



ACT Multicultural Community E-News

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We hope you enjoy this fortnight's edition of ACT Multicultural Community E- News.

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Grants and Awards

2018 VOLUNTEER GRANTS NOW OPEN

The Australian Government is inviting applications for funding to support volunteers under the Families and Communities Program- Volunteer Grants Activity.

About Volunteer Grants

- Aim to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers
- Provide small amounts of money (\$1,000 - \$5,000) that organisations and community groups can use to help their volunteers
- Form part of the Government's work to support the volunteers who help disadvantaged Australian communities and encourage inclusion of vulnerable people in community life.

Application close on **18 September 2018**

Find out more here



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



NEW - 2018 ACT VIOLENCE PREVENTION AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2018 Violence Prevention awards.

The awards recognise projects, activities/and or individuals who are making significant contributions to the prevention of violence against women and children in the ACT.

This year we are again hoping to promote examples of exemplary work being done in our community. We would like to hear about innovative partnerships between individuals and/or organisations in the ACT so that we can acknowledge their contribution to creating a community where women and children can live free from fear.

Award Categories

There will be six categories of awards for projects—media, sport, workplace, private sector, community/not for profit sector, health and/or education.

If you know of an individual, project or activity that is contributing to this change, I encourage you to nominate them. Nominations close on 15 October 2018 and can be submitted via https://dhcs.smartygrants.com.au/2018_VPA

Selection Criteria

Nominees will be assessed against their demonstrated contribution to:

- Raising awareness and a shared understanding of violence against women and/or children in our community.
- Building our community so women and/or children feel free from violence.
- Changing attitudes and behaviours to support an anti-violence culture.
- Developing ways to prevent violence against women and/or children:
 - in areas that would not normally engage with the issue of domestic violence; and/or
 - promotes integration and cohesion across the system; and/or
 - focus on early intervention and prevention; and/or
 - are evidence-based, culturally appropriate and family friendly-centred.



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Awards Timeline

October 2018

Nominations will close on 5pm, Monday 15 October

October 2018

The ACT Violence Prevention Awards assessment panel will provide recommendations to the Minister for Women for consideration

December 2018

The ACT Violence Prevention Awards will be announced in the 16 days of Activism

For more information please email women@act.gov.au or phone 6205 2885.

ACT DIVERSITY REGISTER

The ACT Diversity Register (the Register) is an online platform that enables ACT Government and non-government Boards and Committees to advertise vacancies and provide connections to training opportunities. Individuals will be able to view and apply for board and committee vacancies directly through the system and to seek information on upcoming events and training. The Diversity Register is available at www.diversityregister.act.gov.au

The Register is open to everyone but it is an important resource to support people from a range of diverse backgrounds including women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, people with disability, culturally and linguistically diverse and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ).

The ACT Government recognises and values our diverse community. It is important that this diversity is reflected in appointments to boards and committees and in leadership roles, to ensure the voices of women and people with diverse experiences are heard.

The ACT Government is proud to support this diversity. That is why we have set a 50% target for female representation on ACT Government boards and committees, and why by 2020 triennially funding sporting associations will be required to meet 40% female representation. The Diversity Register is designed to support these targets and to support all boards and committees across the ACT to have a membership that reflects the community they serve.

For more information or any inquiries please contact Office for Women on 6205 0515.



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



WHAT IS THE WOMEN'S RETURN TO WORK GRANTS PROGRAM?

The Program provides practical financial support to women returning to the workforce by providing funding for them to attend short courses, pay for child care to attend interviews, as well as undertake more formal training or education.

It may also provide support for the purchase of equipment or clothing directly related to women who are on low incomes including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, women with disabilities, younger women and older women requiring assistance in returning to paid work following caring for a child/ family member or community member for more than 12 months in the period of their lives.

Each grant provides up to \$1,000 (GST Exclusive) in assistance for women enrolling in training or other employment associated costs that will improve their workforce skills or capacities.

More info:

http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/women/grants_and_scholarships#returntowork

YOUTH INTERACT SCHOLARSHIP

The Youth InterACT Scholarships provide funding of up to \$500 for individual young people aged 12 to 25 who wish to attend an activity of a learning capacity, sporting, conferences, personal or career development through participation in various activities, events or courses.

Applications are assessed by a scholarship committee on the last Friday of every month.

Applications will need to be received into the office 14 days prior to the committee's meeting dates otherwise they will not be considered.

For further information telephone: 6205 3064

<http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/ocyfs/youth-interact/grants-and-scholarships/guidelines>

http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/688042/Youth_InterACT_Scholarship_Application.pdf



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2019 NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL GRANT PROGRAM

The 2019 National Multicultural Festival Grant Program is now open to the Canberra Community: Applications open at 9:00am on **Friday 10 August 2018** and close midday on **Monday 17 September 2018**.

Participation (National Multicultural Festival) Grant Guidelines

For a copy of the 2019 National Multicultural Grants Guidelines and for updates and answers to questions please visit: [2019 National Multicultural Festival Grants Guidelines](#)

How to submit your application: all applications must be submitted via the online Participation (National Multicultural Festival Entertainment) Grant Program [Application Form](#) at <https://dhcs.smartygrants.com.au/2019NMFG>

You will need to create a log in to begin your application and you may begin anywhere in the Application Form. Please ensure you save as you go. Hardcopy or email applications will not be accepted.

If you are having difficulty in accessing the online application form or if an error occurs, please contact the Service Funding Support Unit for assistance on (02) 6205 5313 during business hours, or email DHCScontractsandgrants@act.gov.au.

For all the latest news about the Festival please check the website: www.multiculturalfestival.com.au.

