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Housing and Homelessness News

Employment Opportunity at Shelter Tas

We are looking for a Policy Officer to join us at Shelter Tas; this is an exciting opportunity for someone with a strong commitment to social justice, housing and homelessness issues. The successful applicant will possess:

- knowledge of housing and homelessness issues and the current political context
- excellent communication skills
- skills in policy analysis and development
- the ability to undertake research and project reports
- the capacity to represent Shelter Tas and its members.

This is a permanent Hobart-based position, working 8 days per fortnight. **Only applications which address the selection criteria will be considered.** For a copy of the position description (including selection criteria), go to our [website](#). **Applications close COB Friday 28th March 2014.** For more information, call (03) 6224 5488 or email eo@shelertas.org.au.

Tasmanian State Election – 15th March 2014

Shelter Tas would like to congratulate Will Hodgman and the Liberal party on their election victory on March 15th, and look forward to working with the new government on their State Policy for Affordable Housing. [Click here](#) to read the Tas Liberals' Community Sector Policy, and you can still review election documents and correspondence from all parties on the Shelter [website](#).

National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) Funding

Remember to go to the Shelter Tas [website](#) to find resources to help you **join the campaign to extend NPAH funding** beyond June 2014, including a template letter and factsheets (providing background information on the NPAH). If not extended, NPAH-funded programs all over Australia, including many vital services in Tasmania will be at risk, as will the staff and client associated with them. Please show your support for this very important campaign!

Diploma and Certificate IV in Social Housing Subsidy – Only One Place Left!

There is only one place remaining for the Diploma in Social Housing training for 2014. If you or any of your staff are interested, please fill in the [Expression of Interest form](#) ASAP. Please return the form to Pattie at Shelter Tas (eo@shelertas.org.au) or NSWFA Project Officer, Nada (see EoI form for contact details). To view the units within both programs, go to the NSWHFA link: www.communityhousing.org.au.

Research and Articles

AHURI Evidence Review 051: Public housing rules limit employment

This latest AHURI evidence review finds that public housing can reduce the incentive for tenants to find and maintain work. Read the full article on the [AHURI website](#).

Sydney Morning Herald – ‘Concern for the homeless amid Abbott’s cost-cutting’

Read the full article on this important issue on the [SMH website](#).

ABC News – ‘Homelessness funding: Prime Minister Tony Abbott moves to quell concerns over sector’s future’

A different angle on the NPAH funding story, read it [here](#).

Daily Life – ‘Tanya Plibersek calls on Tony Abbott to demonstrate his commitment to reducing violence against women’

Watch the video of this interview by [clicking here](#).

Conferences/Forums/Training

Vulnerability Index (VI) Training Workshop

In conjunction with Housing Connect, Common Ground Tasmania (CGT) is facilitating a training workshop in completing the VI survey tool (Vulnerability Index). CGT uses the VI as the first point of reference for eligibility to prioritise offers of housing to chronically homeless people. This workshop is available to trained surveyors wanting a refresher, sector personnel wanting to become a VI surveyor or sector personnel who want to know more about the VI tool.

Date: Wednesday 19th March, 9.30am – 11.30am

Venue: Common Ground - 87 Campbell Street, Hobart

Facilitator: Julia Cantry Waldron

For enquiries and workshop registration contact Kathryn if you would like to attend - Kathryn@commongroundtas.com.au or phone 6231 1118.

Youth Homelessness Matters Day

Are you part of an organisation working with young people, or an individual keen to get involved in [Youth Homelessness Matters Day](#) on 9th April? If you are working with young people, request your kit by [clicking here](#). If you are a supporter, find out how you can [get involved](#) online or within your community!

Free Social Media and Advocacy Workshop

Youth Homelessness Matters Day (YHMD) is the only national campaign aimed at raising awareness and understanding of youth homelessness in Australia. This year YHMD is on Wednesday 9th April, and the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) is looking for young people to take part in a one day workshop to become ambassadors for YHMD 2014.

To take part you need to be:

- aged between 12 and 25 years
- involved with a youth group or organisation
- passionate about making a difference
- interested in learning about social media and advocacy.

The workshop will give you skills in advocacy and social media so that you can use your own social media accounts to spread the messages of YHMD. These skills can then be shared with other young people you know, with your group or with your organisation so you can advocate and raise

awareness on the issues that are important to you. The workshop will take place on Saturday 22nd March, in Hobart and is FREE. For more information contact Tegan at tyf@ynot.org.au or 6223 4411 or 0458 235 511.

TasCOSS Regional Consultative Forums – April 2014

A post-election discussion of Tasmanian community priorities – where to from here? This round of TasCOSS Regional Forums will focus on discussing the implications of the 2014 State election result for the Tasmanian community and the community sector. TasCOSS are looking for input on priority areas of advocacy for low-income and disadvantaged Tasmanians and ideas for collaborative action that can be taken on those issues.

Forums will be held at Burnie – Tuesday 1st April 2014, Launceston – Wednesday 2nd April 2014, Hobart Thursday 3rd April 2014. Please register online – [Burnie](#), [Launceston](#), [Hobart](#). Contact TasCOSS on 6231 0755 or email admin@tasco.org.au for more information. The forum is a FREE event (refreshments will be provided), please register your attendance for catering purposes.

