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Housing and Homelessness News

Reminder - Training Opportunities through Shelter Tas

Shelter Tasmania and Singleton Consulting & Training are offering nationally accredited training units which have been subsidised by Skills Tasmania (participants are only required to pay 20% of the unit fee). These units provide an opportunity to develop & upskill, and can be studied individually, or used toward a Diploma of Management. As these units are nationally accredited, a statement of attainment will be issued for those who successfully complete the course and their assessments. Units available are:

- Manage people performance: 7th August, Campbell Town 10.00 4.00pm (normally \$600, your organisation \$120)
- Support the recruitment, selection and induction of staff: 18th September, Launceston 10.00am 4.00pm (normally \$500, your organisation 100)
- Show leadership in the workplace: 7th October, Campbell Town 10.00am 4.00pm (normally \$600, your organisation \$120)
- Develop and manage performance-management processes: 29th October, Hobart 10.00am 4.00pm (normally \$600, your organisation \$120)
- Manage workforce planning: 11th November, Hobart 10.00am 4.00pm (normally \$800, your organisation \$160)
- Ensure team effectiveness: 2nd December, Campbell Town 10.00am 4.00pm (normally \$600, your organisation \$120).

For more details on course content and registration go to the Singleton Consulting website.

Report - Reducing youth homelessness in Tasmania

Anglicare Tasmania's latest publication, *Reducing Youth Homelessness* was launched on Monday as part of National Homeless Persons' Week (4-10 August).

The report explores youth homelessness in Tasmania from the perspective of young people themselves. Twenty-two young people aged 14 to 20 years were asked for their views on what leads to homelessness and what can be done to reduce or prevent it. All had been homeless and most been involved with the child protection or youth justice systems. You can read the full report by clicking here.

Call for Papers – Australasian Housing Researchers Conference 2015

The Australasian Housing Researchers Conference will be held in Hobart on 18-20 February 2015, and will be hosted by the Housing and Community Research Unit at the University of Tasmania. A call for papers has been announced, <u>click here</u> for more details (also information about the conference theme, keynote speakers and paper submission dates). More details on this event will be provided as they become available.

Launch of Report from ACT Shelter

Minister Andrew Barr officially launched ACT Shelter's report – *Home Truths: Older women's housing vulnerability in the ACT* (authored by Dr Lisa Petheram) at an event attended by members of the community sector as well as representatives from the target group on Friday 1st August. The report is available on the ACT Shelter <u>website</u>. The launch attracted significant <u>media interest</u>, indicating the importance of this issue and also the number of women who will potentially be impacted.

Factoid of the Week | Homelessness

Almost half or those currently receiving homelessness assistance had parents who experienced homelessness.

AHURI Research and Policy Bulletin Issue 172: How significant is parental influence in explaining homelessness in Australia?

Media Releases

Homeless Persons' Week 2014

Shelter Tasmania, Monday 4th August 2014. Click here.

Coalition committed to reducing homelessness

Minister for Social Services, Monday 4th August 2014. Click here.

National Homeless Persons' Week

Minister for Human Services, Monday 4th August 2014. Click here.

Access to better services for Public Housing tenants

Minister for Human Services, Wednesday 30th July 2014. Click here.

CHL establishes its new hub office in Mowbray

Community Housing Ltd., Wednesday 30th July 2014. Click here.



Minister for Human Services Jacquie Petrusma and CHL Managing Director Steve Bevington at the CHL launch.

Research and Articles

Pro Bono News - Senate hearings into Affordable Housing

The first public hearings into the **Senate Inquiry** into Affordable Housing have begun.

HIA-Commonwealth Bank - Affordability Report

According to the HIA Commonwealth Bank Affordability Report March Quarter 2014, there are considerable variations in housing affordability —and regional Tasmania is not doing well. Click here to view the report.

The Conversation - Infographic: Australia's heavy housing debt

Click here to view this informative document.

Pro Bono News - Law enforcement no solution to Homelessness - Report

Law enforcement is not the way to respond to public space issues and homelessness, says a recently released report out of Justice Connect's Homeless Law program. <u>Click here</u> to read the full article.

The Examiner - Families left out in rental cold

The State Government announced earlier this month that it would soon offer landlords up to \$1500, on top of normal rental bonds, to take on struggling families as tenants. Read more.

Conferences/Forums/Training

Not-for-Profit Leadership Series - Adaptive Leadership for Organisational Change

This workshop will bring together the practices of adaptive leadership and change management to assist organisations address the massive changes which are impacting on the sector. This workshop will be a hands on experience for participants who will plan and reflect on a specific change effort within their own organisations.

When:	When:	When:
Burnie	Launceston	Hobart
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday 18 th August2014	Tuesday 19 th August 2014	Thursday 21 st August 2014
Wellers Inn	The Tramsheds	Glenorchy Civic Centre
36 Queen Street, Burnie	Inveresk Rail Yards	Cooper Street, Glenorchy
Registration	Registration	Registration
Click here for Burnie	Click here for Launceston	Click here for Hobart

For more information, contact Dale Rahmanovic on (03) 6231 0755 or dale@tascoss.org.au

Tasmanian Association of Community Houses (TACH) Conference

The TACH State conference will be held on 24th - 26th September at the Tidal Waters Resort, St Helens. The theme of the conference is 'Telling The Story ... The difference we make, the challenges we face', and the program is out now. Go to the <u>TACH website</u> to view the program or register to attend.

Other News

Anglicare's Homeless Persons' Week BBQ a Success

Anglicare's Housing Connect Team held a BBQ on Tuesday 5th August in Franklin Square, Hobart to raise awareness about homelessness. 'Ashton the Amazing' a local magician was in attendance, he added some colour and flare to the day and helped to entice people over for a chat and provided beanies to those who needed them. The event was a great success!

Right: Anglicare's Housing Connect team at the BBO

Grant Alert – Tasmanian Community Fund: Grant Round 29

Applications for small grants (up to \$10,000) will close on 10th September 2014. Applications for medium grants (\$10,001 to \$90,000) will close on 24th September 2014. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in mid-December 2014. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with Tasmanian Community Fund staff (phone 6232 7043 or 6232 7269 or email admin@tascomfund.org) before submitting their application. The guidelines and the application forms will be available on the Tasmanian Community Fund website just prior to the grant round opening. Grant Round 30 (small, medium and large) will open in February/March 2015.



Latrobe Forum

Community groups are invited to attend a free forum hosted by the Tasmanian Community Fund Board in Latrobe from 5.30pm to 7.00pm on Tuesday, 5th August 2014. The forum will be held in the Latrobe Council Chambers, 170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe. Come along to hear how you can maximise your chances of receiving a grant. To attend the forum, please email admin@tascomfund.org or phone 6232 7269 to RSVP.

Burnie and Launceston Visits

Tasmanian Community Fund staff will be in Burnie and Launceston in late August to meet with groups and discuss their application. Staff will be in Launceston on Tuesday, 26th August 2014 and in Burnie on Wednesday, 27th August 2014. If you would like to make an appointment please phone the Tasmanian Community Fund Office on (03) 6232 7269.