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FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Friends,

Something big is happening in the Top End. A small community is taking a stand for justice and the betterment of their people. The action of this community is in response to an immediate and urgent need, but their action harks back to the action of Vincent Lingiari who, 44 years ago, led the walk-off of exploited stockmen from Wave Hill station.

The Gurindji stockmen went on strike seeking equal wages and the return of traditional homelands. Proud of this history, the Gurindji say that their hard won rights have been stripped away under the Northern Territory Emergency Response ('the Intervention').

History repeated

On Wednesday 20 October, during national Anti-Poverty Week, Gurindji workers and residents from the communities of Kalkaringi and Dagaragu stopped work to protest. Among the concerns of the Gurindji leaders is the closure of Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) and local government reforms under the Intervention.

The Labor government and its predecessor undertook to phase out the CDEP programs and 'transition' Aboriginal workers into 'real jobs'. But the jobs haven't materialised in significant numbers and the transition has not occurred. There is a concern that the 500 positions created to replace only some of the lost CDEP places in remote NT shire councils will not be funded next year.

Speaking of the communities of Kalkaringi and Dagaragu, protest spokesperson John Leemans says the closure of programs has seen local services struggling and collapsing. 'Prior to the Intervention we had nearly 300 CDEP workers employed in municipal services, construction and maintenance roles. When the government took over and abolished the community council and CDEP everything came to a halt. We went two years without regular rubbish collection because the truck was seized. Houses and buildings are in desperate need of repair but there's no funding for workers or materials.

'If you go out to Dagaragu you'll see the evidence these cuts have had on our people. Everything we built has gone - the old CDEP office, the brick making shed, the nursery, the health clinic, the old family centre. Soon we may lose the bakery. Houses that are now under Territory Housing control are overcrowded and falling apart. The damage is just overwhelming,' Mr Leemans says.

These were the kinds of issues community and church organisations warned about in 2005, when the Coalition government foreshadowed reform of CDEP that would, it was said, 'help Indigenous Australians become more self-reliant, and to find jobs away from government assistance'.

Three Church organisations warned that 'the proposed amendments will not address Indigenous inequality if they do not provide real opportunities for Indigenous communities

and if they are imposed without adequate consultation and cooperation.’ The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council and Catholic Welfare Australia said that the government had an obligation to invest significant funding and resources in disadvantaged and economically vulnerable Indigenous communities for the generation of sustainable employment.

Not only has the loss of CDEP positions been a challenge for people in communities like Dagaragu. Those still working on CDEP are being subject to income management.

John Leemans says, ‘We now we have around 40 workers left on CDEP and training programs. Many are working 35 hour weeks but under the new laws they’re working for nothing but a Centrelink payment. It’s worse than working for the dole, because half goes onto the BasicCard and can only be spent at approved stores.’

Alluding to the 1966 walk-off, Leemans says, ‘History is being repeated here, with our people forced to work for rations again.’

Close the gap

In the National Apology to the Stolen Generations, the then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd committed the government to a new partnership between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians aimed at closing the gap on major areas of inequality. On a key issue - jobs - the government committed itself to halving the gap in employment outcomes within a decade. It was one of six targets established under a government policy framework.

Job creation is so important to the ‘close the gap’ strategy. Thirteen year old Madeleine Madden, granddaughter of activist Charles Perkins, summed it up perfectly last week when, in a national address on free-to-air and paid television, she called on all Australians to help end the inequality.

‘This is my once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to talk to you, Australia, about my people. Nearly everyone knows that Indigenous Australians

face some pretty tough challenges so I don’t want to talk to you about that.

‘But I do want to talk to you about the real things that can make our lives better. With a job, a real job, you can look after yourself, your family, and help your community. I’ve seen the difference this has made in my own family because my grandfather worked his whole life to give his kids what he never had.

‘If a huge effort is made, the gap between my people and other Australians can be closed in one generation,’ she said. (refer: <http://www.generationone.org.au/>)

The creation of real jobs offering decent pay is vital. And it is in remote communities like Kalkaringi and Dagaragu where the government’s resolve to closing the gap is now being tested.

Jobs with justice

Especially in remote communities, job creation has the capacity to ensure long-term benefits not just for individual workers, but also for the community in the areas of housing, health, education and community services.

What then of the members of the Gurindji community who say they are using their cars to take away waste that has piled up since services were cut under the Intervention? It is hard to conceive that jobs and services that are so essential to any community’s proper functioning are being lost - all the more so for vulnerable communities. If private investment is lacking, the government has a responsibility to invest in communities through job creation, and programs like CDEP need to be part of this strategy.

Real jobs paying decent wages are necessary for genuine community development - not compliance-based social security regimes.

The Intervention has shown on many occasions that it’s not just about ‘what is done’, but ‘how it is done’.

When the Government passed legislation in June allowing the continuation of income management under the Intervention, the

Chairman of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council posed these questions about the regime:

‘We ... have to ask who makes the decisions about income management. Will it be applied by officials who have little connection with Indigenous people or possess little understanding of the complexities of the issues involved? What qualifications will be employed to select those people who will have extraordinary power over the income and lives of powerless people?’

‘Compulsory income management alone will not address the underlying causes of poverty and disadvantage. A rigid focus on compliance of a policy that implies that “we know best” or “it is all for their own good” risks adopting the kind of attitude that gave rise to policies behind the Stolen Generation,’ said Bishop Christopher Saunders.

These concerns remain.

John Leemans says his community is sick of being bullied by the government. He says that there was never any consultation about the Intervention with his community and that people feel their liberty and integrity are being trampled on.

Many of the Gurindji have travelled to Alice Springs to join national rallies today (October 29th) calling for ‘Jobs with Justice’ for Aboriginal workers and an end to the Intervention. They have endorsed a statement which will be published in *the Australian* and launched today. It can be viewed at: www.jobswithjustice.wordpress.com/

John Ferguson
National Executive Officer



Current Issues / Resources

WEBSITE: ‘WHAT’S WORKING’

The website ‘What’s Working: Aboriginal women have answers themselves’ was launched recently by Women for Wik - a group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous women including academics, writers, filmmakers, artists and teachers. With the concern that racism, negativism and disinformation still cloud public debate on Indigenous policies, the website documents all the policies that have been proven to work and the many successful initiatives taken by Indigenous communities throughout Australia. The website provides resources for students, policy makers and all those people who want to do something practical to change the inequities and injustices which still prevail for Indigenous people in Australia. Visit the website at: <http://www.whatsworking.com.au/whats-working/>

PUBLICATION: ‘A BETTER WAY’

With the release of their new book ‘A Better Way: Success stories in Aboriginal community control in the Northern Territory’, ANTaR is

calling on governments to support Aboriginal organisations and communities in driving solutions to the challenges they face. The book highlights 13 successful Aboriginal community-controlled organisations in the NT that are working across a diverse range of sectors. All feature Aboriginal management and administration, are responsive to local community needs and priorities and work in partnership with other organisations. Together, they offer an alternative response to the challenges facing Aboriginal communities based on community participation and leadership. To download, visit: <http://www.antar.org.au/abetterway>.

FILM: ‘OUR GENERATION’

Our Generation is a documentary film by Sinem Saban and Damien Curtis. The film covers the story of a struggle that is hidden from the eyes of mainstream Australia. From the ongoing controversy of the Northern Territory Intervention, to being forced off their traditional lands into larger townships crippled by social dysfunction, to their languages

being removed from school education, to mining deals sidelining traditional owners, the Aboriginal people of the Northern Territory are fighting for freedom. Through the stories of the Yolngu of NE Arnhem Land, the film looks at the Government's ongoing policies of paternalism and assimilation, examines the real issues underlying Indigenous disadvantage, and opens dialogue on ways forward that respect Aboriginal culture and dignity. To watch the trailer, purchase the DVD and get more information, visit: <http://www.ourgeneration.org.au/>

Thirteen-year-old Madeleine Madden's recent national address on every free-to-air and paid television network in the country was organised by Our Generation. Madeline's address can be viewed at: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/video/youtube.htm?v=JCZB-U8l4a4>

WEBSITE: PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

The United Nations Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues has a website dedicated to the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The website includes various translations of the Declaration as well information on issues related to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights. Visit the website at: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/index.html>

NEW REPORT: 'MOVING FROM THE EDGE'

