'

[Click here](#) to read this article posted recently in *The Conversation*, which discusses issues affecting older Australians, [people who are](#) often overlooked in discussions of housing affordability.

Conferences/Seminars/Forums

Y Your Vote Counts Forum – 18 February 2014

The Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) is hosting the "Y Your Vote Counts" youth forum on Tuesday 18 February at City Hall, Hobart. In the lead up to the Tasmanian State election, the forum will provide young people with the chance to engage in the political process, find out why their vote counts and the opportunity to ask a panel of Tasmanian political leaders questions.

This free event will run from 1.00pm – 2.45pm and is open to any young person aged 12-25. Contact Tegan on 6223 5511 or at tyf@ynot.org.au for more information. Registration for the forum is [online](#).

Understanding Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop – 26 February

This workshop is an introductory training module, designed to introduce participants to the principles and concepts underpinning mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention, and their relevance to a range of work settings.

Date: Wednesday 26 February

Time: 10.00am – 4.30pm

Venue: 116 Elizabeth Street (front training room)

Cost: Free (lunch provided)

Contact: Maria Belfrage on m.belfrage@anglicare-tas.org.au or call 6333 3082

Registrations close Friday 14th February 2014.

Housing, Disability and the NDIS Forum – 27 March 2014

The Community Housing Federation of Australia (CHFA) is holding a forum on 27 March in Canberra, to examine the emerging role of the NDIS in supporting participants to gain appropriate housing with support. The forum will provide an excellent opportunity for participants to learn about current policy, best practice, and future opportunities for housing people with disabilities. Participants will

contribute directly to shaping this significant area of policy development via interactive sessions and a conference communiqué that will be delivered to the Minister. The forum will run from 9.30am – 4.30pm, at the Manuka Oval Function Centre, Canberra.

Two Early Notifications for a Couple of Exciting Conferences Being Held This Year!

The Institute for Social Science Research, UQ, will be hosting the **8th Australasian Housing Researchers Conference** in Brisbane in July 2014. The [Call for Papers](#) is now open, and closes on 2nd May 2014.

The **8th National Homelessness Conference** will be held on the Gold Coast in September 2014.

Other News

Community Sector Newsletter

Click [here](#) to view the Community Sector Relations Unit's first newsletter for 2014.

Partners in Recovery (PIR)

PIR supports people with severe and persistent mental illness and their family to access the supports and services to meet their needs. Referrals to PIR will commence on 8th January 2014 in the North and South of the State, with NW referrals commencing shortly. Click [here](#) to read more about PIR and find contact details for the program.

Applications Open – Crisis Accommodation Youth Workers

Youth, Family & Community Connections Inc. Crisis Accommodation Services provide immediate emergency accommodation services to young people aged 13-20 years inclusive who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Interested individuals are invited to apply for casual relief positions (call-in as required). This position will be based across the North-West Coast (Burnie – Devonport). Further information about the position can be obtained by contacting the Team Leader, Shane Leonard on 6431 9230 or shane.cci@eftel.net.au and application packages and details can be obtained by emailing Anne Heath anne@yaff.com.au or telephoning 0418 238 532. Applicants must be willing to undergo a police check and a pre-employment medical. Applications close COB 31st January 2014, previous applicants need not re-apply.

Strengthening Governance for Directors of Tasmanian Not-for-Profit Organisations

The Tasmanian division of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, together with Searson Buck and Hexagon is offering the opportunity to win one of three scholarships to attend their new education course, *Governance Foundations for Not-for-Profit Directors*, scheduled for Hobart in May 2014. Conditions apply and applications close on Tuesday 28 January 2014. An interview process will decide the three scholarship winners. For further information please go to: <http://www.companydirectors.com.au/In-My-State/TAS/Not-for-Profit-Scholarship-2013>.