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Peak Body for Housing and Homelessness

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Housing and Homelessness News

Shelter Tas Training Reminder

Our next workshop *Develop and Manage Performance-Management Processes* will be held on the 29th October 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 on course content and registration go to the [Singleton Consulting website](#).

Expressions of Interest for Certificate IV in Social Housing

This program will be delivered by The Centre for Social Housing (CTSH), an RTO who have been delivering this qualification for the last 4 years. CTSH are offering 7 skill set units (3 units face-to-face and 4 online) from the Certificate IV in Social Housing. The face-to-face units will be delivered in Launceston and Hobart and employer contribution is 20% of total costs. Please register your interest by Friday 17th October 2014, by completing both the CTSH Pre-Study Checklist Form & the EOI Form, which can be found on the [Shelter Tas website](#). Please contact Kevin Saide, Training Manager on (02) 9281 1744 or the Shelter Tas office on (03) 6224 5488 for more information.

Australian Community Sector Survey

Shelter Tas members are encouraged to complete this survey, undertaken each year by the Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS). The survey focusses on the experiences of people who use services, especially those on low incomes, and what can be done to improve their lives. The results will be a useful tool in working towards a fair and just Australian society. This confidential survey should be completed by service co-ordinators or program managers who are responsible for direct services (there can be multiple responses from a single organisation which run more than one service) and is not for peak organisations or managers not directly involved in service provision. The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ACOSS2014?org=&peak=AB> (if you have problems accessing the survey here, please copy and paste it into your browser. This link is unique to Shelter Tas, which means that while ACOSS will not be able to identify your organisation individually, it will be able to group together members' responses.

The survey is open until **Friday 17th October 2014**, and the report will be published in early December 2014. An electronic copy will be made available to everyone who completes the survey. If you have any questions or problems completing the survey, please contact ACOSS on (02) 9310 6200.

Factoid of the Week | Housing Supply

The National Housing Supply Council estimated the shortage of housing relative to underlying demand as 228,000 dwellings as at 30 June 2011. This shortage is the gap between existing stock and what the Council estimates it would need to be if households had continued to form consistently with previous years.

Saul Eslake. Australian Housing Policy: 50 years of failure.

Media Releases

Planning for Tasmania's future

Minister for Planning and Local Government, Wednesday 18th October 2014. [Click here.](#)

Research and Articles

Pro Bono News – Housing outcomes poor even with NFP support: report

Australians who are among the most socially and economically disadvantaged have poorer housing outcomes, even with support from homelessness agencies, a Government report has found. [Click here](#) to read more.

ABC News – Affordable housing 'overlooked'

Tasmania's proposed planning reforms overlook the need for affordable housing, welfare advocates say. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

The Conversation – Poverty findings sound warning on budget changes: ACOSS

A report released by the Australian Council of Social Services has found that 17.7% of all children in Australia were living below the poverty line in 2012. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

The Age - For the young, owning a home is ever further out of reach

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

Pro Bono News – Low income families crushed by rent in outer suburbs

ABS data shows that one in three renters in outer suburban Victorian electorates are in housing stress, on a low income (\$640 per week or less) and paying more than 30% of their wage on rent. [Click here](#) to read more.

Conferences/Forums/Training

'Let's Fix It'

This is a home maintenance program which will run for three 8 weeks blocks - covering outdoor, indoor and car maintenance. Priority will be given to residents of East Devonport who are Housing Choices tenants, however all interested people are encouraged to register.

When: Thursdays, 23rd October – 11th December

Where: Child and Family Centre, East Devonport (Keiko building)

Time: 11.30am-2.30pm

Registration: please phone 6421 5153 or drop in to the Child and Family Centre to register your interest.

Child care is available (limited spaces, for ages 6+ months). BYO lunch. The first session will be a 'meet and greet', where you can have a say in what skills you are interested in learning and find out about the following sessions. A light lunch will be provided for this initial session.

Mental Health First Aid - Launceston 23rd – 24th October

This course has been developed by The Centre for Mental Health Research at the Australian National University and aims to help people provide initial support for someone with a mental health problem. For more information or to register, contact Allan Johnson on 0408 891 372 or email arj@eftel.net.au.

2014 Disability Support Conference – Registrations Now Open

You can now register [online](#) for the 2014 Tasmanian Disability Support Conference, which will be held on 21st – 22nd October 2014 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Launceston. The theme of the conference is "A New Way of Thinking". The conference will be an opportunity to gain knowledge, resources and connections to lead you into the new support environment. Over the two days, participants will be able to share practical ideas and network extensively with other disability support professionals.

When: 21st – 22nd October 2014

Where: Hotel Grand Chancellor, Launceston

Registration: Registrations close at 5pm on Wednesday 15th October 2014. Go to the [NDS website](#) for program and registration details.

Cost: *Full Registration – Day 1 & 2*

Members (any Tasmanian Community Sector Peak*) \$150
membership will be required in registration process.

* Proof of

Non-member \$225

Students** \$75

** Students will

be required to show their student ID at the conference.

Day Registration

Members (any Tasmanian Community Sector Peak*) \$90

Non-member \$125

Students** \$40

Contact: Lyndell George, Executive Assistant 6212 7300 or lyndell.george@nds.org.au

Bridges Out of Poverty Southern Workshop

Tasmania Medicare Local is co-ordinating a series of workshops as part of its Social Determinants of Health initiative aiming to equip staff, practitioners and service providers with practical tools to assist Tasmanians affected by generational poverty and disadvantage. The two day workshop will be held on the 12th and 19th November 2014 at The Brighton Civic Centre, 25 Green Point Road, Bridgewater, from 9am – 5pm. The workshop is offered to all organisations at a cost of \$100 per head. For further queries and registration details, please contact Vicki Eather on 6425 0800 or veather@tasmedicarelocal.com.au

Other News

Free Legal Advice

During Anti-poverty week, the Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania will be offering free legal advice and refreshments on Friday 17th October from 10.30am – 2.30pm. For more information, contact Sarah Piggott on 6236 3800 or go to www.legalaid.tas.gov.au. The Legal Aid offices are at 158 Liverpool Street, Hobart.

Second Hand Furniture

A range of second hand furniture is available to community groups, including:

- Desks
- Drawers
- Shelves
- Partition walls
- Other assorted office items.

Items will need to be collected by Friday 17th October and the items may be viewed prior to this date. Please contact Shelter Tas on 6224 5488 if you would like a list and description of the available items.

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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