Jesuit Social Services has launched a report that provides a better understanding of the factors which assist excluded people to improve their inclusion in the life of the community and gives voice to those who have suffered exclusion, through homelessness, illness, or involvement with the child protection and justice systems. Report author Professor Tony Vinson says, 'the stories told in *Moving from the Edge* show that given the opportunity, people who were previously "outsiders" can find places in society that are satisfying to them and productive from the community's viewpoint. But there is no single formula for achieving this change, a supporter's respect for an individual's aspirations, a shared conviction that she or

he can achieve their goals, and assistance in charting a credible path to the attainment of those goals being hallmarks of the life-stories of outsiders who have moved from the edge'. Cost: \$20. Orders can be made at <http://www.jss.org.au/>. For further details, contact: jss@jss.org.au or 03 9427 7388

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

On 3 December every year International Day of People with Disability is celebrated worldwide recognising the achievements and contributions of people with disability. To promote and celebrate this day the Disability Projects Office of the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life is producing a bookmark. The bookmarks are 20 cents each plus postage and handling. The theme is "Jesus said ... 'Be Open'". Parishes/dioceses are encouraged to celebrate the day on 4/5 December but flexibility is encouraged to celebrate it whenever it is most appropriate for the parish/dioceses. To order bookmarks, call (02) 6201 9868 or email disability@catholic.org.au. Find out more about this day at <http://www.idpwd.com.au/Pages/default.aspx>

101 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR A PEACEFUL REFERENDUM

On 21st September *Solidarity with Southern Sudan* began its campaign '101 days of prayer for a peaceful referendum in Southern Sudan'. The campaign is based in Southern Sudan, but its outreach is worldwide, mobilising religious congregations, NGOs and people of all religions to ensure that peace prevails no matter the outcome of the elections. On January 9, 2011 Southern Sudan will vote to either stay united with Sudan or to secede and form a new country. *Solidarity with Southern Sudan* in conjunction with the Sudan Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Agency for Overseas Development has pledged to accompany Sudan with prayer. Visit the campaign website for information and to find out how you can be involved: www.solidarityssudan.org

CHILOUT REACTIVATES CAMPAIGN

ChiOut ('Children Out Of Immigration Detention') is a group of parents and citizens opposed to the mandatory detention of

children in the Australian immigration detention regime. Readers will recall how ChilOut was very active in the first half of the decade in campaigning for the release of children from immigration detention and was part of the push that led the then Government to amend the Migration Act to include the principle that 'Children should be detained as a measure of last resort.' With over 700 children now in immigration detention, ChilOut has reactivated its campaign to have kids released from detention as soon as possible. To find out more, visit: <http://www.chilout.org/>

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON CHILDREN IN DETENTION

On 18 October, the Prime Minister said the Government would partner with community

organisations to move 'significant numbers' of children and vulnerable family groups into community-based accommodation. The Government intends to progressively move several hundred children and families by June 2011. Some responses of church and community groups can be found at: Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office: http://www.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=1029

Jesuit Refugee Service: <http://www.jrs.org.au/news-clips/latest-news/187-jrs-welcomes-news-on-detained-children>

Edmund Rice Centre: <http://www.erc.org.au/> Refugee Council of Australia:

http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/docs/releases/2010/101018_kids_released.pdf

Latest Publications

(Orders: phone (02) 8306 3499 or download an order form from the ACSJC website that can be faxed to (02) 8306 3498: http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/PDF/ORDER_FORM.pdf)

ORDER NOW! - 2011 SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY

The 2011 Social Justice Diary includes the dates of significant events, anniversaries and special days which celebrate particular aspects of social justice. It also highlights aspects of the theme for Social Justice Sunday in 2011 - 'Prisons and the justice system'. The Diary provides a social justice program for the full year. Information and ideas for prayer and reflection are included. This is an essential resource for teachers and parishes. A great Christmas gift. Diaries will be available in November. Cost: \$6.60 (inc. GST), plus postage. To download an order form, go to: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

LAUNCH OF THE 2010 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT

Addresses delivered at the launch of the 2011 Social Justice Sunday Statement by the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Mr Brendan McKeague and Bishop Christopher Saunders

are available for download on the ACSJC homepage: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

2010 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT - STILL TAKING ORDERS

This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Sunday Statement is entitled 'Violence in Australia: A message of peace'. The ACSJC is still taking orders for the Statement. An order form and other information/resources are available on the ACSJC website: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

Prayer Card & Leaflet: Ten steps towards being a peacemaker.

Now available. Call (02) 8306 3499

Social Justice Sunday Statement Summary, Liturgy Notes, Teachers' Notes, PowerPoint Presentation - now available at: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Ecumenical resource: 'Peace Be With You'. Download from the National Council of Churches website: <http://www.ncca.org.au/departments/social-justice>

SERIES PAPER - 'MERCY & JUSTICE EMBRACE'
Sr Marie Farrell rsm considers the vast range of people and organisations working for justice in today's Church in Australia and how they form a mosaic of social justice that reflects the mystery of the Eucharist and God's bond with humanity. (\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

SERIES PAPER - 'WOMEN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA'
Catholic Social Justice Series paper No. 67 is a collection essays by various women engaged in wide-ranging areas of Church life. The publication is a collection of eight papers. (\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

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This Month's Notices

UNTIL 2 NOVEMBER. HANDS OF THE WORLD ARTISAN MARKET (QLD). The Cathedral of St Stephen Art Group will hold an exhibition of an array of art works in metal, glass, wood, textiles, paper and ceramic later this year. Art works will be available for sale and there will be a Fair Trade section. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. Web: <http://www.bne.catholic.net.au/asp/index.asp?pgid=11637&cid=7465&id=3061>.

UNTIL 7 NOVEMBER. SHOW: NAMATJIRA (NSW). Fifty years after his death, the life story of Albert Namatjira is told in words, music and through the creation of a growing artwork. For this production some of Namatjira's descendants - third generation water-colour artists - will be on-stage, creating the artwork. Cost: \$57. Belvoir Street Upstairs Theatre, 25 Belvoir Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9699 3444. Web: <http://www.belvoir.com.au/>.

1 NOVEMBER. FILM SCREENING: 'OUR GENERATION' (QLD). This groundbreaking new documentary on Aboriginal rights will be presented by the filmmakers and Jeff McMullen. Live music by special guest. Cost: \$25, concession \$15. 6.30 pm, Schonell Theatre, University of Queensland, Union Road, St Lucia. Contact: tickets@ourgeneration.org.au. Web: <http://www.ourgeneration.org.au/>.

1 NOVEMBER. SYDNEY DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE (SDC) DEVELOPMENT SECTOR NETWORKING EXTRAVAGANZA (NSW). SDC's annual social provides you with the opportunity to catch up with friends, make new contacts, and share information on your projects. The evening will include original live music with Latin American and Aussie flavours. This is for anyone working in community development and humanitarian aid or interested in learning more about the sector. Cost: \$5. 6.00 to 8.00 pm, ActionAid Office, 69 Parramatta Road, Camperdown. Contact: 0417 272 101 or lucy@claypartners.com. Web: <http://sdc.groupsite.com>.

2 NOVEMBER. JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE: MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON (NSW). This event includes a three course luncheon and drinks, fantastic fun, prizes and sweeps. A fabulous day out for a worthy cause. All proceeds will go to support JRS in their mission to accompany refugees. Cost: \$120. 11.30 am, The Balcony Level, Dockside, Cockle Bay Wharf, city side of Darling Harbour. Contact: 02 9356 3888. Web: <http://www.stickytickets.com.au/4172>.

2 NOVEMBER. 'CHILDREN IN DETENTION: WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?' (ACT). The government announced that it would be releasing most children from the detention facilities where they are now held to 'community detention' by June 2011. Is this a real step forward? Come and discuss the issues with the Refugee Action Committee.

6.00 to 8.00 pm, Moran Room, G009, Australian National University. Contact: 0401 960 467. Web: <http://www.refugeeaction.org>.

3 NOVEMBER. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SEMINAR: 'INVESTING IN ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON' (NSW). The Australian Institute of Criminology suggests that the overall imprisonment rate per 100,000 of the adult prison population increased from 88 to 168 between 1984 and 2008, an average growth rate of five percent per year. This seminar will look at the costs of imprisonment and consider how limited public funds could be invested in alternatives to imprisonment. Speakers: The Honourable Harold Sperling QC, Convenor, Crime and Justice Reform Committee; Mr Peter Achterstraat, Auditor-General, Audit Office of NSW; Emeritus Professor David Brown, NSW University. No cost. 5.30 to 8.00 pm, Law Annex SR 340, Sydney Law School, New Law Building (F10), Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney. Contact: 02 9351 0238 or law.events@sydney.edu.au, RSVP essential. Web: http://sydney.edu.au/law/criminology/seminars_events/#altprison.