Forthcoming Events

FADING

Next year? There are a lot of options- Keep studying, of course- A lot of options- No one recommends I stop- What are the options? I think I'm just going to- Save up and go travelling- Apply for the top three- Universities- That's what I'm aiming for- Right now? Mum wants me to- I don't really know if I'm even going to want to- Nothing too intense, you know- It's all a bit- I'm going to move out and then...I just need to finish year 12 and then I can- All a bit up in the air at the moment.

Canberra Youth Theatre's (CYT) Company Ensemble presents an original work by Melbourne playwright Laura Lethlean. Fading has been developed collaboratively drawing on the cast's individual and ensemble responses to transitioning from child to adulthood. It explores the effect of the expectations that are placed upon the individual, the pressure that comes with becoming an



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adult, and the grief of the childhood left behind. The work is post dramatic in its form, using metaphor to convey the pressures felt at this age and how we navigate these.

Date: Wednesday 12 – Saturday 15 September
Time: 7.30pm
Where: Canberra Theatre Centre, Courtyard Studio
Cost: Adult: \$20
Student/Concession: \$17
More Info: 02 6248 5057 | info@cytc.net

Book tickets at www.cytc.net

NEW - SRI SRI DURGA PUJA 2018

Bangladesh Australia Puja Association (BAPA) cordially invites you to celebrate Sri Sri Durga Puja with us. Please come along and take part in the Puja and enjoy events including fun for kids, prasad and cultural performances by our local distinguished artists.

Date: Saturday, 13 October 2018
Time: 10am to 10pm
Where: Duffy Primary School, 47 Burrinjuck Crescent, Duffy
Cost: FREE Event
RSVP (optional) – bapa.act@gmail.com
More Info: Prasonjit Dastidar (0402545187) or Ashis Dey (0412120425)

NEW - TRIBYANG PINOY 2018

The Filipino Language School of Canberra (FLSC) would like to invite everyone to its annual fundraising event, **Tribyang Pinoy** (Filipino Trivia) 2018. Challenge your knowledge of the Filipino language and culture.

A barrio fiesta will commence at 11:30 am followed by the trivia game at 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. There will be food stalls, children's presentations and **Bingo Musikal** for a chance to win cool prizes.

Any amount raised will be used to enrich the school experience by acquiring additional books, classroom materials, and supporting children's involvement in various community activities.

Bring along your friends and family, form a team and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon. See you all there.

Date: Saturday 15 September 2018



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Time: 11:30am to 5:00pm
Where: Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre
Function Hall, 2nd Level
180 London Circuit, Civic ACT
Cost: Tribya - \$10 per individual; bingo cards -\$2 each
More Info: Mob - 0452390352; email - canberra.filipino@gmail.com

NEW - CAFÉ RÉGION GHANA

The French alliance is inviting you to its new café région on September and this time, heading to Ghana. Perched on the edge of West Africa and a diverse and bustling nation with an international community and a fast-growing economy, there are many reasons to learn more about the Ghanaian culture and exploring Ghanaian foods with some amazing local dishes!

We will share an exquisite dinner while exploring the **culture and traditions** of GHANA
We can already say that there will be some traditional drummers performance during the night
And a lot more surprises are coming...

Date: Thursday 20 September 2018
Time: 7:45 PM
Where: Alliance Française 66 McCaughey Street, Turner
Cost: Price: \$60 (15 per cent off for members)
More Info: https://www.afcanberra.com.au/community/event-rsvp/?event_id=445

NEW - CAFÉ LITTÉRAIRE WITH CATHERINE BERRY

Join us at the French Alliance next Thursday 13 September at 5:30 PM for a talk and book signing about Catherine Berry's book.

Catherine Berry will talk about her book, 'But you are in France, Madame' which she wrote when she returned to Australia after several years of French living with her husband and young family.



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



If you are passionate about France and the French language, if you wonder how others overcome the daily routine, or if you have ever wanted to go for an adventure with your family in another country, then you will love meeting Catherine and hear about her story.

Date: Thursday 13 September 2018
Time: 5:30 PM
Where: Alliance Française 66 McCaughey Street, Turner
Cost: FREE
More Info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/286539061943499>

NEW - ACT YOUTH ASSEMBLY: OUR VOICE, OUR IMPACT

A free upcoming event *ACT Youth Assembly: Our Voice, Our Impact* to be held on 28 September 2018, from 8:45am to 3:15pm at the ACT Legislative Assembly.

The ACT Youth Assembly is a deliberative democracy process that will draw out key ideas and policy recommendations. It will encourage direct participation to inform well-considered public decisions.

Aimed at diverse range of young people aged 12 to 25 throughout the ACT, the ACT Youth Assembly will focus on young people speaking on the following issues that are important to them:

- Civic participation;
- Youth mental health;
- Youth homelessness; and
- Equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

The ACT Youth Assembly is a great platform for young people to have their voices heard.

Date: 28 September 2018
Time: 8:45am to 3:15pm
Where: ACT Legislative Assembly, 196 London Circuit, Canberra
Cost: Free

To register for this event head to <https://dhcs.smartygrants.com.au/2018ACTYouthAssembly>. Registration closes 21 September



Further information can be found on the
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More Info:

Morning tea and lunch is provided and we will be showcasing ACT Youth led Associations.

If you would like to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact the Youth InterACT team on youthinteract@act.gov.au or 62053064.

NEW - TALK ON ART DECO DEPARTMENT STORES OF SHANGHAI

Australia China Friendship Society will host a talk *Art Deco Department Stores of Shanghai* by Peter Hack who has written a book on this subject. The talk will be in the Catchpole Room at the Southern Cross Club Jamison. Visitors welcome.

