



## More October Events

Since sending out the October Newsletter, more events have been announced. Here are the details...

Murdoch University is organizing the **Multicultural Week Festival** to be held from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

This year's theme is *'Differences Make Us Unique, Humanity Makes Us One'*.

The Multicultural Week Festival provides an opportunity for students, staff and the community to contribute to, and celebrate our city's and state's vibrant culture. This festival week is a celebration of our heritage and helps us to think of issues related to multiculturalism, racism and reconciliation through various events and workshops conducted throughout the week. At this occasion Murdoch University and the Guild of Students will take the opportunity to launch a number of multicultural initiatives aimed at bringing about cultural change.

### Events:

Anti-racism Public Lecture: "Difficult Dialogues: Let's Talk About Race"

Ms Marie Taylor, Whadjuck Ballardong Nyungar Elder

Monday 13 October @ 6pm, Brian Hill Lecture Theatre

International Students Forum

Tuesday 14 October @ 12.30pm, Social Sciences room 1.035

Social Justice Workshop

Dr Suma Kaare from the Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice

Wednesday 15 October @ 12.30pm. Limited seats, please rsvp to

[international@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:international@guild.murdoch.edu.au)

Festival Day

Thursday 16 October on Bush Court

Free Brazilian Percussion workshop at 2pm

Sundowner at the Tavern

### More info:

The highlight of the celebrations is the annual **Anti-racism Public Lecture** entitled *'Difficult Dialogues: Let's Talk About Race'*. This year's lecturer is Ms Marie Taylor,

Whadjuck Ballardong Nyungar Elder. The Public Lecture will be given on Monday 13 October at 6pm at the Brian Hill Lecture Theatre.

Tuesday 14 October there will be an **International Students Forum** where students would be able to voice their opinions about what they want from Murdoch University where board members would be present to better relate to the needs of international students. This forum would be held at Social Sciences Building room 1.035. It would start at 12.30 and end by 2pm. All students are welcome to come and voice their concerns.

Misa will be having a **workshop** on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October where Dr Suma Kaare from the Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice will be talking about social justice and why should we care. Social justice is an issue that not a lot of people would discuss about but as MISA we believe that it is something that should be brought aware to students. Social justice and multiculturalism are constantly treated as two distinct objectives when in principle they are not. Multiculturalism is so central to social justice, that it has been described as one of its key drivers. In this talk, Dr. Suma Kaare will highlight the hard and soft meaning of social justice as it applies in everyday life, the key attributes of social justice, and the reasons for students in higher education institutions to care about social justice. The workshop will be from 12.30pm to 2pm. Limited spaces are available so do rsvp at [international@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:international@guild.murdoch.edu.au). Light refreshments would be provided.

On **Festival Day**, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, food and drinks will be on sale at Bush Court presenting a diversity of international and local cuisine adding to this a diverse set of performers. Performances include belly dancing, flamenco dancing, African singing, and the hot favorites - Brazilian capoeira! After that come for the **free Brazilian percussion workshop** at 2pm also in Bush Court for those ones interested. A **sundowner** in the tavern will be the end of celebrations giving a good option for everyone to socialise. Come and celebrate differences!!!

### **STAND UP and TAKE ACTION against poverty with the Art of Living Foundation: Forrest Place, 17th October, 5:30pm**

Citizens of Perth answer the call to Stand Up and Take Action against poverty at Forrest Place, 17th October, 5:30pm.

Stand Up and Take Action is a worldwide call to make a stand against poverty and support the Millennium Development Goals. In 2000 leaders of 189 countries signed off on the Millennium Development Goals, a set of 8 goals with measurable outcomes, designed to halve world poverty in 15 years. Realising the world governments were falling behind in this task in 2007 the UN enlisted the help of local organisations to make these promises known and keep their governments on track through Stand Up and Speak Out. This year's events are focused on what each person can contribute to achieving these goals.