3 NOVEMBER. NATIONAL PRESS CLUB: MICK GOODA, ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER JUSTICE COMMISSIONER (ACT). Mick Gooda is a descendent of the Gangulu people of central Queensland. He is a senior executive with 25 years experience and a record of attaining high-level goals and leading multi-million dollar service programs and organisational reform. Cost: \$55 members, \$75 guests. 11.45 am to 1.30 pm, National Press Club, 16 National Circuit, Barton. Contact: 02 6121 2199 or npc@npc.org.au. Web: <http://www.npc.org.au>.

3 NOVEMBER. STARTTS FUNDRAISER: REFUGEE BALL (NSW). This annual event aims to raise money and awareness of the work STARTTS (Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors) does with refugees. There will be dinner, dancing, speeches, entertainment and raffles to be won. The Refugee Ball is a Friends of STARTTS event. Cost: \$150. 7.00 to 11.00 pm, The Balcony Level, Dockside, Cockle Bay Wharf, Sydney. Contact: refugeeball@friendsofstartts.org. Web: <http://www.friendsofstartts.org>.

3 NOVEMBER. CHRISTIANS FOR AN ETHICAL SOCIETY (CES) FORUM: 'A FAIR SHARE: CONSUMERISM AND A "FAIR GO" IN AUSTRALIA' (ACT). The CES is a local Christian ecumenical community organization seeking to bring issues of social justice into the public forum. Speaker Dr Richard Dennis, Executive Director of the Australia Institute, will challenge our priorities as a community. Australian incomes are rising but are we getting any happier? Climate change is seen by many as the great moral challenge of our time, yet we continue to spend more on new appliances than on renewable energy. Can markets solve the big challenges of our time? Cost: \$5 donation to cover the cost of room hire. 7.30 pm, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton. Contact: 02 6291 4537. Web: http://www.ces.org.au/current_forum.htm.

3 NOVEMBER. CITY OF SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE LECTURE: 'MAKING PEACE WITH THE EARTH' (NSW). Speaker: Noted Indian environmentalist, eco-feminist and human rights activist, Dr Vandana Shiva. Cost: \$30, concession \$25. 8.00 to 9.30 pm, Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House. Contact: 02 9250 7777 or peace.foundation@sydney.edu.au. Web: <http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com>.

3 NOVEMBER. PUBLIC LECTURE AND DISCUSSION TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF ROSEMARY GOLDIE AO (NSW). Rosemary Goldie AO (1916-2010) was the first woman ever to hold an official post of authority in the Roman Curia and was one of the few Australian Catholics to have a marked influence on the church internationally. Her astute observations on her Roman experiences are recorded in her book *From a Roman Window: Five Decades: The World, The Church and the Catholic Laity* (1998). Lecture by Emeritus Professor Father Edmund Campion. Respondents: Associate Professor Anne O'Brien, School of History and Philosophy, University of NSW and Ms Chantelle Ogilvie, Research and Project Officer, Justice and Peace Office. 6.00 for 6.15 pm start, Gleeson Auditorium, 25A Barker Road, Strathfield. Contact: 02 9739 2898 or elaine.lindsay@acu.edu.au. Web: http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/news_events/events-at-ACU-National/.

3 NOVEMBER. LECTURE SERIES: 'JUST CITIZENSHIP: REFLECTIONS ON CITIZENSHIP AND SOCIAL JUSTICE' (NSW). The Australian Social Policy Association (ASPA), with the Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW, and the Social Policy Research Network, University of Sydney, are pleased to announce the second in ASPA's Occasional Lecture series. Speaker: Professor Ruth Lister, Emeritus Professor in Social Policy at Loughborough University, UK, former Director of the Child Poverty Action Group. 4.00 to 5.30 pm, Room 424, Education Building, University of Sydney. Contact: maria.bruzzese@sydney.edu.au. Web: <http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/newsevents/index.html>.

3 NOVEMBER. LECTURE: 'RIGHTS AND LAW AND A WHOLE LOT MORE' (NSW). The Law, Governance and Social Justice series is a new initiative by the Law Faculty of the University of New South Wales to promote public discussion of important issues affecting social justice. At this lecture Rev Tim Costello will speak on uses and abuses of law and governance in achieving social justice. No cost. 5.00 to 6.15 pm, SMC Conference Centre, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney. Contact: sjp@unsw.edu.au, RSVP by 1 November. Web: <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/events/index.html>.

3 - 14 NOVEMBER. EXHIBITION: 'CREATE TO ADVOCATE - WATER' (TAS). You are invited to be part of an exhibition that expresses a vision to end global poverty. 'Create to Advocate' is an exhibition coordinated by Micah Challenge Australia that invites artists to use their creativity to speak out on the issues surrounding global poverty. The theme for this exhibition is 'Water' and will include artworks that respond to issues such as access to safe drinking water, sanitation, pollution and climate change. Powerhouse Gallery and Blue Cafe, Launceston Arts Precinct, 2 Invermay Road, Inveresk. Contact: 03 6324 4462. Web: <http://www.tear.org.au/states/>.

4 NOVEMBER. DAVID HUNTER MEMORIAL LECTURE: 'INDIGENOUS INCARCERATION' (ACT). Hosted by Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation. Two speakers will discuss solutions to continuing Indigenous over-representation in the criminal justice system.

Mick Gooda, the current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Commissioner will discuss the theme 'Justice Re-investment' throughout Australia. Brendan Church, from the Aboriginal Justice Centre, ACT, will talk about what's happening in the local area. 7.00 pm, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton. Contact: 0431 042 054 or antaract@yahoo.com.au. Web: <http://www.antar.org.au/act>.

4 NOVEMBER. SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE GALA DINNER AND AWARD CEREMONY (NSW). Dr Tim Flannery will present the Sydney Peace Prize to Dr Vandana Shiva in the presence of her Excellency the Governor of NSW Professor Marie Bashir and the Lord Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore MP. Cost: \$350. 7.00 for 7.30 pm, MacLaurin Hall, University of Sydney. Contact 02 9351 4468 or peace.foundation@sydney.edu.au. Web: <http://www.sydneypeacefoundation.org.au/index.shtml>.

4 NOVEMBER. Q&A: 'SEEKING JUSTICE' (NSW). Gilbert and Tobin and the Asylum Seekers Centre of NSW invite you to a special Q&A exploring the rights of asylum seekers in Australia. This event is aimed to inform, debate and raise funds for the Asylum Seekers Centre of NSW. Be a part of this lively debate with a panel of legal experts, including Julian Burnside AO QC and Dr Jane McAdam. Cost: \$80. 6.00 to 8.00 pm, 2 Park Street, Sydney. Contact: 02 9361 5606 or fundraising@asylumseekerscentre.org.au. Web: http://www.gtcentre.unsw.edu.au/Events/docs/Seeking_Justice_Event.pdf.

4 NOVEMBER. BOOK LAUNCH: 'ART + SOUL' BY HETTI PERKINS (NSW). In conversation with Fenella Kennerbone. Art+Soul is inspired by the flourishing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art in Australia over the past thirty years, captivating viewers around the world with astonishingly powerful artworks. Hetti Perkins, the distinguished Aboriginal curator, travels to the startlingly beautiful landscapes of remote Arnhem Land, saltwater country and the desert heartlands of Central Australia, sharing with us the rare privilege of being welcomed into the homes and homelands of many senior artists. The book includes more than 150 artworks, and photographs

by Warwick Thornton, director of the accompanying television series and the award-winning film *Samson and Delilah*. Cost: \$10, concession \$7. 6.00 pm, gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road, Glebe. Contact: 02 9660 2333. Web: http://www.gleebooks.com.au/default.asp?p=events/events4_h.htm.

4 - 5 NOVEMBER. ACTCOSS CONFERENCE: 'DEFINING DIVERSITY' (ACT). The ACT Council of Social Service Biennial Conference is an opportunity to engage in leadership development, discussion on cutting edge ideas and practices, and network with colleagues. The conference will focus on the theme of 'defining diversity' and how, as a sector, to lead the development of social change through diversity and equality. Key sessions will include a focus on mental health, working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the experiences of refugees. Speakers: Professor Kerryn Phelps, University of Sydney; Cassandra Goldie, Australian Council of Social Service; Clare Doube, Companion House; etc. Cost: \$195-\$300. K Block, Canberra Institute of Technology, Reid Campus, Constitution Avenue, Reid. Contact: 02 6202 7200 or lisa@actcoss.org.au. Web: <http://www.actcoss.org.au/>.