Date: Wednesday 19 September 2018
Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Where: Catchpole Room, Southern Cross Club, Jamison
Cost: Donation \$2 at the door
More Info: Carol Keil, President ACFS, email: cjkeil@proforte.com.au

NEW - FAMILY DANCE

Celebrating our unique and diverse cultures, Folk Dance Canberra invites children, mums, dads, carers, grandparents to a family dance. Everyone is welcome to come and learn dances from around the world taught by a qualified teacher. Absolutely fun for all ages!

Date: Saturday, 22 September 2018
Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Where: Folk Dance Canberra Hall
Hackett Community Centre
114 Maitland Street
Hackett
Cost: Free. We are Collecting donations for 'Buy a Bale' (Drought Relief)
More Info: 0420 524 412 (Rebecca)
<http://www.folkdancecanberra.org.au>
folkdancecanberra@gmail.com



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



NEW - AUDITION INTENSIVE

The Audition Intensive aims to develop vocal, physical and improvisational skills in actors aged 16 – 25 years, as they prepare for future auditions. It addresses a range of audition scenarios especially for the large Drama schools such as NIDA, VCA and WAAPA, and provides participants with varying skills to practice dealing with these. Participants work with the tutor to develop a monologue of their choosing. The Intensive will culminate in a 'virtual audition' where the participant will perform their piece for a panel of professionals and receive feedback that will assist them in developing their best audition.

Date: Saturday 29 to Sunday 30 September 2018

Time: 10am – 5pm each day

Where: C Block Theatre, Gorman Arts Centre

Cost: Non-Member: \$205, Member: \$180

More Info: For any queries regarding our Specialised Intensives please contact workshops@cytc.net or 02 6248 5057

NEW - SPRING AT CANBERRA YOUTH THEATRE

Our CYT tutor will bring together a group of up to 16 young people in the spring school holidays. They will use drama games and exercises across a fun five-day program to build and develop skills in theatre. Catering for ages 7-12 years, our holiday programs are designed to build confidence and fundamental skills in voice, movement, character and story.

Date: Monday 8 October to Friday 12 October 2018

Time: 9am – 3pm

Where: Gorman Arts Centre

Cost: Non-member; \$493.00, member: \$468.00

More Info: for any queries regarding our Workshop Program please contact workshops@cytc.net or 02 6248 5057. Enrol here now: www.cytc.net/workshops/holiday-workshop-program/

NEW - TAO PO, IS ANYONE HOME

The Australians for Philippine Human Rights Network has invited a Mae Paner, a Filipino professional actor to perform TAO PO, Is Anyone Home? An issues of our human values that encompasses global questions on social justice and human rights.

Event description



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



Four monologues that knock into our hearts and ask the hard question: Are we in touch with our humanity? TAO PO is a human experience.

A zumba instructor haunted by her husband and son's ghosts, both victims of summary killings; a photographer whose sanity is questioned by the newspaper that employs him; the apparent double life of a policeman, sworn to uphold the law; and a young girl paying tribute to victims haphazardly buried in the notorious Tokhang Wall.

TAO PO is performed in Pilipino with English subtitles.

Warning: Contains moderate coarse language, adult themes (violence)

STREET TWO | UNRESERVED SEATING | 90 MINUTE SHOW, 30 MINUTE Q&A SESSION

Date: Sunday, 23 September 2018

Time: 2:00pm and 6:00pm

Where: The Street Theatre, 15 Childers St, Canberra City West

Cost: Tickets \$42 and concession \$35

More Info: Noonee Doronila- 0418259456

Nicole Curato - 0478011179

Link to The Street Theatre website

https://au.patronbase.com/_StreetTheatre/Productions/TAUP/Performances

BILINGUAL STORY TIMES WITH LIBRARIES ACT

Do you speak Mandarin, Farsi or Hindi to your children? Do you want to expose your children to languages other than English? Join us for Bilingual Story Times on the following dates:

Date	Venue	Time	Language
Saturday 8 th September	Woden Library	10.30-11.30am	Farsi
Thursday 20 th September	Woden Library	10.30-11.30am	Mandarin

Cost: Free

More Info: [Joanna Bragg joanna.bragg@act.gov.au](mailto:joanna.bragg@act.gov.au)



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



YOUR PERSONAL PAIN REVOLUTION WORKSHOP

The presenter is Dr Kal Fried, specialist sports physician with strong pain expertise. This workshop explores pain science in an easy to understand way. The group will work together to integrate the knowledge and to gain a greater understanding of one's pain. You will learn the steps to an active recovery.

Date: Monday 10 September 2018

Time: 10am-1pm

Where: Griffith Neighbourhood Centre, next to Griffith shops

Cost: \$22

Bookings at www.eventbrite.com.au Search for Pain-Workshop, Canberra

More Info: See www.painsupportact.org.au or contact 62901984.

BELOVED MUSE - EMILIE FLÖGE STARRING MAXI BLAHA

Renowned Austrian actress Maxi Blaha comes to Canberra and takes to The Street stage from the 13 to 16 of September. Starring in the play **BELOVED MUSE - EMILIE FLÖGE**, she sets out in the footsteps of the It-Girl of Viennese Modernism, the fashion pioneer and lover of Gustav Klimt: Emilie Flöge. The piece was performed on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Klimt's death at the Belvedere in Vienna and has since been touring the world with Maxi Blaha accompanied by Georg Buxhofer on the electric bass.

Sunday's performance will be in German.

Date: Thursday 13 – Sunday 16 September 2018

Time: Thursday – Saturday 7.30pm; Sunday 3pm

Where: The Street Theatre 15 Childers Street, Canberra City West

Cost: \$25 - \$39

www.thestreet.org.au

More Info: 6247 1223 thestreet@thestreet.org.au



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



BONSAI SHOW 2018 CANBERRA BONSAI SOCIETY

It's spring and, once again, it's time for the Canberra Bonsai Society Annual Show at Canberra High School.

