

Network West News: March 2020

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NEWSLETTER
March 2020



International Women's Day 2020 campaign theme is #EachforEqual

REACTOR EQUAL

March is also a time to celebrate Refugee week and Harmony Day!

Wishing you good luck for all your work in helping end discrimination in all its forms.

Hope to see you all at the NHVic conference

NETWORK WEST NEWS

For Network Wests submission to the DHHS guidelines process, [please click here](#).

Community of Practice for Community Development Workers in the West

Thursday 2nd April 9.30am

Wingate Avenue Community Centre

13a Wingate Avenue

Ascot Vale 3032

Remember to [head over to our website](#) and check to the amazing resources we have there.

Welcome to our new student on placement, Michelle Harrison. Among other things, Michelle is keen to research the connection between Neighbourhood Houses and youth homelessness. We are excited to have her with us.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a Facilitator PD

If you have a PD for something like the following positions, please share.

- 3 Year Old Activity. Will be facilitated by a Room Leader with a Assistant
- Grans & Tiny Tots Playgroup. Aimed at grandparents who are caring for the grand children

Please send to: Cheryl.Neenan@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

Community Development Coordinator (part-time)

The Centre: Connecting Community in North & West Melbourne Inc, is seeking a new Community Development Coordinator (0.6 FTE). We are the Neighbourhood House and Learn Local in Errol St, North Melbourne. The Centre programs include street festivals, a community newspaper, homework clubs, and much more including the Pop Up Neighbourhood House in Docklands. For more information and a copy of the position description, please contact Tom Seddon at director@centre.org.au or 03 9328 1126. Applications close Tuesday, 24 April at 5pm.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Supporting Stronger Communities

Funding Body: Sidney Myer Fund and Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association

Closing date: 13 March

Grant amount: Up to \$10,000

Grant purpose: The Supporting Stronger Communities (SSC) grant program gives Neighbourhood and Community Houses and Centres the opportunity to access funds to target poverty and disadvantage in their local communities.

[Click here](#) for more information

Ageing and Financial Wellbeing Grants

Funding Body: Ecstra Foundation

Closing Date: 30 April 2020

Grant Amount: not stated

Grant purpose: The grant focus on pragmatic, practical assistance and resources that engage older Australians and support their financial decision making.

[Click here](#) for more information

National Auslan Interpreter Booking and Payment Service Program

Funding Body: Australian Govt

Closing Date: 27th March 2020

Grant Purpose: From 1 July 2020, funding will be available for an organisation to deliver support for approximately 600 existing NABS (National Auslan Interpreter Booking and Payment Service) clients who are ineligible for the NDIS and clients who are 65 and over. NABS' objective is to ensure no deaf person is disadvantaged by not having an available interpreter when attending a private medical or specified health appointment provided in a private medical practice by a general practitioner, specialist or health professional. Information about applying for this round can be found on the [Community Grants Hub website](#) and [GrantConnect](#).

Identity, Inclusion and Connection Grants

Funding Body: Wyndham City

Closing Date: 31 March 2020

Grant Amount: Up to \$5,000 (matching funds required)

Grant Purpose: to contribute to a sense of community identity, inclusion and connectedness between Wyndham residents and to a resilient community that supports good mental health and emotional wellbeing.

[Click here](#) for more information

TRAINING AND EVENTS

The Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria has three excellent training sessions coming up:

1. Working with Hoarding Behaviour to be presented by **Dr James Collett, Clinical**

Psychologist. Wednesday the 30th April.

[Click here](#) to book

2. Getting Unstuck: Treating Obsessive Compulsive Disorder to be presented by **Dr Celin Gelgec, Clinical Psychologist** and **Tanya Arabatzoudis, Psychologist** from Melbourne

Wellbeing Group which is on the 21st May

[Click here](#) to book

3. On Saturday 2nd May, they will be running a **Suicide Awareness and Risk Assessment Workshop** run by Shaun Walsh. At this 1 day workshop attendees will learn how to 'recognise; suicide risk, 'respond' appropriately and gain knowledge of most suitable 'referral' pathways. Saturday 2nd May.

for more information, e: adavic@adavic.org.au P: 03 9853 8089

Local upcoming training opportunities:

Wyndham

A 'disability confident' community group/organisation should be able to routinely and seamlessly accommodate differences when managing volunteers who may have a disability. This three-hour session will assist you to build confidence to know the right things to say and do when interacting with a person with disability. [Click here](#) for more information

Building a Culturally Competent organisation:23rd March

All organisations operate in a culturally diverse environment and need to have the ability to interact with this ever-changing landscape. [Click here](#) for more information

