



## August 2009 Newsletter

### Events:

**Cross Collective Play-offs and Mixer – Thursday 20 August.** The Guild is hosting a competition between the clubs and societies on campus with the winning team being crowned sporting champions for 2009 – SWB needs a team!! The team needs at least 4 members, but we can enter as many teams as we want. To join the SWB team just let me know your name and confirm that you will definitely be there. The competition is taking place during common free time (12.30-1.30) on Bush Court. I need to register the team(s) by 17 August so I need your details **by midday on Monday!** The prize for the winning team is \$200 for the collective. If SWB wins, the money will go towards one or more of our programs or campaigns. You must be ready to start at 12:30pm as we only have 1 hour.

The Guild is putting on free food, cheap drinks and a DJ later in the day at the tavern. The event is free for all collective members but I need to know how many tickets we need by Thursday (I know it's short notice, so let me know asap if you get this email after Thursday). The mixer will be held in the function room at the tav and you'll need to exchange your ticket for a stamp on the hand when you arrive in order to get the free food and cheap drinks! More info- <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=111084269638&ref=ts>

**Hands-on Sustainability Experience – Saturday 22 August.** You're invited to a rather awesome hands-on sustainability experience put together by sustainability-gurus-but-not-hippies Tim Darby and Shani Graham of The Painted Fish Eco B&B in South Fremantle. It's the perfect learning experience for anyone interested in starting a veggie garden, living more sustainably and meeting like minded people. Check out the program below and register ASAP if you're interested because there are limited spots.

**WHERE:** 21 Hulbert Street, South Fremantle

### PROGRAM:

**10am - 12pm: Sustainable House Tour of The Painted Fish and Number 21 Hulbert Street**

Learn about passive solar design, water harvesting, and making your own power. Lots of ideas for your own place.

**12pm - 1pm: Shared Lunch**

Bring something to share and your own crockery. Hot water and home made lemon cordial supplied

**1pm - 3pm: Gardening Workshop and Hands-on Session**

Join us to help expand the Hulbert Street Guerilla Garden

Learn how to :

- make a raised bed from old bits of tin
- create a no-dig garden
- make great compost

**3pm - 5pm: Cuppas, drinks, chat and fun with the residents of Hulbert Street**

And help prepare for the 2009 Hulbert Street Sustainability Fiesta - Growing Community

PLEASE BRING:

- Clothes suitable for getting "filthed-up".
- Food to share for lunch and your own crockery.
- Problems or questions you've got from your own gardening and sustainability initiatives.

[CLICK THIS LINK TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

**Venezuelan Revolutionary Student Leader's National Tour – Tuesday 25 August.** This Australian speaking tour by the Venezuelan revolutionary student, Henryk Rangel, is an opportunity to hear about how the people of Venezuela are building a society based on cooperation, community control and social ownership of the country's major resources. Henryk is currently a student in Political and Administrative studies at the Central University of Venezuela. In 2005, together with a group of young people he founded the Venezuelan Ecocitizen's Movement (ECOVEN), an eco-socialist collective, of which Henryk is currently the national coordinator. In 2008, Henryk was part of the National Promoters Group for the establishment of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela Youth. The PSUV, led by Chavez and other key leaders of the Bolivian movement, numbers almost 6 million members.

Henryk will be in Perth for one day only, speaking at **Murdoch at 12.30pm and at UWA at 6pm.**

**Where:** LB3.010 – Loneragan Building, Murdoch University  
or Arts Lecture Room 4 (Room G60), UWA.

## News/Updates:

### SWB Magazine

The SWB magazine (national edition) will be going to print shortly – if you would like to write an article, please send it through to [swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au) by 28 August. A one page article is about 1000 words and can include several pictures. The magazine will be distributed to universities, cafes, cinemas and other selected outlets around the country, so if there is an issue you care about, this is a great way to spread the message. If you would like ideas for topics, please contact Vicky on 9360 6307 or [swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au).

### Language Classes

SWB is offering the following language classes this semester:

Arabic	Saturday	10am – 11am
German	Tuesday	10am – 11.30am
Spanish	Wednesday	10.30am – 11.30am
Mandarin	Friday	10am – 11.30am
Malay	Monday	10am – 11.30am
OR	Thursday	10am – 11.30am

All classes are held in the Guild Meeting Room (Amenities Building) and are aimed at beginners. Each class costs just \$2, which goes directly to the tutor. If you would like to enrol in any of these classes, please email [swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au). Starting soon!

