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### **NATIONAL AND TERRITORY WIDE NEWS AND EVENTS**

**NT Government offers to Give the gift of service this Christmas.** Janet Buhagiar, Director Social Policy with the Department of the Chief Minister has written.....

Dear NGO members, We are conscious that your organisation is in the business of giving all year round... As we approach Christmas there will be even greater attention on the broader community to give and make a difference. We want to assist you in a more structured way and give public servants within the Northern Territory Government, an opportunity to volunteer, to give the gift of service this Christmas. To ensure that this support can be meaningful and helpful to your organisation and services, we are looking for a list of jobs, activities or tasks you need doing. We are focusing on the lead up to Christmas and New Years, but we don't think the giving will stop there... To ensure that your organisation's works and needs are included, all you need to do is send us a description of the job, activity or task you need volunteers to assist with and include the following information:

- Title / Description / Any special skills required / Estimated time for the job, activity or task (we think no more than 4 hours per job, activity or task will get a good response) / Whether it is an individual or group task / Any specific dates or times the job, activity or task / A contact person (name, contact number and email):

We will then post a list of the jobs, activities and tasks online for NT public servants to consider. Potential volunteers will then make contact with you directly to follow up on a specific job, activity or task. When a job, activity or task is completed or you don't require

any further volunteers, we ask that you advise us on [janet.buhagiar@nt.gov.au](mailto:janet.buhagiar@nt.gov.au) so we can mark it as complete, to avoid you being inundated with volunteers that are no longer required. It is our wish that by giving people a list of jobs, activities and tasks, we make the choice of giving a gift of service a little easier to make for them and for you.

**Christmas is a time of need for many Australian families.** So why not do something about it and donate a new toy to share the magic of Christmas with those who are in need. The Northern Territory Community Bank® Network and Darwin Bendigo Bank Branch are partnering with St Vincent de Paul Society and invite you to participate. Kindly drop off your unwrapped presents by **16 Dec** at these collection points. If you have any queries please contact your local branch.

Nightcliff (Progress Drive. ph: 89484485) Coolalinga (Stuart Highway. ph: 89834111) Alice Springs (Bath Street. ph: 89527517) Darwin( Smith Street. ph: 89414666)

**The Australian Family Friendly Workplace Seminar 2012** will be held in Melbourne on **1 & 2 March**. Hear from some of the country's most successful organisations at the forefront of innovative proven strategies on the implementation of family-friendly policies. \$1000 Not-for-Profit Access Grant are available to all not-for-profit entities. For more information contact Shaun Zapadloon 1300 138 037 or [shaunz@leadership-institute.com.au](mailto:shaunz@leadership-institute.com.au)

## TOP END NEWS AND EVENTS

**Freedom Songs – Darwin Asylum Seeker Support and Advocacy Network Fundraiser**  
**Tonight 1 Dec** Darwin Railway Club, Parap 7pm-11:30pm Cost: \$10 suggested donation to raising funds to be used towards the costs of hiring information billboards around Darwin and community information events to raise awareness about asylum seeker issues. Line-up: Mark Hilton and the Two Few, Groupie Funksters, Darwin Dance & Drumming Group. There will be prizes to be won, the Inaugural Howard Award - for the Humanitarian Treatment of Asylum Seekers will be awarded plus DELICIOUS FOOD by My Sisters Kitchen. Contact Tim Walsh for more details on 0418 804 817 or [tim-walsh@netspace.net.au](mailto:tim-walsh@netspace.net.au)

**Department of Children and Families Information Session & Workshop 5 Dec** Katherine Training Centre 9:00am – 1:00pm. Come and hear about the role of the new Regional Director, where is the child protection reform up to, complaint management and the dual pathway model. For further information please call Lava Kohaupt on 08 8948 2665. Please RSVP [lava@ntcoss.org.au](mailto:lava@ntcoss.org.au)

**Department of Children and Families Dual Pathways Model Information and Consultation**  
**Session 6 Dec** Salvation Army Training Room Lee Point Drive Anula 10:00am – 12:00noon. For further information please call Lava Kohaupt on 08 8948 2665. Please RSVP [lava@ntcoss.org.au](mailto:lava@ntcoss.org.au)

**Christmas Birrimbirr (Christmas Spirit) opening 7 Dec** 6pm, the Chan Contemporary Art Space. Miyarrka Media and Gapuwiyak Culture and Arts Aboriginal Corporation present a video and photographic installation that expresses the rituals, sorrows and joys of a Yolngu Christmas.

**UN International Human Rights Day Breakfast 9 Dec** Do asylum seekers have human rights? 7am til 9am Crowne Plaza, 32 Mitchell Street, Darwin \$40.00/person For more information or to register contact The NT Anti-Discrimination Commission on 8999 1444 or [administrationadc@nt.gov.au](mailto:administrationadc@nt.gov.au)

**Housing is a Human Right 9 Dec** Raintree Park Darwin City, 1-2pm, FREE BBQ, please come and support Darwin's homeless population during human rights week. For more information contact Darwin Community Legal Service on 89821111.

**Human Rights Day Picnic and Celebration 10 Dec** 10.30am-2.30pm Basketball Court Charles Darwin University. For more information contact [Jeswynn.Yogaratnam@cdu.edu.au](mailto:Jeswynn.Yogaratnam@cdu.edu.au)

**Proposed National Regulatory System for Community Housing Providers consultations in Darwin 13 Dec** 10.00am - 12.00pm at Medina Vibe, 7 Kitchener Drive, Darwin City Waterfront. follow link for details/ Fact Sheets <http://www.nrsch.gov.au/Forums/Northern+Territory.htm> Please RSVP to Tony Beale [tony.beale@nt.gov.au](mailto:tony.beale@nt.gov.au) or call (08) 8999 8355

**Art as an Intervention** Mental Health Carers NT invite all Mental Health Carers & Consumers every Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon to Pete's Place. For further information or contact Sandy on 0434 144 450.

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## CENTRAL AUSTRALIA NEWS AND EVENTS

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**World Aids Day 1 Dec** Social gathering, BBQ and Networking at NTAHC office, 14 Railway Tce. For more information contact [PWilliams@ntahc.org.au](mailto:PWilliams@ntahc.org.au)

**A Safer Alice Springs: Help create a change, public forum tonight: 1 Dec** 5- 6.30pm, Charles Darwin University Theatre, Grevillea Drive contact [john.rawnsley@desertknowledge.com.au](mailto:john.rawnsley@desertknowledge.com.au)

**My Ability Sports Day 2 Dec**, 9.30- 12pm, Alice Springs Basketball Stadium. Register: [Benita.Bittner@nt.gov.au](mailto:Benita.Bittner@nt.gov.au) or 8951 6432

**Domestic Violence and the Workplace 'safe at home, safe at work, workshop' 8 Dec**, 11-2 pm, Andy McNeil Room Todd Street Please register by the 2nd Dec by email [cdt@asws.org.au](mailto:cdt@asws.org.au)

**Access Arts Awards 2011-** will be hosted by the Minister of the Arts, The Hon Gerry McCarthy at Araluen Art Centre- Larapinta drive, **8 Dec** 3-5pm contact [lindy.cameron@casa.net.au](mailto:lindy.cameron@casa.net.au)

**Indigenous Human Rights and Advocacy Program**-The Fred Hollows Foundation is running a week long Indigenous Human Rights and Advocacy training program for Indigenous people! There are spaces still available, please contact the organisers directly: Lorelle Savage on (02)9385 2807 or Sarah Torcasio on (02)9385 3549 Email: [dtp@unsw.edu.au](mailto:dtp@unsw.edu.au)