TasCOSS Not-for-Profit Leadership Series: Adaptive Leadership

This interactive forum will introduce the Adaptive Leadership approach incorporating reflective leadership practice and change management principles that facilitate long term sustainable solutions to the complex challenges the not-for-profit sector faces. The presenter will be Mark Creyton – Manager Education, Research and Policy, Volunteering Queensland.

Date:

Burnie

9.00am – 2.00pm, Tuesday 8th April 2014

Wellers Inn, 36 Queen Street, Burnie

Launceston

9.00am – 2.00pm, Wednesday 9th April 2014

The Tramsheds, Inveresk Railyards, Launceston

Hobart

9.00am – 2.00pm

Thursday 10th April 2014

Glenorchy Civic Centre, Cooper Street, Glenorchy

Cost:

TasCOSS members - \$70.00

Not-for-profit - \$105.00

For profit & Government - \$130.00

Contact:

Dale Rahmanovic on 6231 0755 or email dale@tasco.org.au

Housing, Disability and the NDIS Forum – 27th March 2014, Canberra

The Community Housing Federation of Australia (CHFA) is holding a forum on 27th 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. It has also been confirmed that the Minister for Social Services, Hon Kevin Andrews MP will be speaking at the forum. Registrations are now full, but you can still put your name on the [waiting list](#) in case any places become available.

Shelter NSW Conference - Possibilities and Realities: Private Rental Housing as a Solution

Today many households with lower incomes must look to the private rental market to provide them with long term housing. Is the private rental market up to the job? What are the constraints? What needs to change? In tight housing markets what do poorer people do? How do advocacy and welfare

organisations help them? For many people housing cannot be found, at the right price, in the right place or with the right amenity. The Shelter NSW conference will be held on Wednesday 30th April 2014, at the Auditorium, NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, 37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills, Sydney. See the [latest program](#) and download the [registration form](#) or [book on-line](#). Early bird discounts are available until April 10th.

Other News

Position Vacant at Community Housing Ltd. - Asset Manager

Community Housing Limited (CHL) group of companies is an innovative and best practice affordable housing organisation which assists access to, develops and manages sustainable housing for people in need. CHL are seeking an experienced and dedicated Asset Manager to join a new team in Launceston. This position is responsible for the management and delivery of all maintenance services in Tasmania. The successful applicant will have a minimum of 5 years' experience in asset management; with particular emphasis on strategy and policy development and implementation, and the provision of strategic advice concerning asset management and maintenance programs. If you are interested in this position, please visit the CHL [website](#) to download a copy of the position description and apply online. Applications must address the key skills and selection criteria in order to be considered. **Applications close 28th March.**

Grant Alert

The **Calvary Community Council Grants Program** assists Tasmania to build a healthier and happier community through support for events and activities that make a positive difference to society. Launched in 2004 with initial funding of \$100,000, the areas of focus are: nutrition, early childhood, older people, oral health, marginalised groups. There are two grant rounds each year, with round 1 closing on the 30th April 2014. Eligible not-for-profit groups are able to apply for funding under this program, click here to download the [Community Council Grant Application Form](#).

Australia Post 2014 Our Neighbourhood Community Grants program encourages community organisations to apply for funding of one-off cash payments of up to \$10,000 for projects that will help to build healthier, more vibrant and more inclusive communities across Australia. Projects will need to benefit the wider community, align with the key focus areas and primary audiences, and meet an immediate need of the community. The 2014 Our Neighbourhood Community Grants open on Monday 3rd March 2014 and will close on Friday 4th April 2014. Go to the [Our Neighbourhood](#) website to find out more and apply online.

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) is making available small grants of up to \$5,000 to not for profit community groups for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit, especially for communities of fewer than 10,000 people.

The funds can go towards projects that improve: health, social welfare and wellbeing; educational opportunities and outcomes; arts, culture, tourism and heritage projects; environmental and natural resource management outcomes; or a community's economic sustainability, through community-led economic and social enterprise activities.

To be eligible projects must address a recognised need in the community and be charitable in their purpose (i.e. not of benefit to individuals or on private land).

Applications close Friday 28th March 2014. The application form and guidelines, together with examples of previous successful projects and their outcomes, can be found on the FRRR website by [clicking here](#) or call 1800 170 020 for a mail out.

The Vagina Monologues Fundraiser Performance

The Vagina Monologues is a play based on interviews with women about their experience of their bodies and of living as a woman. A group of local women are performing the show in Hobart and all funds raised will go to organisations involved in the [V-Day campaign](#) to stop violence against women and girls. Local organisations, A Fairer World and Hobart Women's Shelter, will receive money raised from the Hobart production.

Date: Saturday 12th April, 7pm (doors open at 6pm for drinks and market stalls)

Venue: Stanley Burbury Theatre, University of Tasmania

Book: Book on-line now at www.trybooking.com/75835

Note: The performance includes explicit language.

To find out more email vdayhobartvm@gmail.com or go to www.afairerworld.org/vday.