The Art of Living Foundation, an international humanitarian organisation, is teaming up with Oxfam, the Oaktree Foundation, Caritas, Australian Youth Ambassadors, Edmund Rice Centre and others, to provide possibilities on how individuals can 'Take Action' right here in Perth.

In keeping with the global focus proceedings will be punctuated by free world music and dance performances.

Last year over 43 million people stood up to set a new Guinness World Record. This year the citizens of Perth will help break that record.

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer at this event (handing out leaflets and talking about the Millennium Development Goals), please email [samantha@artofliving.org.au](mailto:samantha@artofliving.org.au).

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## **Social Justice Week – 27 – 31 October**

### **Interested in debating? Get involved in Politics at the pub!**

The Murdoch Guild of Students is hosting a series of friendly debates at the Tavern from 4:30 on Tuesday 28th October for Social Justice Week

**We are looking for motivated students and staff** to form debating teams and get involved. You do not have to have any debating experience to take part. Prizes will be awarded to the teams with the most persuasive and entertaining arguments.

Debating not only helps you to become more confident and persuasive public speakers, but it also increases your capacity to think analytically and formulate convincing arguments - helping with all logic-based academic work. Being involved looks fantastic on CVs and personal statements

If you want to get involved, simply pick a topic from below and please email Basha Stasak on [evp@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:evp@guild.murdoch.edu.au) with your name(s), student number(s) and topic of choice. You can either organise a team of 3 or let the Guild organise a team for you.

### **Topics:**

- Should same sex couples be allowed marriage rights?
- Is the Melbourne Model good for higher education in Australia?
- Is VSU good for students?
- Is the Israel- Palestine conflict over religion?
- Is student poverty a myth?
- Should developed countries cancel the debts of the poorest nations?
- Should Australia introduce a Bill of Rights ?
- Will the carbon trading scheme solve the climate crisis ?

Applications of interest close 20th October.

Student and staff are invited to attend and support the participants.

### **Keep Australia GM Free Rally**

Greenpeace, along with several other groups, are organising a GM Free Rally taking place on Thursday 30 October. The rally will start at the corner of Esplanade and Barrack Street, Perth, and will end at Parliament House at 12.30pm where speakers will take the stage. Hear from farmers, consumers and environmentalists.

For more info visit [www.no-gmo.asn.au](http://www.no-gmo.asn.au)

### **Future of the Kimberley Region**

The Wilderness Society WA will be holding a public meeting on the future of the Kimberley region. The event will feature presentations from:

**Richard Costin**, Whale Researcher and Filmmaker, who will be presenting some spectacular footage and discussing the results of recent Humpback whale survey research.

**Josh Coates**, Kimberley Campaigner, The Wilderness Society

**Tim Nichol**, Mining expert and Environmentalist, Conservation Council of WA.

Filmmaker **John Totte, Blue Office Productions**, will be showcasing never before seen footage of the Humpback whales and the Kimberley taken on a recent research trip.

When: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm

Where: Cottesloe Surf Lifesaving Club, 87 Marine Parade, Cottesloe

RSVP essential: [wa@wilderness.org.au](mailto:wa@wilderness.org.au) or 9420 7255

### **Research Volunteers Wanted**

The Centre for Clinical Research in Neuropsychiatry is seeking volunteers aged 18-60, with English as their first language, and no immediate family history of diagnosed mental illness. We are carrying out (painless!) research into schizophrenia, and are seeking healthy people to form a comparison group. For more information, please phone Dr Philippa Martyr during office hours on 9347 6705, or on 0424 509 297, or email [Philippa.Martyr@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Philippa.Martyr@health.wa.gov.au)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE FOR GULUWALK HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM OCTOBER 25 TO NOVEMBER 9 2008. FOR MOREINFO ABOUT GULUWALK PLEASE VISIT [www.myspace.com/perthguluwalk](http://www.myspace.com/perthguluwalk)**