4 - 6 NOVEMBER. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, PEACE AND INTERCULTURE DIALOGUE (NSW). The conference has been organised in response to the UN World Programme for Human Rights Education to advance human rights education, in particular in Australia and Asia Pacific region. Conference workshops and world class speakers will focus on the contribution of human rights culture to the good functioning of civil society; highlight key trends and achievements in human rights education and in particular, aim to secure greater commitment for future human rights education. It will also have a strong development and Indigenous component. Cost: \$250-\$650. Parramatta Campus, University of Western Sydney, Victoria Road, Parramatta. Contact: julie@conferenceonline.com.au. Information and register: <http://www.humanrightseducationconference2010.com.au>.

4 - 17 NOVEMBER. JISAS WANTAIM ABORIGINAL ART EXHIBITION (VIC). This Art Exhibition has original paintings on canvas by the Aboriginal brothers, Max and Robin (Goma) Conlon, who were raised amongst 14 siblings in the Cherbourg Aboriginal settlement in south east Queensland and are descendants of the Kabi Kabi/Kullali tribes. Their family traditions have inspired a unique body of work which utilises traditional and contemporary symbols to communicate stories of life experiences. Funds raised will go towards supporting the training of emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders. 4.00 pm, Chapel on Station Gallery, 3 Ellingworth Parade, Box Hill. Web: <http://www.tear.org.au/states/>.

5 NOVEMBER. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST?' (NSW). Speakers: Steve Marks, Legal Services Commissioner NSW, Chair, International Commission Jurists; and Edward Santow, UNSW Law School. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9692 0005 or odlbradley@pacific.net.au. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au/>.

5 NOVEMBER. 25TH ANNIVERSARY THE CATHOLIC JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE (QLD). To celebrate this anniversary a special Eucharistic Celebration is to be held. Annette Arnold rsj, former Executive Officer of the Commission will also deliver an address on Saint Mary MacKillop's challenges to the contemporary Church. Refreshments will be served. 6.00 pm, Holy Family Church, corner Ward Street and Central Avenue, Indooroopilly. Contact: em.fl@bne.catholic.net.au or 07 3336 9174. Web: <http://cjpbrisbane.wordpress.com/>.

5 NOVEMBER. APPLICATIONS DUE FOR 2011 SUMMER SCHOOL: 'REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS - WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY?' (ACT). A summer school for teachers working in Australian schools, and an interdisciplinary subject for graduate students will be held 16 - 19 January 2011. The summer school will engage with a number of questions, among them: How do we define a refugee? What are the international laws and international and regional bodies which regulate refugees and

asylum seekers? How do countries around the world respond to refugees?, etc. Australian National University, Canberra. Contact: Sharon.Komidar@anu.edu.au, RSVP by 5 November. Web: <http://freilich.anu.edu.au/>.

5 NOVEMBER. LAUNCH: 'YOU + ME = US' (NSW). You + Me = Us is a collection of eleven stories covering topics ranging from identity and the Stolen Generation to youth issues and contemporary art. Each story is told from direct experience, voicing personal thoughts, memories and viewpoints, and all are working to highlight the diversity of Aboriginal culture, the need for social justice and respect, the truth about what has happened, and the potential of the next generation. Speakers: Professor Larissa Behrendt, artist Adam Hill, and Jack Manning Bancroft (AIME), etc. In different ways, they all promote pride and confidence among the nation's first people. No cost. 6.00 to 7.30 pm, Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road, Glebe. Register: <http://www.gleebooks.com.au/default.asp?p=events/welcome4.htm>, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.nswreconciliation.org.au/CustomContentRetrieve.aspx?ID=698668>.

5 - 7 NOVEMBER. INDIGENOUS ART AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION (NSW). An exhibition showcasing a range of exceptional Indigenous Art and Craft. Original artworks - prints, paper and bark items, baskets, jewellery, mats, figures. From Ti Tree, East Arnhem Land, Utopia, Yuendumu and urban artists and craftspeople. All items in the exhibition are for sale. The proceeds from the sale of the artworks and crafts go to the school's Indigenous Bursary Fund. 5 November: 6.00 to 9.00 pm; 6 November: 11.00 am to 5.00 pm; 7 November: 11.00 am to 3.00 pm; Meriden's Senior School Gymnasium, entry via Margaret Street, 10-12 Redmyre Road, Strathfield. Contact: 02 9752 9444 or enquiries@meriden.nsw.edu.au. Web: <http://www.meriden.nsw.edu.au/uploads/downloads/IndigenousArtExhibition.pdf>.

6 NOVEMBER. WORKSHOP: 'HOW TO RESPOND CONSTRUCTIVELY TO NEGATIVE COMMENTS ABOUT ABORIGINAL ISSUES' (NSW). A common problem in conversation, is when someone makes a negative comment about Aboriginal people / or issues and your response either makes the situation worse

or you remain silent. What is lost in both situations is an opportunity to increase understanding of Aboriginal people and Aboriginal issues. Presenters: Shoshana Faire, Professional Facilitators International, co-author of 'Everyone Can Win' Responding to Conflict Constructively; Trish McDonald-Harrison, Sutherland Shire Reconciliation Groups, Creators of Peace / Initiatives of Change. Presented by the Sutherland Shire Reconciliation Group. Donation to SSCNTaR appreciated. No cost. 12.30 to 4.00 pm, St Patrick's Parish Hall, end of Belmont Street, Sutherland. Contact: sscntar@optusnet.com.au or 0417 273 176, RSVP by 4 November. Web: <http://www.nswreconciliation.org.au/events>.

6 NOVEMBER. WORKSHOP: 'FIRST THINGS FIRST - SURRENDER TRUTH LAB' (VIC). Come and chat with passionate Indigenous Christians. Explore the history of Christian interaction with the First Australians, begin a journey through listening and find out why the country needs to look to Aboriginal leadership for true reconciliation. Speakers: Aunty Jean Phillips, Graham Paulson, Billy Williams, Lloyd Hollingsworth, and Goma Conlon. Cost: donation. 7.30 pm, Chapel on Station, Box Hill Baptist Church, 3 Ellingworth Parade, Box Hill. Contact: enquiries@surrender.org.au. Web: <http://www.tear.org.au/states/>.

6 NOVEMBER. FUNDRAISER: 'HUNTER EAST TIMOR SISTERS (HETS) SALE' (NSW). Hunter East Timor Sisters sale of Timorese woven products (tais) for you to buy for your Christmas presents. \$5 entry gives you afternoon tea. All profits go to projects and scholarships for women and girls in Timor-Leste. Cost: \$5. 2.00 to 5.00 pm, 35 Denney Street, Broadmeadow. Contact: 0409 566 281 or 02 4952 9465, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.greenleft.org.au/calendar/2010-11/>.

7 NOVEMBER. RALLY AND MARCH: 'JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES: END MANDATORY DETENTION' (VIC). There are currently over 4,600 people in detention centres, places that 2010 Australian of the Year, mental health advocate Pat McGorry, described as 'factories for producing mental illness'. The Refugee Advocacy Network (RAN), the coalition of groups that organised the World Refugee Day protest in June, has called another major refugee rally. RAN is

organising this rally in order to demonstrate that there is strong support for refugees, and that the refugee movement is expecting humanitarian changes to refugee policy from the new parliament. 2.00 pm, State Library, Swanston and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne. Contact: refugeeadvocacynetwork@gmail.com. Web: <http://www.socialpolicyconnections.com.au/Events/NetworkCollaboratorsEvents/OtherEvents/tabid/467/Default.aspx>.

8 NOVEMBER. MONA VALE SCREENING OF 'OUR GENERATION' (NSW). The ground breaking new documentary on the NT Intervention and Aboriginal rights. Introduction and Q&A by Jeff McMullen (former ABC Foreign correspondent). Special guest Corey Kirk will sing the National Anthem in Dharug Language. Hosted by the Aboriginal Support Group - MWP. Cost: donation. 7.15 for 7.30 pm start, Mona Vale Memorial Hall, 1606 Pittwater Rd, Mona Vale. Contact: 02 9970 5456. Web: <http://www.ourgeneration.org.au>.