### Youth Arts Funding

The Department of Culture and the Arts has funding for painting, music, sculpture, theatre, contemporary dance, multimedia, singing, illustration, performance art, and more... The Young People and the Arts funding programs are designed to support artistic activity for, with and by young people aged 26 and under. There are 3 funding rounds per year; the next deadline is Friday 25 September 2009. Head to [www.dca.wa.gov.au](http://www.dca.wa.gov.au) for more info.

### SWB Action Group

This semester the Action Group will be focusing on the following campaigns:

**Save the Orangutans** – Palm Oil plantations are destroying the habitat of orangutans in Sumatra. These creatures are so endangered that there are expected to be none left in the wild within 20 years. Palm oil costs the lives of about 50 orangutans every week and its cultivation is a major cause of global warming. We will be petitioning Australian companies to stop using palm oil in their products, the Australian government to introduce mandatory food labeling (currently palm oil can be listed simply as vegetable oil, meaning consumers have no idea what they are buying), and also raising funds to sponsor as many orangutans as possible through the Australian Orangutan Project.

**Genocide Photo Exhibition** – After the holocaust the world said never again, yet genocide continues around the world. We will be displaying photos from areas where genocide has occurred, including Rwanda, Darfur and the DR Congo.

**War on Hunger** – it costs the UN's World Food Program (WFP) less than US\$1 a day to feed a child, so we hope to make a difference to the lives of children suffering from malnutrition by hosting a fundraising dinner. Along with a three course meal, attendees will have an evening of entertainment, with all funds raised going to the WFP.

**1000 Paper Cranes for Peace** – we will be continuing to make paper cranes as a symbol of peace and hope. We already have over 600 cranes and we're hoping to reach 1000 before the end of semester. When we finish the cranes will be sent to the Hiroshima Peace Park in Japan.

If you would like to help organise any of these events, or you would like to attend any of these events, please contact [swbaction@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:swbaction@guild.murdoch.edu.au). The Action Group meets every fortnight in the Social Justice Centre. Meeting times for semester 2 are still being finalised.

## Volunteering/Paid Opportunities:

### Research Volunteers

UWA School of Psychiatry researcher Dr Flavie Waters is seeking people who are employed part-time, or who are full-time students or unemployed, to take part in a study of sleep-wake patterns. You need to be aged between **18-50 years**, and have **no immediate family history of diagnosed and/or treated mental illness**. The study will take approximately four weeks, and requires participants to wear a small watch-like device which measures physical activity, and to keep a brief activity diary (approx 2 minutes daily to record). Participants will also be asked to complete several short questionnaires.

If you would like to participate, please freecall **1 800 648 223 (answering service)**, or email [Philippa.Martyr@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Philippa.Martyr@health.wa.gov.au) (Control Recruitment) for more information.

### Tutoring

Tutors are currently required for the following units:

- ENG262 – Principles of Electronic Instrumentation
- Organisational Leadership
- Reading Through Multiliteracies

If you have completed any of these units with a D or HD and would like to tutor, please contact [swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au). Tutors can earn up to \$20/hr.

### High School Tutoring

A tutor for TEE Discrete Maths is required. If you have completed this subject and feel confident to help a high school student, please contact [swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au). You can earn up to \$20/hr. Working With Children Check required. The student is based in Safety Bay – parents can pick you at station if required.

### Project Purple

The Guild is looking for student volunteers for a variety of roles ranging from speaking to students in lectures, helping out at Wacky Wednesdays or working on the Guild stall to fundraising and assisting with financial bursaries. If you complete 40 hours of voluntary work you can have your participation recorded on your Developmental Transcript. To add your name to the volunteer mailing list, email Vicky at [swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au).

### Planting Day

This Sunday is the next planting day on campus. To get involved, email Caroline Minton – [C.Minton@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:C.Minton@murdoch.edu.au). If possible, please contact Caroline by COB Thursday 13 August so that full details can be sent to you on Friday.