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Peak Body for Housing and Homelessness

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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.

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. Shelter Tas will be sending out a 'NPAH edition eNews' shortly – look out for updates and more information there!

Tasmanian State Election – 15th March 2014

You can still view all the documents and correspondence produced and received by Shelter in the lead-up to the State election, and also review the major parties' policies on the [election page](#) of our website.

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 NSWFA link: www.communityhousing.org.au.

Research and Articles

AHURI Positioning Paper – ‘Transport disadvantage and low-income rental housing’

Explores the gap in understanding the relationship between rental housing and ‘transport disadvantage’. This project analyses the changing spatial concentration of lower-income renter households in Melbourne and Sydney and connects this with changes in transport opportunity. Read the full article on the [AHURI website](#).

Brotherhood of St Laurence – Australian Youth Unemployment 2014: Snapshot

There is a rising crisis of youth unemployment in Australia according to [this paper](#), with much talk about the reported 21% youth unemployment in West and North West Tasmania, including Burnie and Devonport.

Australian Policy Online - ‘The financing of residential development in Australia’

[This project](#) provides policy-makers with an understanding of the complexity of property finance, its role in the supply of all housing types and tenures and the impact of the GFC on property lending.

Conferences/Forums/Training

ATDC 2014 Conference – Early Bird Registration Extended!

The ATDC 2014 conference ‘Visions and Values: Setting the scene for the future’ will be held from 7th-8th May, at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart. Early bird registration has been extended, and will now close on 31st March 2014! [Click here](#) to register, you can also view the conference program [here](#).

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. **Before each forum, DHHS Community Sector Relations Unit manager Jo White will be giving a presentation and consulting with participants about the development of a new outcomes framework and the intended development of an overarching performance management framework. This session will be from 9.15am-10.15am.**

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@tascoss.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@tascoss.org.au

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!

National Homelessness Conference – Abstract Submission Reminder

Make sure you submit your abstract presentations before submissions close on 11th April 2014. Homelessness Australia welcomes abstract submissions under the central theme '*Homelessness: Complexities and Countermeasures*'. [Click here](#) to submit your abstract.

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.

Introduction to DBT With a Focus on Youth

Professionals working with suicidal adolescents with multiple problems are often challenged by complex clinical presentations and the many dilemmas that arise during treatment. Evidence suggests that Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) can help suicidal adolescents and their families. This 2 day workshop explores comprehensive DBT and its application to an adolescent population to engage and retain clients.

When: Friday 2nd May and Saturday 3rd May 2014

Where: Cornerstone Youth Services Inc. (Headspace Launceston)

Cost: \$380.00 (includes materials and catering)

How to register: Contact Lynnette Kerrison – 6335 3100 or lkerrison@csys.com.au

Closing date: Monday 28th April 2014

Note: Only 10 places available.

Other News

Grant Alert – Westpac Foundation Community Grants

Westpac, in partnership with the Westpac Foundation, is committed to supporting local community organisations providing opportunities to those who need it most. Westpac Foundation Community

Grants encourage local not-for-profit organisations that have a big idea to change lives for the better to [apply for funding](#). Applications close 31st March 2014.

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

Cost: \$25.00 full, \$15.00 concession, Business and Friends packages available, go to www.afairerworld.org/vday for details.

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

Note: The performance includes explicit language.

The performance will have **Auslan interpreters** - if you require access to sign language interpreters, let the organisers know when you book at the following e-mail address so the best seating positions can be organised. Small.consulting@bigpond.com.