9 NOVEMBER. NATIONAL CONFERENCE: AUSTRALIAN PRISON ISSUES 'CHANGING MINDS, CHANGING LIVES' (NSW). Organised by Australian Prison Foundation in conjunction with the University of New South Wales and supported by the Australian Prisons Project. This is for persons interested in prison issues - ex-prisoners, family and support persons to prisoners and ex-prisoners, criminal justice activists and reformers, those working in or with the criminal justice system, policy makers and politicians, employers and social service providers, students and interested members of the community. Cost: \$70, concession \$35. 8.30 am to 5.00 pm, Law Building, University of NSW, Kensington Campus. Web: <http://www.cnet.ngo.net.au/content/view/49671/449/>.

9 NOVEMBER. WATAC SCHOOLS' INTERFAITH SYMPOSIUM: 'WOMEN, RELIGION AND PEACE' (NSW). Speakers: Tamkin Ansari (Muslim), involved with Christian and Muslim youth from the Northern Beaches, working on a project aimed at getting youth together to discuss faith and spirituality from their respective faith traditions; Jan Barnett rsj (Christian), Sister of St Joseph and has worked in secondary and tertiary education for most of

her religious life; Rabbi Jacki Ninio (Jewish), one of the first female rabbis in NSW, Jacki has focused on work with youth and young adults at Emanuel Synagogue. Cost: \$20. 12.00 to 3.00 pm, Theatre of NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Contact: 02 9520 9409 or watac@watac.net. Bookings: <http://www.watac.net/upcomingevents.php>, RSVP by 1 November.

9 NOVEMBER. NEWTOWN SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: 'INNER CITY POVERTY' (NSW). Speakers: Ace Simpson, Hare Krishna; tba (St Vincent de Paul); and Brian Unterrheiner, Newtown Mission. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, The Town Hall Hotel, 326 King Street, Newtown. Contact: 02 9230 7631 or clevana@mooball.com. Web: <http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/spirituality%20in%20the%20pub.htm>.

9 NOVEMBER. MOVIE NIGHT: 'CALL + RESPONSE' (NSW). This film goes deep undercover where slavery is thriving, from the child brothels of Cambodia to the slave brick kilns of rural India to reveal that in 2007, slave traders made more money than Google, Nike and Starbucks combined. Prominent political and cultural figures offer firsthand account of this 21st century trade, while award-winning and critically acclaimed artists share their inspiration for stopping it. Organised by Women's Forum Australia. Cost: \$15, includes gift bag, movie ticket and a donation to Women's Forum's Harm Prevention Trust. 7.00 to 9.30 pm, Champion College, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie. Contact: 0450 657 012 or brooke.filipovski@womensforumaustralia.org, RSVP essential, places limited. Register: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?ID=3170>. Web: <http://www.hope1032.com.au/Noticeboard.asp?cid=58&navid=3>.

9 - 10 NOVEMBER. NSW COMMUNITY HOUSING CONFERENCE: 'COMMUNITY HOUSING - THE FUTURE IS NOW!' (NSW). NSW Federation of Housing Associations hosts this conference that reflects on the enormous change to the sector that has occurred in the past two years, and sets a vision for community housing into the future. The conference is a key event for community housing workers, tenants and board members; relevant state and local government

employees; academics and students working in the housing field; peak community organisations; affordable housing stakeholders such as those from the private sector; and anyone with an interest in social and affordable housing. Newcastle. Web: <http://www.hotelnetwork.com.au/conferences/conferences/housing2010/communityhousing/program>.

9 - 28 NOVEMBER. SHOW: 'THE BOUGAINVILLE PHOTOPLAY PROJECT' (NSW). Paul Dwyer retraces journeys made by his father, world-renowned orthopaedic surgeon Dr Allan Dwyer, to Bougainville during the 1960s. His story is intertwined with the reconciliation process still occurring in Bougainville today, after a civil war that tore the country apart and killed thousands. Cost: \$57. Belvoir Street Upstairs Theatre, 25 Belvoir Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9699 3444. Web: <http://www.belvoir.com.au/CustomContentRetrieve.aspx?ID=1073155>.

10 NOVEMBER. ST THOMAS MORE LECTURE: 'THE FAITH OF OUR PRIME MINISTERS' (ACT). Speaker: John Warhurst, Professor of Political Science at ANU. 7.30 pm, St Thomas More Hall, White Crescent, Campbell. Contact: sttmforum@homemail.com.au, RSVP essential. Web: http://www.ces.org.au/non_ces_events.htm.

11 NOVEMBER. MIGRANT AND REFUGEE FAMILY CONFERENCE (NSW). This conference of the Children and Families Research Centre (CFRC) will present research from Macquarie University and around Australia on migrant and refugee families and their adjustment to life in their new country. Issues of language, education and dealing with past experiences will be raised and discussed. The day will end with a panel of policy makers and service providers highlighting the main rewards and challenges for them in supporting new families entering Australia. Cost: \$60-145. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Caltex Theatre, Talavera Road, Macquarie University, Sydney. Register: <http://semannslattery.com/store/events/>. <http://www.barc.org.au/post/12543>.

11 NOVEMBER. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SEMINAR: 'JUVENILE OFFENDING - WHAT ARE THE FACTS?' (NSW). The expert panel of speakers

will review available evidence on juvenile crime trends, consider factors associated with involvement in crime and discuss what appears to work most effectively in preventing juvenile offending. Speakers: Peter Muir, Chief Executive, NSW Juvenile Justice; Dr Eric Heller, Manager of Research, NSW Juvenile Justice; Jessie Holmes, Information Officer, NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research; Rachel Alders, Senior Project Manager, Child and Youth Welfare Unit, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. Sponsored by Department of Human Services NSW - Juvenile Justice. No cost. 5.30 to 8.00 pm, Foyer (Level 2), Sydney Law School, New Law Building, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney. Contact: 02 9351 0248 or law.events@sydney.edu.au. Web: http://sydney.edu.au/law/criminology/seminars_events/#altprison.

12 NOVEMBER. 'VICTORIAN ABORTION LAW REFORM: HOW IDEOLOGY TRIUMPHED OVER REASON' (VIC). Speaker: Dr Eamonn Mathieson, Catholic Doctor's Association of Victoria. Proceeds will go to Mater Care (www.matercare.org), an international organisation which aims to improve maternal health in underdeveloped countries. Cost: \$10. 7.00 pm, Padre Pio Hall, St Anthony's, 182 Power Street, Hawthorn. Web: http://www.cam.org.au/index.php?view=details&id=81%3Avictorian-abortion-law-reform-how-ideology-triumphed-over-reason&option=com_eventlist&Itemid=338.

12 NOVEMBER. FORGET-ME-KNOT DAY (NATIONAL). Forget-me-knot Day is when Australians are encouraged to show their support for more than two million adult survivors of childhood abuse. It is an initiative of ASCA (Adults Surviving Child Abuse), an organisation advancing the needs of Australian adults who have experienced child abuse, and those directly affected by it. The knot in 'Forget-me-knot' Day is symbolic of the 'tangle' of childhood abuse, which for this largely ignored group is often a lifelong challenge to unravel. ASCA is calling on all Australians to donate and help adult survivors to reconnect with their families, friends and the community. Contact: clementine@launchgroup.com.au. Web: <http://www.asca.org.au/forgetmeknot>.

12 NOVEMBER. ACOSS POLICY FORUM AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: ‘BEYOND IDEOLOGY: CHALLENGING “WELFARE DEPENDENCY”’ (NSW). This Policy Forum to be held in conjunction with ACOSS’ Annual General Meeting. The purpose of the event is to engage ACOSS members on key areas of community sector policy and to collect the sector’s input for ACOSS policy development and advocacy. Speakers: Dr John Falzon, CEO St Vincent de Paul Society; Sally Cowling, Manager, Research and Program Development, Social Justice Unit, UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families; Esther Abram, ChangeMakers Australia; etc. Cost: ACOSS members free, non members \$50. 9.30 to 3.00 pm, NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre The Club Room 23-33 Mary Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9310 6200. Web: <http://www.acoss.org.au/events/view/654/>.