Community Grants: Monday 6th April

Learn about what Grants are available and how to apply. Build your grant writing skills while gaining insights and developing strategies on how to secure funding for your project or event. [Click here](#) for more information

Melton

Some great March and April Sessions:

Fundraising on Thursday 19th March: Learn to be sustainable as a Community Group • Legal obligations around fundraising • Essentials of fundraising

Cultural Competency on Thursday 30th April: Develop positive attitudes towards cultural differences • Gain knowledge of different cultural practices • Communicate and effectively interact with people across cultures

Find out more on the [Melton Community Training Calendar](#)

Brimbank

A link to the [Brimbank Training Calendar](#):

Upcoming workshops include:

Attracting and Recruiting Volunteers: 19th March

To book email facilities@brimbank.vic.gov.au

Top Legal Tips For Community Groups: Monday 23rd March

Facilitated by Justice Connect

Governing a Community Group: Monday 20th April

Facilitated by Justice Connect

Grant Writing Workshop: Wednesday 29th April

Facilitated by Debbie Masiarz

Hobsons Bay

[Early Years Training Calendar](#):

There are two workshops in March for early childhood educators and teachers:

Effective and realistic Sustainable Practice: 19th March

Educator Network: 24th March

To book, contact: Tienne Smith Hobsons Bay City Council Phone: 9932 1000 or email:

earlyyears@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE AND COMMUNITY

Community Connectors program

Musculoskeletal Australia is delivering a community connectors program for seniors, and is looking to partner with Neighbourhood Houses. You can find a webinar on the program [here](#) and program website [here](#)

If you are interested in following up, contact Emma Cross

T 03 8531 8020 | M 0412158817

E Emma@msk.org.au

Royal Commission

The Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System is seeking to improve mental health services. Can you help?

Do you know someone

- from a culturally and linguistically diverse background (CALD) who is willing to speak about this and/or their experience of the Victorian mental health system
- aged 16 years or older; and
- has a conversational level of English?
- with a lived experience of mental illness;

If so, can you refer this person to participate in a discussion group of 6 - 10 people? to find out more, contact Spase Veljanovski on 9418 9926 and spasev@ceh.org.au or Siri Gunawardana on 9418 9912 and sirig@ceh.org.au

The Centre for Culture, Ethnicity & Health

Find a broad range of information flyers in over 100 languages to enable people to access information on topics such as:

- [Early Learning](#)
- [Children and Family Services](#)
- [Housing](#)
- [Legal issues](#)
- [Aged](#)
- [Centrelink](#)
- [Mental Health](#)
- [Migrant and Refugees](#) and many more

[Health Translations](#) – is a free online library which aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people from refugee and migrant backgrounds by providing access to quality translated information. The [Centre for Culture, Ethnicity & Health](#) (CEH) is contracted by DHHS to manage & improve Health Translations.

Health Translations links very well with the purpose of neighbourhood houses as they have a strong focus on:

- Helping communities to understand and make informed choices about their health and wellbeing
- Motivating and supporting individuals to understand and navigate the Australian health, wellbeing and social services system by providing information that is easy to understand
- Increasing the health and wellbeing literacy of culturally and linguistically diverse

communities and individuals

Family Violence Symposium

Melton City council are planning a Preventing Family Violence Symposium for the Melbourne western region. They are looking for options for workshops that can build the capacity of the workforce to build gender equity and prevent family violence. If you want to share your work, please contact Sarah Grace

The Health Promotions Officer at the Melton Council, on : 9747 5261

E: sarahgr@melton.vic.gov.au

Elder Abuse:

A link to Elder Abuse Prevention Resource List:

Updated Guidelines for Disclosure:

NEWS UPDATES

Our New Neighbour Project

The Federal Government's Community Support Program is a new way for communities to help refugees by sponsoring them to set up home in Australia. This is an exciting opportunity to connect people seeking safety with compassionate communities willing to help.

But the program also has some significant flaws. We think it can be made better and Neighbourhood Houses now have the opportunity to help the "My New Neighbour" initiative seek much needed reforms.

Shankar Kasynathan, former refugee and national lead for My New Neighbour can recall the role that neighbourhood houses played in his family's early days in Australia. He can be reached via: shankar.kasynathan@amnesty.org.au and is ready to answer any questions you have about how you can support the "My New Neighbour" initiative.

RESOURCES

For all your non-profit ATO questions... [Click here](#)

Communicating social progress

Theory of change, logic model's and explaining the link between your work and it's impacts. [See this useful article by Mike Davis](#)

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS UPDATE

Children Services Rules and Regs

NHVIC is working with the Department of Education and Training to organise information sessions about how the changes will affect your service. Go to the [NHVIC website](#) for more information.

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