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1. Sector News and Resources

- **NSW State Budget released Sept 2011**

The State Budget was released 6 Sept 2011 and the NCOSS media release and analysis provides an overview of relevant issues for our sector.

View online: [NCOSS media release](#)
[NCOSS Analysis of the 2011-12 NSW State Budget](#)

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- **Workforce Development research on the role of VET in childcare**

The National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) released this research report from the Workplace Research Centre, University of Sydney:
The role of VET in workforce development: a story of conflicting expectations. The research focuses on industries characterised by low-skill entry points to the labour market.

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- **Directors Social Impact Study confirms complexity of governing a NFP**

Some interesting results from the *Directors Social Impact Study 2011*, conducted by Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

View online: [Directors Social Impact Study 2011](#)

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- **COAG Communiqué promotes a Conference on regulatory reform implementation**

Those with an interest in the challenging areas of regulatory reform implementation are invited to attend COAG's *Linking Regulatory Design to Implementation Conference*, 25-26 Oct, Melbourne.

View online: [COAG Communiqué](#) 19 Aug 2011
[Linking regulatory design to implementation](#) Conference Program

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- **Tax basics for non-profit organisations**

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has released a new version of its guide *Tax basics for non-profit organisations*, providing an overview of tax obligations and concessions available for non-profit organisations.

Read more: [New version of Tax basics for non-profit organisations – ATO](#)

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- **Strategic Planning - Population Issues for Sydney and NSW**

This briefing paper provides an overview of key areas including population growth and government, public and academic responses.

Download: [Population Issues Briefing Paper](#)

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- **Global Conference Calendar**

Global Conference Calendar Major Update: This is a comprehensive online conference calendar for disability, mental health, welfare, nursing and health with some age care events. It is updated regularly and links you directly to the conference sites. It focuses on local and national conferences but also lists some international conferences.

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- **Community Builders: Minimum Data Set Collection tools**

The Transition Resource Team of Local Community Service Association (LCSA) offers quick access to Minimum Data Set Collection tools for organisations funded under the Community Builders Program.

Read more: [Minimum Data Set Collection tools](#)

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- **Community Builders Resources and Discussions Newswire**

Community Builders offers a new monthly collation of their resources and discussion forums, in the form of a newswire.

View online: [Resources and Discussions Newswire August 2011 edition](#)

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- **Information and Privacy Commission NSW - Community Brochures**

In January 2011, the Office of the Information Commissioner and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner joined together to form the NSW Information and Privacy Commission in January 2011. They have developed two brochures which may be useful to various community groups. Hard copies can be ordered via e-mail: oinfo@oic.nsw.gov.au

Download: [Your rights to government information in NSW](#)

Download: [A guide to protecting your privacy in NSW](#)

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- **Measuring Social Impact- CCS UTS Symposium, 2 Nov 2011**

Cosmopolitan Civil Society (CCS) Research Institute, at the University of Technology Sydney, invites practitioners to attend a symposium focussing on “the question of how to measure the social impact ... of organisations and programs within the community.”

Read more: [CCS UTS Symposium, 2 Nov 2011, Ultimo](#)

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- **Low paid care work Forum, 18 Oct 2011**

The Faculty of Education and Social Work, University of Sydney, is holding a forum on Tuesday 18 October, 2011, at Camperdown main campus. *Low paid care work Forum- Insecurity in Employment in Human Services* is a joint initiative of the Social Policy Research Network and Australian Services Union (ASU).

View flyer online: [Low paid care work Forum, 18 October 2011](#)

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- **Women in Prison Advocacy Network consultation, 26 Oct 2011**

The Women in Prison Advocacy Network (WIPAN) is seeking involvement in a consultation about how to build capacity in the sector to work with and support women exiting prison with complex needs. A round table discussion will be held on Wednesday 26 October. Please email Brenda Bailey, NCOSS Senior Policy Officer, for further information: brenda@ncoss.org.au .

Download: [WIPAN Housing Discussion paper](#)

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2. Management Support Unit (MSU)

- **Probity and Governance- new information sheet from MSU**

This information sheet defines probity and outlines its relationship to the good governance of Boards of Management (Boards) and organisations, as well as strategies to enable probity practices.

Download: [Probity and Governance - MSU Information Sheet 28](#)

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- **National Survey of Volunteering 2011**

Volunteering Australia's annual National Survey of Volunteering is now available and closes on the 6 November 2011.

Read more: [National Survey of Volunteering](#)

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- **Fraud Prevention Toolkit for NGOs**

Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) and National Disability Services (NDS) have released the Non Government Organisation (NGO) Fraud Prevention Toolkit. The Toolkit provides information and resources to assist NGOs to prevent, detect and respond effectively to incidents of fraud and corruption and other risks that may arise within their organisation.

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3. Insurance

- **Updated Information Sheet *How to Compare Insurance Quotes 2011***

When deciding on insurance it makes sense to get a few quotes from different providers. This information sheet lists some of the factors to consider in order to make an informed choice between quotations.

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- **Insurance Taxes - on the agenda again**

The Federal government, in the Tax Forum Discussion paper, *Tax Reform Next Steps for Australia*, noted that insurance taxes can disproportionately impact on some sections of the community, particularly those on low incomes. An 'Insurance News' article comments on the discussion paper and summarises the implications.

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- **Your Organisation's Risk Management System – What an insurance broker looks for**

An effective risk management system (RMS) is essential for any organisation. Why and what does your insurance broker need to know about it? This article published on the National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) website outlines what an insurance broker will be looking for.

View online: [Your client's risk management systems are vital](#)

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4. Information Communication Technology (ICT)

- **Cyber White Paper 2012- discussion paper released**

The Australian Government released a discussion paper and a call for submissions regarding Australia's digital future. *Connecting With Confidence* addresses 'the challenges and risks arising from greater digital engagement'.

View online: [The Public Discussion Paper towards Cyber White Paper](#)

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- **Internet activity statistical report released**

Internet activity, Australia, June 2011 is a concise report from Australian Bureau of Statistics, showing summary statistics on quantity and quality of internet access throughout Australia.

Read more: [Internet activity, Australia, June 2011](#)

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