12 NOVEMBER. POLITICS IN THE PUB: ‘EAST TIMOR - AN UPDATE’ (NSW). Speakers: Paul Cleary, journalist, author of *Shakedown-Australia’s Grab for Timor’s Oil* and new book on *Timor Men who came out of the Ground*; and Abel Guterres, Ambassador Democratic Republic Timor-Leste. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9692 0005 or odl_bradley@pacific.net.au. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au/>.

12 - 13 NOVEMBER. RETREAT: ‘SPIRITUAL RENEWAL FOR WOMEN IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES SECTOR’ (VIC). This is a special heart-space time to rest from the business of ‘doing’ to the relaxation of ‘being’. A time to celebrate people’s individual gifts as well as explore what underpins inspiration for being women of courage and hope. Facilitator: Carol Dyer, experienced Catholic spiritual director and counsellor. Hosted by Catholic Social Services Victoria. Cost: \$140-165. 5.00 pm Friday to 8.00 pm Saturday, Janssen Spirituality Centre, Boronia. Contact: esilvius@css.org.au or 03 9287 5566, RSVP by 29 October. Web: <http://www.css.org.au>.

12, 13 NOVEMBER. PERFORMANCE: ‘THE TREE OF LIFE: STORIES OF THE REFUGEE EXPERIENCE’ (NSW). Developed by refugee young people from the Liverpool area, the performance will be a sharing of the

joys, sorrows, terror, relief and humour of the refugee experience. This performance represents the end of stage one of an ongoing project to assist refugee young people to honour their past and build resilience for the future. Cost: \$10. 12 November: 1.00 pm and 7.00 pm; 13 November: 7.00 pm; Casula Powerhouse Theatre, 1 Casula Road, Casula. Contact: 02 9824 1121 or reception@casulapowerhouse.com. Web: <http://www.cnet.ngo.net.au/content/view/50436/448/>.

13 NOVEMBER. AN EVENING OF OPERA: FUNDRAISER (NSW). NIRTG will host a special evening of opera singing. This very special event will involve a number of Aboriginal opera singers singing extracts from a brand new Wiradjuri-English opera which tells the story of the Aboriginal walk-off from Cumragunga Mission. The event will raise money for two purposes: the SPATE 10th Anniversary Event in December and the Kuradji Sandon Point Foundation, which assists in covering costs of SPATE’s legal representation for legal actions against the Stockland and ARV developments at Sandon Point. Cost: \$25. 7.30 to 10.00 pm, Thirroul District Library. Contact: 02 4268 6283 or 0434 550 181. Web: <http://www.nswreconciliation.org.au/CustomContentRetrieve.aspx?ID=683004>.

13 NOVEMBER. CROWSNEST UNITING CHURCH FAIR TRADE FAIR (NSW). Crows Nest Uniting Church are hosting a Fair full of Fair trade Stalls for you to come and do some Christmas shopping early and ethically. Shopping, food and music. 9.00 am to 3.00 pm, Crows Nest Uniting Church, corner of Shirley and Nicholson Roads, Crows Nest. Contact: sally@broomball.com.au or 0402 572 060. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/501>.

13 NOVEMBER. PRACTICAL WORKSHOP: ‘CHRISTIANS AND CLIMATE CHANGE: NONVIOLENCE IN ACTION’ (NSW). Learn about nonviolent direct action (NVDA) in the tradition of Martin Luther King, Gandhi and Desmond Tutu, why NVDA is a legitimate response to the climate crisis, NVDA tactics, and how you can get involved in potential actions. Speakers: Justin Whelan, Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service; Simon Roz, World Vision; Catherine Cresswell, Bluegreen Media. This

event is organised by a team of individuals, not a particular organisation. Cost: Gold coin. 1.00 to 4.00 pm, Quaker Meeting House, Lower Hall, 119 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 0447 730 772. Web: <http://paceebene.wordpress.com>.

14 NOVEMBER. AFFINITY INTERCULTURAL FOUNDATION LADIES FASHION SHOW: 'DRESS AND MODESTY' (NSW). Guest speakers from Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths will get together to present their views on 'Dress and Modesty' in each religious tradition. Whilst you enjoy a three course dinner, the latest day, evening and cultural fashion trends will take to the red carpet. Cost: \$40, concession \$35. Bosphorus Reception Lounge, 7 Station Road, Auburn. Contact: info@affinity.org.au or 02 9702 0789, RSVP by 1 November. Web: http://www.cimer.org.au/news_events.html.

15 NOVEMBER. PUBLIC LECTURE: 'SEGREGATION AND MISTRUST' (NSW). Professor Ric Uslaner from the University of Maryland is the fifth Fulbright ANU Distinguished Chair in American Political Science. He argues that it is not diversity that drives down trust, but residential segregation. To build trust, you must live in an integrated neighbourhood and have friends of diverse backgrounds. 1.00 to 3.00 pm, Price Theatre, Macquarie University. Contact: 02 9850 4795 or naomi.gray@mq.edu.au, RSVP by 12 November. Web: <http://www.pr.mq.edu.au/events/index.asp?ItemID=4272>.

15 NOVEMBER. SEMINAR: 'PROSTITUTION AND TRAFFICKING IN WA: AN EVENING TO INSPIRE CHANGE' (WA). The evening will include information on the needs and opportunities related to prostitution, human trafficking and rehabilitation in Perth. Also, get informed about upcoming WA prostitution law reform presented by Michelle Pearse, West Australian Director of the Australian Christian Lobby. 7.30 pm, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 497 Marmion Street, Booragoon. Contact: 0419 092 371 until 6 Nov, after which contact 0432 852 550. Web: <http://australianchristianlobby.org.au/>.

15-16 NOVEMBER. AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND THIRD SECTOR RESEARCH CONFERENCE:

'THE THIRD SECTOR AS CIVIL SOCIETY IN AUSTRALASIA: IDENTITY, ROLE AND INFLUENCE IN THE NEW CENTURY' (NSW). ANZTSR is Australasia's longest established research society that seeks to strengthen both research and practice in the third sector. This conference will look at how social enterprises are driving change and current issues. Speakers: Julie McCrossin; Professor Julian Disney, Director of Social Justice Program, UNSW; etc. Cost: \$100-400. University of Technology, Broadway, Sydney. Contact: 02 9514 2912, RSVP by 8 November. Web: <http://cosmopolitancivilsocieties.com/2009/12/08/anztsr-call-for-papers/>.

18-19 NOVEMBER. NATIONAL INDIGENOUS POLICY AND DIALOGUE: 'NEW RELATIONSHIPS, NEW POSSIBILITIES' (NSW). Australia's colonial history has left us a challenging legacy, where contrasting worldviews continue to frame struggle and contestation between Indigenous people and the state. Our philosophical and institutional frameworks are not suited to dealing with this legacy, and Indigenous policy remains problematic and contentious. As a consequence there is no process for reflection or re-examination of the relationship between Indigenous people and the Australian nation. How might we create new opportunities to transform the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people? What are the implications for policy making in this contested space? Cost: \$500, concession \$300. University of NSW. Contact: nipdc@unsw.edu.au or 02 9385 7802. Web: <http://nipdc.arts.unsw.edu.au/index.html>.

18, 25 NOVEMBER. LECTURE SERIES: 'THE SPIRIT IS STILL BREATHING' (VIC). This lecture series honours one of the 20th century's great prophets of justice and non-violent love, Dom Helder Camara.

18 November: 5.00 pm, The Oratory, Newman College, University of Melbourne. Conversations about Christ, Hospitality and Compassion, with Rt. Rev John Klassen OSB - 'Welcoming the Stranger - Discovering the Risen Christ'.

25 November: TBA. Cardinal Wilfred Napier OFM, of Durban, South Africa, and Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez SDB, of Tegucigalpa,

Honduras, speak on 'Towards an Australian Society of Compassion and Hospitality'. Contact: 0401 222 596 or markoconnorfms@gmail.com. Web: <http://www.newman.unimelb.edu.au/index.asp?d=5A4C5A717251477C7008000B0103>.

19 NOVEMBER. ETHICA CHRISTMAS IN PERU (NSW). Ethica believes in giving marginalised and impoverished women in Peru the opportunity to earn an income by providing the resources to make products for sale in Australia and paying a fair wage for those products. Come to our Christmas Party; see our unique fair trade Christmas gift ideas and more while supporting those in need. Raffle tickets and Peruvian food available for sale. Cost: \$15 (entry includes a glass of wine). 5.00 to 8.00 pm, Isabel Menton Theatre, 7-11 Mount Street, North Sydney. Contact: gina.bradley@sosj.org.au or 02 8912 2716. Web: <http://www.ethica.org.au>.