The display will feature high quality bonsai from the collections of CBS members, including some created by local artists currently represented in the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia at the National Arboretum, Canberra. The display will include both traditional exotic plant species and Australian species.

Date: 13-14 October 2018

Time: Saturday 9.00am-5.00pm and Sunday 9.00am-4.00pm

Where: Canberra High School
Bindubi Street
Macquarie

Cost: Tickets available at the door.
Adults: \$5.00
Concessions: \$3.00
Accompanied children under 12 free entry

More Info: Email: cbsshow@cbs.org.au.
Web: <http://www.cbs.org.au/>

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN AUSTRALIA - TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The National Council of Women Australia (NCWA) Triennial Conference has delegations from all NCW Constituent Councils. There are members only meetings and workshops on 16 October, and on the afternoon of 17 October, including training for the National Council of Young Women.



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



The public conference: 9am on Thursday 18 October will be opened by the Minister for Women the Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP. Conference MC is Genevieve Jacobs. Presentations from Terri Butler MP, Sharon Claydon MP and Trish Bergin from the Office of Women, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. **Speakers:** We have Australia's foremost the leading experts, in the field, such as:

- **Ms Libby Lyons** - Director of the Workplace Gender Equality Agency
- **Ms Sally Loane** – Chief Executive Officer Financial Services Council
- **Dr Sharman Stone** - The Australian Ambassador for Women and Girls
- **Ms Virginia Haussegger** – AM Adjunct Professor, Director 50/50 by 2030 Foundation
- **Ms Liza-Jayne (LJ) Loch** - Chair of NOW Australia
- **Mr Troy Roderick** - Specialist in Diversity & Inclusion 2017 Conference photos
- **Professor Margaret Jolly** - Convenor of the Gender Institute ANU
- **Ms Kate Jenkins** - Sex Discrimination Commissioner
- **Ms Bonnie Millen** - National President People with Disability Australia
- **Ms Phyllis Williams** – Chairperson, Housing for the Aged Action Group
- **Dr Skye Saunders** - Associate professor at Law, ANU Gender and law expert

NCWA awards- Encouragement Award, Senior Service Award and NCWA Woman of the Year, will be presented, by our patron Lady Cosgrove (TBC) at the conference dinner.

Date: 17 – 19 October 2018

Time: 9am to 5pm

Where: QT Hotel, 1 London Circuit, Canberra

Cost: Conference Cost early bird rates: members: \$330, non-members: \$375
After 31 August members: \$350, non-members: \$395
Dinner: members: \$70, non-members: \$80

More Info: To book go to <http://www.trybooking.com/WQBX>
Kate Wright: klwright266@gmail.com

FEEDBACK SURVEY OF 'USING THE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE ACT

ACT Health is a multicultural organisation that is working to enhance its response to cultural and linguistic diversity in the ACT.

[*Using Health Services in the ACT*](#) is a resource designed to help people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds navigate the ACT health system. Endorsed in February 2015, over 5000 copies of this information booklet was distributed.

The resource includes information about which health services should be used for different health problems, when they are available, where they are located; how to pay for health services; and rights and responsibilities when using health services, such as the right to an interpreter.

ACT Health is undertaking a planned review of this publication and seeks to gain consumers and service provider's feedback on this document.

Following are the links to the surveys:

1. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3FHYBSB> , (Survey aimed for service providers)
2. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3N639ZZ> , (Survey aimed for consumers)

This is one of several measures taken by ACT Health in improving its delivery of culturally appropriate and inclusive services and information to our multicultural community.

Thanks for all your assistance.

Please find more information at <http://health.act.gov.au/multicultural>

NEW - STALL HOLDER APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2019 NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL IS NOW OPEN

The 2019 National Multicultural Festival Stallholder Applications opened on **Friday 31 August 2018** and will close at midnight **Sunday 30 September 2018**.

A copy of the Stallholder Terms and Conditions can be accessed via this link:
[Stallholder Terms and Conditions 2019](#)

Applications can only be submitted online via the application form at:
[NMF Stallholder Application Form 2019](#).

Please note that hardcopy or email applications will not be accepted.

You will need the following items to submit your application:

- Your Public Liability Insurance Policy details
- Your Power & Cool Room requirements
- If you are a Community Organisation, you're Incorporation Number
- If you are a Community Club, your Club's License Number.

Note:

Only one application per organisation can be submitted.

You will need to create an account and follow the prompts in order to complete and submit the application.

If you are having difficulty in accessing the online application form or if an error occurs, please contact the Festival Team for assistance on email:
inbox@multiculturalfestival.act.gov.au.

For all the latest news about the Festival please check the website:
www.multiculturalfestival.com.au



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



New - Performance Applications for the 2019 National Multicultural Festival is open

I am pleased to let you know that 2019 National Multicultural Festival Performer Applications opened on **Friday 31 August 2018** and will close at **midnight Sunday 30 September 2018**.

The Performer Application Terms and Conditions can be accessed via this link:
[Performer Terms and Conditions 2019](#)

There are two categories –Performer (Professional) Expression of Interest and Performer (Volunteer) application.

Applications can only be submitted online via the below links:
[Performer Professional Application](#) or [Volunteer Performer Application](#)

You will need to create an account and follow the prompts in order to complete and submit the application.

The performer and volunteer application can be saved as you. Please note that hardcopy or email applications will not be accepted.

Note:

Only one application per solo performer/ performance group can be submitted.

