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The NTCOSS eBulletin is delivered to your inbox every Thursday afternoon. We welcome submissions and encourage you to forward to interested contacts and friends.

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RESOURCE: NTCOSS Directory

NTCOSS is pleased to advise that the paper based 'Directory of Social Service Community Organisations in the Northern Territory' has moved to an online interactive format.

If you had a listing in the paper based directory it has been transferred over, but we acknowledge that some information is out of date. This is a great opportunity for your organisation to claim your listing and update details.

There is no cost associated with being listed in the directory.

To claim and update your online listing, you will need to have a login for the website. You will only need to do this once per organisation.

1. To create your login or join NTCOSS as a member [click here](#)
2. Follow the prompts to select the registration you wish to create (please note if you have selected a FREE user registration it does not give you any other NTCOSS membership rights).
3. On the next page enter your account information and submit your registration.

You will then have created your account and be automatically logged in.

To claim your listing now all you need to do is:

1. Click on "Directory" in the main menu
2. In the search box, search for your organisation (please note: you may have more than one listing depending on the number of services you offer and/or service locations)
3. Click on your directory listing
4. On your listing page click the orange "Claim this listing" button on the left hand side
5. Complete the claim form and click submit.

You will get an email message that your claim has been successful once we review your claim details and it is approved. The email will have a link you can follow to edit your listing.

If you need assistance to claim your listing please call NTCOSS on 08 8948 2665 or email admin@ntcoss.org.au. Your feedback and suggestions on the online directory are also important and welcome.

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INPUT SOUGHT: Close the Gap Refresh

It's been ten years since Closing the Gap began. The Federal Government wants your views on the future of Closing the Gap. What is important, what has worked and how can we do better?

"We have to be there to be part of the conversation, so let's get with it." - Chris Sarra, Co-Chair Indigenous Advisory Council, and Founder and Chair, Stronger, Smarter Institute.

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NTG: Alcohol Review Implementation Update:

The Alcohol Review Implementation Team (ARIT), sitting in the Department of the Chief Minister, is continuing consultations with stakeholders from the liquor industry, community and non-government sectors. Consultation and stakeholder engagement are vital to ensure all points of view are heard and organisations have input into alcohol reforms. We encourage you to get in touch if you haven't already done so.

If you haven't already met with ARIT please reply to this email and we will be in touch, or contact Ryan Neve, Director of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement, directly on (08) 8999 5515 to organise a meeting. ARIT is happy to conduct meetings via telephone, face-to-face or via teleconferencing facilities if available.

In the month of February ARIT will be travelling to Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy for face-to-face consultations. If you are from any of those towns and would like to meet with us please let us know. Dates will be confirmed soon.

The Government is aiming to formally respond to the Review's Final Report by the end of February/early March 2018. The overarching objective is to develop an alcohol harm minimisation action plan for the Northern Territory. After the Government has formally responded ARIT will be getting out and meeting with stakeholders again to discuss how the action plan rolls out and give stakeholders a further opportunity to discuss alcohol reforms.

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REGISTRATIONS OPEN: National Families Week 2018

Registration is open for National Families Week 2018. The Week will be held from 15 May (the United

Nations International Day of Families) to 21 May 2018.

The theme '*Stronger Families, Stronger Communities*' has been embraced as an enduring theme for National Families Week as it encapsulates the important role families play as the central building blocks of our communities. Organisations, businesses and individuals are encouraged to celebrate National Families Week by planning and holding a National Families Week event - it can be a morning tea or a national conference, or something that is suitable for your organisation.

More info: [Visit the website](#)

To register: [Click here](#) - registrations close 9 April

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GRANTS AVAILABLE: Smart Energy Grant Program

The Smart Energy grant program provides a co-contribution grant of up to \$1000 to residential and investment property owners to undertake energy efficiency measures such as installation of solar systems, batteries, solar pool pumps, smart meters, efficient lighting, solar hot water, and energy efficient fixtures.

For approved eligible members of the NT Pensioner Carer Scheme the co-contribution required will be 25% (instead of 50%), making it even more affordable to undertake energy efficient improvements.

For more info [click here](#) or call 1800 193 111

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NEW INITIATIVE: Emerging Minds

Emerging Minds, National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health is a new workforce development initiative funded by the Australian Government. The project focuses on building workforce capacity to better support children and parents/carers and improve the mental health outcomes of children aged 0 – 12 years. Integral to this is building and supporting an organisational and workplace culture to embrace a range of practices and attitudes that aim to keep 'child mental health in mind'.

Through the National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health clinical and non-clinical professionals have free access to:

- a national web hub providing innovative online training, implementation and practice support tools and information, webinars, events and the latest evidence and news about infant and child mental health.
- regional support where local leaders in child, parent and family wellbeing can become part of a network of infant and child mental health champions. Local champions will be supported by the Centre's regional workforce consultants to facilitate local training, practice support and implementation strategies

To find out more visit the Centre's [national web hub](#).

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED: Australia Red Cross

Australian Red Cross is looking for volunteer mentors to support new migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum who face barriers to employment.

You will be matched with a suitable person for a 3 month, 1-on-1 mentorship that can be provided with a combination of face-to-face, telephone and Skype meetings. You will provide support for a range of Australian workplace knowledge such as resume building, interview techniques, workplace culture and networking opportunities.

If you have a solid background in HR, management, volunteer engagement or mentorship, this could be the role for you. [Click here to apply.](#)

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INFORMATION DAY: Charles Darwin University

Advance your career in Community Services - find out more about CDU courses at the [2018 information day](#)

When: 10.00am, Monday 5 February

Where: Community Services Building, Grevillea Drive, Alice Springs campus

To Register: email linz.mcclelland@cdu.edu.au or call 8959 5239

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Please be brief (no more than 5 lines) and include all appropriate dates, times, links and contact details. PDF flyers can be included

Submissions are due by 12.00pm Wednesday for next day (Thursday) distribution.

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