19-21 NOVEMBER. A WEEKEND DOWN THE SOUTH COAST WITH UNCLE MAX: 'EXPLORING TRADITIONAL ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY' (NSW). This is a fantastic opportunity to be at one with Yuin Elder, Uncle Max Harrison, (author of *My People's Dreaming*), while he explains some of the traditional Yuin ceremonies, rituals and sacred places in the location of Yuin country. Organised by Sutherland Shire Citizens for Native Title and Reconciliation (SSCNTaR). Cost: \$300-356. La Salle Motel, Narooma. Contact: 0400 195 621 or sscntar@optusnet.com.au. Web: <http://www.nswreconciliation.org.au/events>.

19-21 NOVEMBER. NATIONAL RURAL REGIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE CONFERENCE (VIC). The aim of the conference is to influence and shape the direction of policy and debate in social justice, legal practice and legal service systems, as they impact on rural and regional Australia. Speakers: Dr Lisa Pruitt, Professor of Law, University of California; Mr Alex Ward, President Elect, Law Council of Australia; Professor Daniela Stehlik, Director, The Northern Institute, Charles Darwin University, NT; etc. Cost: \$230. Lady Bay Resort, 2 Pertobe Road, Warrnambool. Contact: rrconf@deakin.edu.au, RSVP by 15 October. Web: <http://www.deakin.edu.au/>

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22 - 23 NOVEMBER. VICTIMS OF CRIME NATIONAL CONFERENCE: 'VICTIMS' NEEDS, VICTIMS' RIGHTS - LET'S GET REAL' (TAS). The purpose of this conference is to provide a forum for organisations and individuals who work with Victims of Crime to come together and share their knowledge, experiences, future planning and development expectations for victims support services. Service Providers will have the opportunity to identify what they believe to be the main needs and requirements for the progression of successful service provision to Victims of Crime, and learn about current programs, policies and best practice initiatives being utilised to facilitate empowerment and recovery. Cost: \$695. Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart. Contact: anna@cdesign.com.au or 03 6231 2999. Web: <http://www.cdesign.com.au/voc2010/>.

23 NOVEMBER. CSSV LUNCHTIME DIALOGUE: 'THE TIES THAT BIND: EXPLORING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JUSTICE AND MERCY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT' (VIC). Advent is a time to look back as well as look forward; to draw together the somewhat frayed strands of life over the past year and to prepare for another. The Old Testament notions of Justice and Mercy can provide us with some useful guidelines both for assessment and renewal. Speaker: Fr Mark O'Brien OP. 12.00 to 1.30 pm, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Contact: 03 9287 5566 or esilvius@css.org.au, RSVP by 19 November. Web: <http://www.css.org.au/>.

24 NOVEMBER. ANNUAL SILENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MEMORIAL MARCH (WA). In the past years, the Annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March has been held around 26 April, which is Stop Domestic Violence Day. This year, the Women's Council will be holding the Silent March in November, the day before White Ribbon Day. 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, Stirling Gardens, corner Barrack Street and St George's Terrace, Perth. If you would like to attend the Silent March, please register your interest by contacting 08 9420 7264 or admin@womenscouncil.com.au. Web: <http://www.womenscouncil.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=7>.

24 NOVEMBER. CONFERENCE: 'AFTER SORRY, WHAT NEXT? LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONNECTING WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES' (VIC). CDN (Cultural Development Network) and CASPN (Community & Social Planners Network) have organised this conference. Themes: Aboriginal agencies and communities working with local government, community development workers and social service staff; State and Federal government staff working on social policy, cultural development or cultural heritage; etc. This event will be followed by the Koorie Night Market at 6.00 pm. Cost: \$50-150. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote. Contact: vlga@org.au or 03 9349 7999. Web: <http://www.culturaldevelopment.net.au>.

25 NOVEMBER. WALK: 'MAKING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN A THING OF THE PAST' (VIC). Join with this walk against Family Violence. Father Bob Maguire and the Melbourne Storm will join in showing their support for this cause. 10.30 am, outside AAMI Park, Olympic Boulevard, Melbourne then walking to Federation Square for the Not1More event starting at 12.30 pm. Contact: walkagainstfamilyviolence@gmail.com or 03 9536 7735, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.justsalvos.com/userfiles/file/posterA4.pdf>.

25 NOVEMBER. FUNDRAISER: 'ROCK FOR REFUGEES' (QLD). A wonderful collection of Queensland performing artists are coming together in aid of refugees including performances from a stellar line up of local talent including: bands, samba dancers, DJs and live art. Rock For Refugees is presented by 4ZZZ, ACU National and Lifeline's Refugee Claimant Support Service (RCSS) in Brisbane. The event will raise much needed funds for the RCSS. 'It is thanks only to their kindness, those people of Brisbane who provided me with food, shelter and emotional and psychological help for all this time that I am alive today,' says former asylum seeker, Abebe Fekadu. Cost: \$10-12. 7.00 pm, 4/22 Constance Street, Fortitude Valley. Web: <http://www.barc.org.au/post/12553>.

26 NOVEMBER. FAIRTRADE FAIR: ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL CARNEVALE (NSW).

This annual event positions Fair Trade and ethical markets in a prime location nestled next to Town Hall in Sydney CBD for Christmas trade. Fair Trade, World Vision and SACS connect their vision for justice with the inner city community. Live music, fun and all the frivolity of the fair. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, St Andrew's Cathedral School, Sydney Square, Sydney. Contact: kkevents@ozemail.com.au or 0414 923 255. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/481>.

27 NOVEMBER. SEMINAR: 'LIGHT OF THE WORLD: BEING CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY' (NSW). Diocese of Wollongong is holding its annual Vatican II seminar. Keynote speakers: Fr Francis Moloney sdb and Bishop Peter Ingham. The seminar will focus on the Vatican II document on the Church and its significance for what it means to be church today and how it can be lived in our Diocese in light of the Pastoral Plan. 10.00 am to 3.30 pm, Chevalier College, Bowral. Contact: jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au or 02 4253 0899, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.dow.org.au/coming-events/coming-events>.

28 NOVEMBER. FUNDRAISER: 'INACTION FOR ACTION DAY' (NATIONAL). What are you not going to do on this day? Don't mow the lawns, let the washing pile up, don't bother with the dishes and forget about the shopping - do nothing for a change. Inaction for Action is a global event that can be anywhere, anytime where you can do nothing, and help raise much needed funds. Action for Community Living (ACL) Inc. is encouraging everyone interested to get involved and help raise funds for their upgrade of computers, infrastructure costs and supporting great programs that provide empowerment and leadership training for people with disabilities. Contact: 03 9489 2999. Web: <http://www.inactionforaction.org.au>.

28 NOVEMBER. MANLY FAIR TRADE MARKET (NSW). Manly Council will be holding the Manly Fair Trade Christmas markets. There will be 40 stalls offering a wide range of products, including handicrafts, clothes, bags, home wares, jewellery, toys, coffee, tea and chocolate. Free Christmas craft activities and all day entertainment. 10.00 am to 5.00

pm, Manly Council Forecourt, Manly. Contact: carol.layton@manly.nsw.gov.au or 02 9976 1658. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/480>.

28 NOVEMBER - 3 DECEMBER. RETREAT: 'NONVIOLENCE IN THE MAINSTREAM: THE DAILY PRACTICE OF PEACE' (WA). The daily rhythm will include time for: prayer, worship, meditation, journaling, artistic creation, silence, small and large group sharing and input presentations. Ample free time is built into the rhythm of our days. Themes: knowing myself and my place in the cosmos; dominant cultural myths outer and inner; Jesus and a strategic nonviolent alternative; and skills for nonviolent living. Speakers: Brendan McKeague, Pace E Bene Nonviolence Service; George Trippe, works in psychotherapy, counselling, spiritual direction and professional supervision; Stacie Chappell, lecturer, UWA Business School. 7.00 pm Sunday to 3.00 pm Friday, Nathanael's Rest, 800 Gill Street, Mundaring. Cost: \$750-850. Contact: 0429 448 090 or mckeague.brendan@gmail.com. Web: <http://erisj.org.au/sites/default/files/NonViolenceRetreat1.pdf>.

