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Get Skilled Up For Your Community

Event Planning and Funding Development Workshops for Community Organisations

Arts OutWest is holding two full-day, nationally accredited skills development workshops for community based workers and volunteers: 'Plan and Program Events' and 'Develop Funds and Resources'.

The workshops, held during May in Cowra and Wellington, are part of Creative Volunteering, a national initiative of Regional Arts Australia to offer opportunities for organisations to develop the skills and networks that will ensure there's a long term success and growth.

Sports carnivals, art exhibitions, festivals and major concerts, street parades, school fetes and so many other activities ALL need careful planning and programming. The **Plan and Program Events** course will teach the skills to plan and then deliver great events that will attract audiences and participants. The workshop will include generating concepts for and designing an event, event planning tools, event budgeting and scheduling, programming activities and identifying risk management strategies.

The Develop Funds and Resources: *Money and help - how to get it, how to keep it* course will show participants how to identify sources of assistance and how to secure it. There are many ways for groups to receive support beyond cash – this course will show you how, as well as ways of preparing strong funding submissions.

Who should attend? Workshop content is geared towards cultural organisations, but paid workers and volunteers from any community-based organisation are encouraged to enrol. From Council employees, Art galleries and museums, festivals and events organisers, Arts societies, local historical societies, Library staff, sport & recreation groups, emergency services and youth organisers. The workshops are designed to enable people to draw on their own experience and apply the information directly to their organisation.

The courses are both run by qualified tutor and community cultural worker Meg Simpson and are nationally accredited with participants eligible for a Statement of Attainment.

Anyone intending to participate must register at least one week in advance through Regional Arts NSW.

Plan and Program Events - Making your event really work: Friday May 18, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Wellington Uniting Church Hall, cnr Arthur (Mitchell Highway) & Maxwell Sts

Registration forms: Wellington Visitor's Centre, Wellington Library or from www.artsoutwest.org.au

Develop Funds and Resources: Saturday May 26, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Downstairs Auditorium, Cowra Bowling Club, Vaux Street Cowra

Registration forms: Call Eddie Briffa 6340 2069 or from www.artsoutwest.org.au

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