If you are having difficulty in accessing the online application form or if an error occurs, please contact the Festival Team for assistance on email: inbox@multiculturalfestival.act.gov.au

For all the latest news about the Festival please check the website:
www.multiculturalfestival.com.au

New - Gain Qualifications to Become Accredited Driving Instructors in the ACT

Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services of the ACT Inc (MARSS) is seeking interested participants (female and male) wishing to gain qualifications to become an Accredited Driving Instructor in the ACT. We are looking for candidates who are able to meeting the following eligibility criteria:

- Be at least 21 years of age;
- Hold a current full Australian car licence or full Australian licence of a higher class;



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- Hold a current working with vulnerable people registration;
- Hold a National Police Certificate or police check results report;
- Be medically fit;
- Have no prior convictions for a disqualifying offence within the last five years; and
- Complete a certificate IV in driving instruction.

If you would like to volunteer for this training, or for further information please contact Andrew Kazar at cdp@marss.org.au or 6248 8577.

SAVER PLUS

Saver Plus assists individuals and families on lower incomes to build assets and improve financial capability, and has supported thousands of lower income earners to develop a lasting savings habit.

Saver Plus offers:

- Up to \$500 in matched savings for education costs
- Fun, free and informal financial education workshops
- Assistance and support from a Saver Plus coordinator to establish a savings goal and develop a savings habit.

Participants make regular deposits towards a savings goal over a 10-month period and attend workshops to build their financial management skills. When participants reach their savings goal, ANZ matches the amount – up to \$500 – towards education costs including uniforms, text books, laptops, sports equipment, music tuition, TAFE or apprenticeship costs, and much more.

Who is eligible?

You may be eligible to join Saver Plus if you:

- have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself

Date: Ongoing

Where: Throughout ACT and Queanbeyan

Cost: Free

More Info: Contact your local Saver Plus Coordinator, Kathleen Watson

Phone: 0448 730 305

Email: kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au

<https://www.bsl.org.au/services/money-matters/saver-plus/>



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES SYDNEY RESEARCH PROJECT

Is there a need for a highly specialised intellectual disability mental health service in NSW?

Seeking participants who speak Arabic, Chinese or Vietnamese.

A research team led by Professor Julian Trollor at the Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry, UNSW Sydney, aims to improve access to mental health care for people with an intellectual disability and co-occurring mental ill health.

Part of their work is to undertake a scoping study to determine if mental health services in NSW would benefit from additional support or advice from a highly specialised intellectual disability mental health service. This study also aims to determine, if a highly specialised intellectual disability mental health service is needed, how it could best operate in NSW.

The team would like to hear from people who support a person with an intellectual disability and co-occurring mental ill health. To facilitate wider engagement with the community, the team is seeking participants who would like to complete the survey in Arabic, Chinese or Vietnamese. Participation in the study involves responding to a survey that takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

If you would like more information in Arabic, [please click here](#)

If you would like more information in Chinese, [please click here](#)

If you would like information in Vietnamese, [please click here](#)

If you would like more details please contact Claire Eagleson, project officer, at IDMHWorkforce@unsw.edu.au

Participants will be men and women aged 18 and over are expected to have settled in Australia for at least 12 months and may already be considered community leaders.

If you know of men and women aged 18 and over from new and emerging communities who you think might want to participate in the modules, please contact MARSS reception on 6248 8577 or email Andrew Kazar at cdp@marss.org.au.

MEN'S OUTREACH WORKSHOPS

Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services (MARSS) will run a series of Men's Outreach Workshops (MOW) which will focus on working with men from culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Canberra to focus on educational and community awareness measures to prevent and combat domestic and family violence.

The participants will be men only as MARSS understands the need for a gendered specific initiative, they will be selected from new and emerging communities within Canberra with the support of Community Leaders.

The MOW program will help participants to develop knowledge and awareness on the issue to build the conversation within their own communities and within the mainstream community.



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



The communities include: Sudan, Sierra Leone, Karen, Afghan, Iraqi, Iran, Mon, Indian, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Community leaders have been asked to invite 10 - 15 men aged 18 and over from each of their communities to attend agency presentations.

The groups attending the scheduled sessions are as follows:

- October 27 – India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Mon and Karen

Each session will run on Saturday from 10am to 4pm and includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Participants will be required to attend a full day workshop. There will be five topics and specialist presenters will speak on each topic. At the end of the day the participants will be required to complete a questionnaire. MARSS will provide interpreters, if required.

If you know of men aged 18 and above from any of the above communities who you think might want to participate in these workshops, please contact MARSS reception on 6248 8577 or email Andrew Kazar at cdp@marss.org.au

THE WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSING AND MEDICAL SERVICE

The Women's Health Service offers free nursing and medical services to vulnerable women in the ACT and surrounding region for 30 years. The service is for women only and is provided by women.

The Service includes:

Well Women's Clinic -Registered Nurses provide women with a women's health check that includes a health history, basic physical examination, routine screening, cervical screening (Pap Smear) and life style advice.

Specialised Medical Services – a Nurse Practitioner and Doctor can provide women with short term comprehensive care and link women with a general practice in the community.

Health Promotion – The Women's Health Service can also provide health education and health promotion on women's health issues to community groups and agencies; and when possible training to health professionals and community agencies to work with women who have been subjected to interpersonal violence.

Date: Monday – Friday excluding Public Holidays

Time: 8.45am to 4.45pm

Where: Level 1 ACT Health Building, 1 Moore Street, Canberra City

Outreach well women's clinics are also in the following locations:

Belconnen Health Centre

West Belconnen Child and Family Centre

Phillip Health Centre



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



Tuggeranong Health Centre

Cost: Free

More Info: Contact us for more information or to make an appointment.

Phone: 6205 1078

Email: womenshealthservice@act.gov.au

PARENTLINK – INFORMING, SUPPORTING, CONNECTING

ParentLink is a universally targeted parenting education program from birth to teenage years. ParentLink provides parents (carers and teachers) with information which aims to increase confidence and skills, while also providing links to local resources and services.

