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1. Shelter WA / WACOSS Pre Election Forum

Shelter WA and WACOSS are hosting a pre election forum on housing on Tuesday 18 January 2005. The Minister for Housing (the Hon Nick Griffiths MLC), the Opposition spokesperson for housing (the Hon Ray Halligan MLC), the WA Greens spokesperson for housing (the Hon Giz Watson MLC) and representatives from the Democrats and Family First have agreed to attend the forum. Each speaker will explain their party's housing platform and respond to a questionnaire.

Shelter WA and WACOSS previously held a pre election forum in October 2000. A report on that forum is still available from www.shelterwa.org.au (publications). Issues of interest to all speakers at the October, 2000 forum included support for maintenance of public housing to current levels, increasing community housing and working towards resolving the homelessness problems in WA. This time around housing affordability and falling levels of home ownership are also at the top of the housing agenda.

The forum will be held at the City West Lotteries House Conference Room, from 9.30am-12.30pm on Tuesday 18 January 2005. To register your interest in the forum, or for any further questions, please contact either Serena Williams or Karel Eringa by email (serena@shelterwa.org.au / karel@shelterwa.org.au) or telephone (08 9325 6660).

2. Launch of EOC Report: Finding a Place

The Equal Opportunity Commission will launch the report of its two-year Inquiry into the existence of discriminatory practices in relation to the provision of public housing and related services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Western Australia as follows:

10am, Wednesday 15 December 2004
at the Equal Opportunity Commission office
Level 2, Westralia Square
141 St Georges Terrace, Perth

A DVD accompanying this report will also be launched at this time. To notify the Commission of your attendance please contact Marc Newhouse on (08) 9216 3900 or e-mail him at marc@eoc.wa.gov.au.

3. Seminar: Tenant Participation & Urban Regeneration

The Australasian Housing Institute is conducting a seminar on tenant participation and urban regeneration as follows:

12:45pm for 1:00pm start / 4:00pm finish
Monday 20 December 2004
at the Department of Housing & Works
Training Room, 5th Floor, 99 Plain St East Perth

Cost: \$40 member \$60 non-member

Joan Ferguson will make a presentation based upon the research and experiences of Dr Jenny Muir, Institute of Governance, Public Policy & Social Research - Queen's University, Belfast – with commentary and analysis from Joan Ferguson.

Who should attend:

- * Those with urban or community regeneration responsibilities in social housing organisations.
- * Social housing professionals with an interest in tenant participation.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- * Examine participation structures in urban regeneration programmes which include large amounts of social housing, using examples from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.
- * Discuss the expectations which tenants bring to the process.
- * Consider how regeneration partnerships may differ from tenant participation structures relating to housing management.
- * Understand factors contributing to the success or failure of consultation processes.
- * Learn more about the role of tenants in regeneration programmes, particularly relating to monitoring and evaluation.
- * Discuss whether participation in regeneration programmes helps to build social capital.

Places are limited and the cost is \$40 for members or \$60 for non-members of the Australasian Housing Institute Office. Register by Thursday, 16 December 2004 by downloading the Information and Registration from the AHI website at www.housinginstitute.org/events/seminars/TP-Perth.pdf. For more information contact the AHI at events@housinginstitute.org.

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