2-3 DECEMBER. PATH TO FULL EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE: 'THE AFTERMATH OF THE CRISIS' (NSW). Hosted by Centre of Full Employment and Equity (CoffEE). Speakers: Marshall Auerback, global portfolio strategist, RAB Capital Plc, co-manager, RAB Gold Fund; Professor Randall Wray, University of Missouri-Kansas City, USA, Center for Full Employment and Price Stability (CFEPS), Jerome Levy Economics Institute of Bard College. Cost: \$400, concession \$230. University of Newcastle. Contact: 02 4921 7283 or coffee@newcastle.edu.au. Web: <http://e1.newcastle.edu.au/coffee/conferences/2010/index.cfm>.

3 DECEMBER. EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (ERISJ) SEMINAR: 'CORE INSIGHTS THAT UNDERPIN SOCIAL JUSTICE' (WA). We often hear such terms as 'social justice' and 'human rights' bandied about. But what do they mean? ERISJ Director David Freeman unpacks these terms, suggesting that social justice is an umbrella term that folds together what he identifies as 35 core underpinning insights. These insights combine lived human experience, analyses of suffering

and indignity, attempts at their alleviation, and the underpinning values that enable the entire social justice project. Cost: \$25-150. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, 24 High Street, Fremantle. Contact: 08 9432 2400 or admin@erisj.org.au. Web: <http://erisj.org.au/certificates>.

4 DECEMBER. FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TOURS (VIC). Come along and join in the fun of Melbourne's fair trade shopping and lunch tour, just in time for Christmas. Visit two fair trade shops each with a diverse range of products, you'll find something for everyone and then lunch at Melbourne's finest social enterprise restaurant, Charcoal Lane. First stop: The Trading Circle, Abbotsford (www.thetradingcircle.com.au), second stop: Sankofa, Fitzroy (www.sankofa.com.au), last stop: two course lunch at Charcoal Lane (www.charcoallane.com.au). Cost: \$70 (includes transport, champers, nibbles, fair trade goodie bag and 2 course lunch). 10.30 am to 2.30 pm, The Trading Circle, 261 Victoria Street, Abbotsford. Contact: kym@sankofa.com.au or 03 9416 4584. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/508>.

4-5 DECEMBER. FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET (QLD). You're invited to experience Christmas shopping with a difference! Local not-for-profit organisation, the Qld Fair Trade Collective, is hosting two days of Fair Trade and ethical shopping. Complete with entertainment, fairtrade tea and coffee, food, face-painting and charity info stalls, this is the perfect way to put a little meaning back into your December shopping. Choose from a huge range of fairly traded gifts, home wares, toys, clothing, fashion accessories and gift hampers. No entry cost. 9.00 am to 3.00 pm, Nudgee Junior College Hall, corner Kate Street and Witton Road, Indooroopilly. Web: <http://www.qldfairtrade.org.au/markets>.

7 DECEMBER. EDMUND RICE AFTERNOON TEA FOR THE FUTURE: 'POWER OF COMMUNITY' (NSW). A documentary titled 'The Power of Community, How Cuba Survived Peak Oil' will be shown and discussed. Cuba was forced through sudden withdrawal of its source of oil from the Soviet Union to find a way to continue to farm and grow without reliance

on a ready source of oil. The result was a real use of community power and co operation and resulted in a country where most farming went from large energy intensive farming to smaller less energy-intensive organic farming and the use of urban gardens. Community cooperation and a real sense of ownership and mutual responsibility show the way for other countries to also move to a less fossil fuel energy driven future. Cost: \$2 or \$5. 2.00 to 4.00 pm, Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Rd Homebush West, near Flemington station. Contact: 02 8762 4200 or leoniec@erc.org.au. Web: <http://www.erc.org.au>.

10 DECEMBER. HUMAN RIGHTS MEDALS AND AWARDS CEREMONY (NSW). Commission President, Catherine Branson QC said ‘The Commission’s Human Rights Medals and Awards ceremony provides one of the most effective ways the Australian community can pay homage to those who go beyond the call of duty to promote fairness in a way that ultimately benefits us all, ...The ceremony is guaranteed to lift spirits and provide inspiration for all those who attend and above all, provides the opportunity to say thank you to the winners for their efforts.’ The Ceremony also provides the opportunity to network and meet others involved in human rights advocacy in Australia. Cost: \$80, concession \$50. 12.00 to 3.00 pm, Grand Ballroom, Sheraton on the Park Hotel, Sydney. Contact: 02 9284 9618 or hrawards@humanrights.gov.au. Web: http://www.humanrights.gov.au/hr_awards.

10 DECEMBER. ETHICA CHRISTMAS IN PERU (VIC). Ethica believes in giving marginalised and impoverished women in Peru the opportunity to earn an income by providing the resources to make products for sale in Australia and paying a fair wage for those products. It is a strategy for poverty alleviation and sustainable development that maintains the dignity of the women and teaches them skills for the future. This event promises to be good fun and enables you to do all your ethical Christmas shopping. Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St, East Melbourne. Contact: info.ethica@sosj.org.au. Web: <http://www.ethica.org.au>.

11 DECEMBER. FAIR@SQUARE FAIR-TRADE AND ETHICAL FESTIVAL (VIC). Fair@Square acts not only as an awareness raising platform but, importantly, aims to link the public with organisations that operate with an ethical and socially responsible paradigm. Fair@Square provides a culturally rich and diverse offering of workshops, talks, market stalls, music, fashion and art, appealing to the young and old. The festival inspires, entertains and educates attendees from all cultures, demonstrating how to become part of a sustainable future that values and respects all human beings and the preservation of our planet. No cost. 11.00 am to 6.00 pm, Federation Square, Melbourne. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/474>.

News Monitor

Child abuse our greatest health crisis: Fr Chris Riley

Child abuse is the greatest health crisis Australia has to face, but there is lack of “courage or will to do anything about it”, said Youth Off The Streets’ Father Chris Riley.

Ben Hur shows to help underprivileged Sudanese

Sudanese in the small town of Aweil would benefit from a fundraising project by the charity Southern Sudan Educates Girls (SSEG) at both scheduled performances of the massive

Ben Hur production staged Sydney’s ANZ Stadium during October.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu retires

Nobel Peace Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu began his announced retirement, pledging to keep out of the spotlight and honouring only future appointments that had already been scheduled.

HK Catholic group calls for Nobel laureate release

Hong Kong’s Catholic Justice and Peace

Commission (JPC) and other human rights groups were calling for the release of Chinese democracy activist and Nobel Peace Laureate Liu Xiaobo.

Catholic groups welcome Govt refugee children's release plan

Catholic and other human rights organisations welcomed the Gillard government's plan to move hundreds of asylum-seeker children and families from detention centres into the community.

SA monsignor appeals for welcome for asylum seekers

South Australia's Social Inclusion Commissioner Monsignor David Cappo begged the state to embrace Adelaide-bound asylum seekers headed for the facility at Inverbrackie proposed by the Federal Government.

Anti-bullying alliance wants cyber-safety taught in school

A Queensland alliance including Catholic, state and independent schools was wanting cyber safety taught in class. It called for every school in the state to be audited for anti-bullying measures.

Pope Benedict urges immigrants to integrate

While states should "always guarantee" respect for migrants, immigrants themselves are duty-bound to assimilate into their new home country, Pope Benedict said in his message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

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Social Justice Calendar

1 MON All Saints Day (Solemnity)

2 TUE Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

6 SAT International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

7 SUN 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Community Day

9 TUE Wall separating East and West Berlin opened, 1989

10 WED Nine Nigerian environmentalists and human rights activists hanged, 1995

11 THU Remembrance (Armistice) Day, commemorating the end of World War 1, 1918

12 FRI Dili Massacre, 1991

13 SAT Death of Karen Silkwood, 1975, en

route to a meeting at which she planned to expose unsafe practices in a US nuclear facility

14 SUN 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 TUE International Day of Tolerance

20 SAT Universal Children's Day
Anniversary of Declaration of Rights of the Child (1959) and Convention on Rights of the Child (1989)

21 SUN Christ the King (Solemnity)
World Television Day

25 THU International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, 1981

27 SAT Inaugural Peace Prize, Sydney, 1998

28 SUN 1st Sunday of Advent

The above listings are taken from the ACSJC's Social Justice Diary. The 2011 Diary is now available for order. The Diary provides a social justice program for the full year. Information and ideas for prayer and reflection are included. This is an essential resource for teachers and parishes. A great Christmas gift. Diaries will be available in November. Cost: \$6.60 (inc. GST), plus postage. To download an order form, go to: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

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