The ParentLink website provides links to a suite of parenting guides and useful local information. The guides cover a variety of topics: including, *Starting School*, *More than Reading and Writing*, *Optimism* and *Cyber Safety*.

The ParentLink suite of resources has recently been rebranded. This includes new guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the ParentLink website at:

<https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>

More Info: Email - Parentlink@act.gov.au



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



WORLD DANCE CLASSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

World folk dance classes give children a taste of cultural traditions through the joy of dancing together. The classes improve fitness and co-ordination in a relaxed atmosphere with no competitions or dress-code.

- Date:** Fridays
- Time:** 4.15pm to 5pm (four to seven years)
5.15pm to 6pm (eight years plus)
(During school term)
- Where:** Folk Dance Canberra Hall, 114 Maitland Street, Hackett
- Cost:** \$8 per class (discount for term payment)
- More info:** Enquiries: telephone Rebecca on 0420 524 412
Website: <http://www.folkdancecanberra.org.au/>
Email: folkdancecanberra@gmail.com

BEGINNERS WORLD DANCE CLASS

Learn the Gypsy Polka, Russian 'Ya Da Kalinushku', Peruvian 'Chilli', Albanian 'Valle Pogonishte', Turkish 'Hastayim', Romanian 'Sarba de la Eninsala' and many more wonderful dances to inspiring music from countries around the world. Folk Dance Canberra is a community club promoting fitness and wellbeing through world dance. No partner necessary. All welcome.

- Date:** Every Thursday
- Time:** 7.30pm
- Where:** Folk Dance Canberra Hall
Hackett Community Centre, 114 Maitland Street, Hackett
- Cost:** \$10.50
- More info:** Contact Rebecca on telephone: 0420 524 412
Email: folkdancecanberra@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.folkdancecanberra.org.au/>

ACT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE DEATH REVIEW COMMITTEE

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

To be eligible for appointment to the Death Review Committee:

- you must meet the relevant suitability criteria of the *Children and Young People Act 2008* (Chapter 19 A);
- appointment will be on the basis of individual expertise and suitability as required under the legislation;
- Appointments are for a period of up to three years;
- Remuneration is determined by the *ACT Remuneration Tribunal and the current Part-time Public Office Holder Determination* can be found at the Remuneration Tribunal's website: www.remunerationtribunal.act.gov.au/determinations

How to apply:

Applicants are invited to submit an expression of interest (maximum four A4 pages) detailing their qualifications, experience and expertise against the selection criteria, a current Curriculum Vitae and one current written reference.

Referee reports are not required for current members seeking reappointment.

Selection may be based on application and referee reports only.

A copy of the selection documentation is available at <https://www.childdeathcommittee.act.gov.au>

Expressions of interest are to be sent to: Email: ChildDeathCommittee@act.gov.au

Further information can be obtained from contacting Vicky Saunders on 6205 2949.

YOGA WITH MALLIKA (MEDICAL YOGA | FITNESS YOGA)

Yoga with Mallika is personalised, one on one medical yoga classes. We believe in giving personalized classes so you can get the most benefit out of your session. Yoga with Mallika offers three types of services, medical yoga, fitness yoga and anti-aging. Our primary service, medical yoga is a combination of Ayurveda and yoga therapies, Ayer-medical yoga. The postures are medically designed by Ayurvedic doctors and yogic gurus, which restore homeostasis throughout our bodies. What makes yoga with Mallika different is we target a specific region of your body, assist in healing and which promotes a healthy glow and energy throughout your body with the use of Medical Yoga props.

Date: Ongoing

Time: Open from 7am - 7pm (Every day)

Where: 5 Mary Gillespie Avenue, Gungahlin

Cost: \$25 per session (20 per cent discount if you book 10 sessions). More deals available
For bookings, visit www.yogawithmallika.com.au

More info: Telephone: 0427 466 667, or Email: yogawithmallika@gmail.com



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



MULTICUTLURAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACT

Multicultural Employment Service (MES) has experienced employment consultants who actively seek out jobs in local businesses, services and agencies. MES has worked closely with migrants and refugees in the ACT for over three years matching job seekers with employers directly. Job seekers (of any age - not limited to youth) can register on-line at www.mes.org.au

More Info: Multicultural Employment Service (MES) is located at Multicultural Youth Services Level 2, ACT Multicultural Centre 180 London Circuit, Civic.

Website: www.mes.org.au

Contact: Email: info@mes.org.au or Telephone: 6100 4611

AFL DIVERSITY COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Australian Football League is Australia's largest sport with teams spread all around the country. In the ACT and Region the AFL is committed to engaging with our diverse communities. The AFL Diversity Community Ambassador Program works with community leaders to establish and develop programs in the region utilising the game as a vehicle for social inclusion.

We are currently calling for passionate people in our community who would like to be a part of this program to engage with multicultural and indigenous communities and create a beneficial program for the ACT community. All Community Ambassadors receive their own exclusive Ambassador pack and tickets to AFL games.

More info: If you are interested in becoming involved in the Diversity Community Ambassador Program or have any further questions please contact Luke Martin via Email: luke.martin@afl.com.au

MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY LEADERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Inclusion and Participation Division Online Directory was created to promote social participation and connection by providing an easy to access location for information and contacts of community associations. We are always looking for new additions.

To add a new community group to the Inclusion and Participation Division Online Directory, community leaders are invited to perform the following tasks:

1. Visit the "Add Entry" form of the Inclusion and Participation Division Directory by clicking on this link: <http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/multicultural/services/community-group-directory/add-entry>
2. Fill in the relevant information in the application form and when completed hit the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the form.

Once your application form is submitted, an automated email will be sent to your email address to inform you that your application to join the directory has been received by the Community Participation Group and is currently awaiting approval.



