



April Newsletter

April's a busy time for most students, but if you are looking for something to take your mind off study, check out the events happening around Perth this month.

Events:

Vision Generation Group first meeting – Friday 3 April. World Vision is creating a group on campus to get involved with events such as the 24 hour famine. The first meeting will take place on the centre of Bush Court at 2pm. For more info about the group, contact Ashleigh - ashedenwill@hotmail.com

Death in Custody Protest – Friday 3 April. Join with Mr Ward's family and the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (WA) to call for justice for Mr Ward. 12pm, Stirling Gardens. [More info](#)

Latin Party – Saturday 4 April. Join the Aust/NZ-Cuba Friendship Societies for a cultural evening filled with music and dance. Tickets are \$20. For more info contact acfsp Perth@gmail.com

Fair Trade Art Exhibition entry closing date – Sunday 19 April. Artists are invited to submit a piece of their work that represents any aspect of fair trade for the Fair Trade Art Exhibition. The exhibition will run from May 3-7 and all funds raised will go to the Solomon Islands Village Drinking Water Well Project. Enquiries to admin@cherinahadley.com or info@anniewangartist.com

The Vagina Monologues – Monday 20 April. A series of monologues performed by local Perth women at Curtin University, helping to raise money for organisations who raise awareness and work to stop sexual violence against women and girls. Doors open 7.30pm, Elizabeth Jolly Lecture Theatre. [More info](#)

Critical Voice – Wednesday 29 April. Scott Ludlum (Green's Senator) will be joining us to talk about the contentious issue of Uranium mining. Whether you are pro or anti uranium mining, join us at Walter's Cafe, 12.30pm - the coffee is free!!

The Vagina Monologues – Friday 24 April. A series of monologues performed by local Perth women at UWA, helping to raise money for organisations who raise awareness and work to stop sexual violence against women and girls. Doors open 7.30pm, Social Science Lecture Theatre. [More info](#)

THE RESCUE – Saturday 25 April. An international event to free Joseph Kony's child soldiers. Thousands of participants will gather in 100 cities across the world to abduct

themselves and raise the banner of the child soldiers taken by Joseph Kony. [More info](#)

Bush Fire Appeal Art Auction - Monday 27 April. Held at Caversham House, this art auction is supporting the rebuilding of Bruno's Art & Sculpture Garden, Marysville. 1pm onwards, dress colourfully.

'Growing Cities, Growing Slums' Is urban poverty the new threat to the world's poor? - Wednesday 29 April. Come and find out at the Hyatt Regency, 5.30-7.00pm. Free entry. [More info](#)

Critical Voice – Wednesday 29 April. Carmen Lawrence, former WA Premier and Australia's first female Premier, will be in Walter's Cafe at 12.30pm to discuss with us the gender gap in politics.

Volunteering/Paid Positions:

Tutoring

Can you tutor high school physics? You can earn up to \$20/hr. Contact Vicky for more info – swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au

Diabetes WA

Diabetes WA, based in Subiaco, is a not-for-profit organisation which administers the National Diabetes Services Scheme, creates awareness campaigns and promotions through State and Federal Grants, and works with other community service organisations in the delivery of public health services. Opportunities exist for the right individuals to participate in a work experience program with Diabetes WA under the Corporate Services division. Working with the General Manager, Corporate Services, you will be assigned project based tasks and will be expected to problem solve and show initiative. In return, you will gain valuable work experience, the opportunity to be recognised for your volunteer time on your developmental transcript, be invited to participate in their various events, and be provided with a letter of reference.

To be considered, you should be at least a second year student in a commerce degree with good communication skills, the ability to manage your time, and sound abilities to problem solve. A minimum of 3 months commitment is required and it is anticipated that you will assist in the training and transition of new work experience program applicants. Please note that some criteria will apply and that spaces are limited. To express your interest, email a one page application letter stating your background, skills, availability and why you are interested in work experience to jeremy@diabeteswa.com.au. For more information, please visit www.diabeteswa.com.au.

United Nations Association

The UNAA (WA) has a number of volunteer-based projects that students might be interested in working on. These are usually across 4 areas: environment, human rights, events (such as the UN International Day for Indigenous Peoples) and office support. Some are short-term (ie. tree planting on a specific site or helping with fund raising events) others may require involvement over a few months. They also have an internship program for office-based work and could benefit from the services of business students to support our volunteers. In addition there is the UN Youth Association which runs its own conference and events and might be of interest to a younger student group.

They have a range of activities for all ages and most volunteer interests. If new theme-

teams are needed all it takes is an energetic convenor and some discussion with our executive team! If you are interested in volunteering with the United Nations, contact the office on 9221 9455.

Campaign Updates:

Cadbury goes Traffik-free!!

By the end of the (Northern) summer 2009, Cadbury will ensure that their Dairy Milk bars are made with cocoa beans sourced from farms that can prove they do not use trafficked labour. The SWB Action Group has joined the Stop the Traffik campaign calling on chocolate manufacturers to take responsibility for the chocolate that they sell. **Cadbury's decision demonstrates the power of ordinary consumers in bringing change and freedom.** Two years ago, STOP THE TRAFFIK met with Cadbury and was told that a fairtrade Cadbury's bar was impossible and impracticable.

This is a victory for every person who has complained, campaigned and spread the message. But most of all, it is a victory for every child held in exploitative labour on West African cocoa farms. It is important to remember though that all exploited children will not be free until Mars, Nestle, Lindt, Hershey and all the others have put human rights before profit and make similar announcements.

Mars is the next target for the campaign – they make \$(US)22 billion in worldwide sales, one of their 5 core principles is freedom, and yet they can't guarantee that children weren't exploited in the production of their chocolate.

Visit www.stopthetraffik.org or get involved with the SWB Action Group by contacting Vicky - swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au

Fundraising

Students Without Borders is helping to raise funds to send a Murdoch student to a Canadian treatment centre to save her life from Anorexia Nervosa. There are no centres of this type in Australia, and the treatment will help to address the underlying issues which led to the development of this disorder.

Fundraising events are being organised and collection tins will be placed around campus at the Guild outlets. If you would like to make a larger contribution, please contact G.Georgatos@murdoch.edu.au or T.Saetta@murdoch.edu.au. If you would like to help organise events, please contact G.Georgatos@murdoch.edu.au.

Darfur Photo Exhibition

Since the ICC issued an arrest warrant for the Sudanese President, Omar Al-Bashir, he has forced 16 international aid agencies to leave the country, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without their support. The humanitarian organisations provide health care, food and other essentials to the displaced people who are living in camps within Sudan and across the border in Chad.

SWB has drawn up a petition to the UN calling on them to urge the President to rescind this decision. You can sign the petition by visiting the Social Justice Centre from Monday onwards.

We are also attempting to bring a photographic exhibition titled 'far to here' across from the Eastern states to Perth. The exhibition contains photos taken by Sudanese children who

call Australia home, as well as the images depicting the long journey undertaken by those who have escaped Darfur to restart their lives in Australia. There is a lot of fundraising to do to get the exhibition to visit Perth - if you would like to get involved with this or any aspect of the Darfur campaign, please contact Vicky – swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au.



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