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



The approval process may take up to two weeks. If your community has already submitted an application, please click on the following link to check if your community is included in the Online Directory:

<http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/multicultural/services/community-group-directory>

Our team is happy to assist with the submission process. Please contact the Inclusion and Participation Division on Email: CommunityParticipation@act.gov.au or on Telephone: 6207 0555 for assistance.

CALVARY HEALTH CARE BRUCE – REFUGEE MENTORING PROGRAM FOR REFUGEES

Calvary Health Care Bruce has a Refugee Mentoring Program for refugees and asylum seekers in the ACT to assist with understanding the Australian workplace environment and culture, communication and workplace skills development. It is a voluntary observation and study work experience program for the participants who are mentored by volunteer Calvary Bruce staff.

More info: <http://www.calvary-act.com.au/refugee-mentoring-program.html>

CAN YOU HELP PROMOTE CAREERS AS A TRANSLATING AND INTERPRETING SERVICE (TIS) NATIONAL INTERPRETER?

Do your clients speak an emerging language and have good English skills? Do you know someone who is multilingual and seeking a new career direction? The Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) is currently recruiting to meet growing demand for interpreting services in Australia.

More info: For more information visit the Interpreter recruitment page at:
<https://www.tisnational.gov.au/Interpreters/Interpreter-recruitment>

CONSIDER HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

The Education and Training Directorate International Education Program invites Canberra families to open their homes to international students and provide them a safe and nurturing place to live during their stay in Canberra.

Placing international students with a home stay host family helps bridge the cultural and language gap, giving students the opportunity to experience the life with an Australian family. Home stay parents and their children gain a greater understanding of cultural diversity through the relationship that develops with their student. Many host families have been providing accommodation for international students for many years. The Directorate is currently experiencing a shortage of home stay host families throughout Canberra.

More info: Contact Nicole King, Manager, International Education Unit
Telephone: 6205 6998 or Email: Nicole.king@act.gov.au



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – FREE INTERPRETING SERVICE

The Free Interpreting Service aims to provide equitable access to key services for Australian citizens and permanent residents with low English language proficiency.

The Free Interpreting Service is available to a range of organisation types:

- **Medical Practitioners:** when delivering Medicare rebateable services in private practice. Nurses, reception and other practice support staff can also access the service when working with the registered medical practitioner.
- **Pharmacies:** when dispensing Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme medications.
- **Non-government organisations:** when providing casework and emergency services, where the organisation does not receive substantial government funding to provide these services.
- **Real Estate Agencies:** to discuss any private residential property matter.
- **Local Government Authorities:** to communicate with residents about most local government services.
- **Trade Unions:** to assist members in accessing support and advice.
- **Parliamentarians:** for constituency purposes.

You can check your eligibility for the Free Interpreting Service using the eligibility calculator at <https://www.tisnational.gov.au/Agencies/Charges-and-free-services/Free-services-through-TIS-National.aspx> on the TIS National website. To apply for a client code, complete the online client registration form at: <https://tisonline.tisnational.gov.au/RegisterAgency> on the TIS National website or allow a few extra minutes the first time you use the service. You can also apply by contacting TIS National or telephone 1300 575 847 or at tis.lpl@homeaffairs.gov.au

For more information visit the Department of Social Services' website: www.dss.gov.au or contact TIS National on the contact details above.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – FREE TRANSLATING SERVICE

- The Free Translating Service is provided for people settling permanently in Australia, to support participation in employment, education and community engagement.
- Permanent residents and select temporary or provisional visa holders are able to have up to ten eligible documents translated, into English, within the first two years of their eligible visa grant date.
- Applications for the Free Translating Service are made on the Free Translating Service website at <https://translating.dss.gov.au/en> The website is easy to use and is available in English, Arabic, Farsi and Simplified Chinese.
- Where available, all translations are completed by [translators credentialed by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters \(NAATI\)](#)

More Info: Information about the Free Translating Service, including eligibility, is available on the website at: translating.dss.gov.au

The Free Translating Service Helpdesk can also be contacted:

By email: fts@migrationtranslators.com.au or online: Using the 'Contact us' form via: <https://translating.dss.gov.au/en/contact-us/> or by phone on 1800 962 100



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



ETHNIC INTERPRETERS AND TRANSLATORS

- Are you passionate about the language you speak?
- Do you enjoy helping others with language difficulties?
- Would you like to make a career out of the language you speak and earn extra \$\$\$?
- Do you want to become an Interpreter?

Ethnic Interpreters and Translators are currently recruiting people who speak the following dialects in the ACT: Korean| Vietnamese| Mandarin| Cantonese Please visit their website (www.ethnic.com.au) to apply online or telephone toll free Telephone: 1300 855 221 for further information.

HEPATITIS B AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Organisations providing services for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers are invited to contact Hepatitis ACT to arrange free and flexible workshops for staff and/or client groups.

People originating from hepatitis endemic countries and regions (especially Asia-Pacific, Africa, and the Mediterranean region; and in Australia rural and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities) are disproportionately affected by Hepatitis B.

It is estimated that around half are unaware of their infection. Hepatitis ACT helps reduce the health and social impacts of Hepatitis B through information, education, training and health promotion.

More info: Email: project@hepatitisACT.com.au Telephone: 6230 6344 (Tue-Fri)

RACE DISCRIMINATION AND VILIFICATION

The ACT Human Rights Commission handles complaints of unlawful discrimination in the ACT. Unlawful discrimination occurs when someone is:

- treated unfavourably;
- because of a protected attribute, including because of their race (e.g. nationality, citizenship, skin colour); and
- this occurs in public life.

An example of unlawful discrimination is when someone is refused service at a restaurant because of their race.

The Commission also handles complaints of racial vilification, which occurs when someone publicly incites hatred, serious contempt or severe ridicule towards a group of people because of their race. For example, through an offensive t-shirt or a speech spreading racial hatred;

More info: Telephone: 6025 2222

Email: human.rights@act.gov.au, <http://www.hrc.act.gov.au>



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



USING HEALTH SERVICES IN THE ACT: A GUIDE FOR PEOPLE FROM CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS

Using Health Services in the ACT is a new handbook from ACT Health to help people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to choose the right health service when they are sick or injured, especially those new to Australia or the ACT.

For copies of the handbook, contact Daniel Coase, Multicultural Health Policy Unit, and ACT Health on 6205 1011 or email: daniel.coase@act.gov.au

RETURN TO WORK FOR WOMEN COURSE

The 'Return to Work for Women' Program is designed for women who are looking to re-enter the paid workforce after an extended absence.

If you've been out of the workforce for a while, this could be the right first step for you to help you regain your confidence, brush up on your professional skills and learn computing and digital literacy skills.

The training course can greatly improve your chance for successfully re-entering the workforce, with 80 per cent of our graduates going on to employment or further studies in an area of interest. Topics covered in the course include:

- writing and math's for work;
- problem-solving;
- job-seeking strategies;
- resume, selection criteria and interview techniques;
- interview preparation;
- computing skills; and
- Work experience.

Students have found this course a valuable and fun experience as they hear from a range of guest speakers, learn practical skills, update their referees and professional knowledge through the work experience component and learn with each other in a supportive environment. Classes are held at CIT Tuggeranong, two days per week over 14 weeks during school hours.

To help ensure the course is a good fit for you before you begin, there is a short skills assessment and interview for applicants where your ability to commit to the course will be discussed.

To apply or for more information, please contact CIT on telephone: 6207 3188 or email info@cit.edu.au

WHAT IS ON FOR WOMEN CALENDAR?

The online what's on for Women Calendar includes details on courses, events, information sessions, support groups, training, programs, workshops and activities for women in the ACT and region. The calendar can be accessed at: <http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/women/Womens-Information-Empower,-Respect,-Connect>

Contributions and amendments to the calendar can now be made at any time to ensure the most up to date information is available for women in the ACT. While we are trialling the calendar online we would greatly appreciate any feedback that can assist us to improve the calendar overtime, including any feedback on ways we can ensure women who don't have internet can access the information.

More info: For further information on the calendar or to provide feedback on the new online format, contact Women's Information on telephone: 6205 1075, or by email at wi@act.gov.au

YOUR VOICE, YOUR CHOICE, THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME, AND MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

Your Voice, Your Choice is a community education project designed to raise awareness about the NDIS, how to access it and how to benefit from the opportunities it provides. The information and supports are flexible and tailored to where people are at. The project aims to support people with a disability to:

- explore what a good life means to them
- set life goals and plan for the future
- make informed decisions

The Your Voice, Your Choice team is keen to reach out to multicultural individuals, families and communities, and engage with interpreters to enable this process.

To find out more information about the information and supports available through Your Voice, Your Choice, please contact Doris Kordes on telephone: 6246 7114 or email: dkordes@mifellowship.org

TPV AND SHEV GUIDE – TRANSLATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The 'Australian Government Support for Temporary Humanitarian Stay (449), Temporary Humanitarian Concern (786), Temporary Protection (785) or Safe Haven Enterprise (790) visa holders' guide is now available.

The guide is in English, Arabic, Bengali, Burmese, Dari, Farsi, Kurdish – Syrian, Kurdish – Kurmanji, Hazaragi, Pashto, Sinhalese, Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese.

For more information, visit <https://www.dss.gov.au/settlement-and-multicultural-affairs/programs-policy/australian-government-support>



Further information can be found on the
Community Services website at www.CommunityServices.act.gov.au



A CONVERSATION FOR EVERYONE – FREE PRESENTATION

Health Care Consumers' Association is providing 'A Conversation for everyone' and is now taking bookings from groups interested in hearing about advance health care planning (also known as Living Will, Enduring Power of Attorney, Statement of Health Choices, Advance Directive and Health Care Directive).

These conversations are relaxed and thought provoking and can be tailored to your clients or organisation. If you are interested in discussing the sessions or are interested in booking a session please contact: Christine Bowman on 6230 7800 or email: christinebowman@hcca.org.au

LIBRARIES ACT FREE RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS

Libraries ACT have libraries at Gungahlin, Tuggeranong, Belconnen, Kippax, Dickson, Woden, Kingston, Erindale and Civic which is free for everyone to use.

All the libraries have:

- Free Wi-Fi.
- Computers you can reserve and use for free.
- English books you can read and borrow for all ages and interests.
- Bilingual picture books in 36 languages including Arabic, Farsi, Hindi, Mandarin, Vietnamese and Bengali.
- EBooks (books that can be read on electronic devices) and audio books you can listen to. These are great for practicing and learning English.
- Magazines and newspapers in many languages.
- Free activities and programs for all ages that are fun and good for learning.
- Digital lessons. Learn about social media, privacy, security and different topics as part of a group session or book a personal 30 minute lesson on a topic you choose, such as how to use email, eBooks, internet or electronic devices.
- There are also many things you can access online from the Libraries ACT website. For example:
 - Mango Languages. This is a language learning app which includes learning English as a second language, so you can practice English anywhere!
 - Online resources for kids, including Tumble Books and Story Box Library, where you can hear stories being read aloud. Great for pronunciation practice!
 - RB Digital Magazines and Free legal Music where you can download free digital magazines and music to keep and read or listen to at any time.

More Info: Joining the library is free and easy. Go to web site www.library.act.gov.au telephone: 6205 9000 or ask staff at any library for help.