



To Advance Optimum Delivery of Health & Social Services to Our Community

MECOSS Calendar 2012

MANUKAU EAST COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES INC. (MECOSS) is a not for profit organisation supporting all service providers through networking opportunities; educational updates, capacity building and research. We are part of a Regional and National NGO, who maintain a working relationship with Government departments to formulate social service policy development in New Zealand. We are actively involved with better provision of Health and Social Services to the people of the local Howick Ward.

General Network Meetings / Celebrations: *Our General Network Meetings will be combined with our AGM, and various expos and celebrations. These events are open to all and are an important opportunity to hear Community voices, network beyond your immediate field of interest and feel the pulse of this region.*

Cluster Meetings: *These meetings are for anyone working in the field or a related area. The meetings will support you to extend your Network and knowledge of what is happening in Manukau East (ME). A place to share your concerns and achievements!*

Capacity-building Clinics / Workshops / Seminars: *Learn from professionals the skills needed to enhance the performance of your organisation.*

Strengthening our community together:
members, non-members & friends are all welcome at MECOSS Meetings!

Become a Member of MECOSS

To become a MECOSS member for 2012, or to renew your Annual membership; apply to admin@mecoss.org.nz, and type 'Membership' in the subject line.

MECOSS Membership provides the following benefits:

1. Discount off the cost of 'Capacity-Building Clinics' and large events/expos.
2. Cluster Meetings are **FREE** for Members. Non-members pay \$5 per meeting.
3. General Networking meetings are FREE.

Please Note: We are not a fully funded organisation; in order to maintain and deliver these quality services it is necessary for our members to assist financially. Your subscription fee is a vital contribution to MECOSS. Thank you.

MECOSS Membership Fee Structure:

Govt organisation Subscription:	\$100 (unlimited number of employees per organisation can attend Events/Clinics and meetings at members rates)
NGO/NFP Organisation Subscription:	\$85 (unlimited number of employees per organisation can attend Events/Clinics and meetings at members rates)
Individual Subscription:	\$45 (allows registered individual to attend Events/Clinics and meetings at members rates)
Student Subscription: (ID required)	\$25 (allows registered student to attend Events/Clinics and meetings at members rates)

General Network Meetings / Celebrations

Venues will be advised in advance, unless stated

22 February (Wednesday: 4–6 pm)	MECOSS AGM / General Networking <i>(Venue: Social Room, Te Tuhi Centre for the Arts, Pakuranga)</i>
21 March (Wednesday: 10 am–12 pm)	Race Relations Day 2012 Celebration – “A Fair Go For All” <i>(Venue: Howick Information Centre courtyard)</i>
8 June (Friday)	Health & Social Services Expo / MECOSS 15 Year Anniversary Celebration
23 November (Friday: 5 – 7 pm)	MECOSS End of Year Celebration / General Networking

Cluster Meetings

Wednesday 12.30 – 2.30 pm; Members FREE; Non-members \$5
Venue: Haseler Hall, under All Saints Church, cnr Selwyn St and The Glebe, Howick
Parking off The Glebe

Family & Youth

2 May	Family Law Overview <i>Presenter: Mangere Community Law Centre</i>
18 July	Rape Prevention Education services for young people (BodySafe & Sex’N’Respect Programmes) <i>Presenter: Kate Butterfield, Youth Team Manager, Rape Crisis Ak Inc.</i>

Health & Disability

16 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individualised funding (Taikura Trust) - Disability Programme and community engagement opportunities (Auckland Council) - Multi systemic services/carer support and respite for families and siblings of disability (Howpak Wraparound) <i>Presenters: Taikura Trust, Auckland Council, Howick Wrap-Around</i>
15 August	Child & Youth Mental Health services <i>Presenter: Whirinaki Child / Youth Mental Health Services</i>

Capacity-Building Clinics, Workshops & Seminars

Costs: Workshops/Seminars – FREE
Capacity-Building Clinics – Members \$20, Non-members \$30

Venue: Haseler Hall, under All Saints Church, cnr Selwyn St and The Glebe, Howick
Car Parking available off The Glebe

Dates and times noted for each event

Funding Workshops

27 February (Monday: 9.30–11.30 am)	Are you ready for funding? <i>Facilitator: Community Dev & Funding Advisor, The Dept. of Internal Affairs</i>
27 April (Friday: 9.30–10.30 am)	Council Funding <i>Presenter: Bernadette Pereira, Auckland Council</i>
18 June (Monday: 9.30–11.30 am)	COGS and Lottery Funding <i>Facilitator: Community Dev & Funding Advisor, The Dept. of Internal Affairs</i>
24 September (Monday: 9.30–11.30 am)	Funding Accountability <i>Facilitator: Community Dev & Funding Advisor, The Dept. of Internal Affairs</i>

Capacity-Building Clinics/Workshops and Seminars

5 March (Monday: 9.30 – 11.30 am)	Capacity-Building Clinic: 'Building Effective Teams' <i>Trainer: Lila Taulapiu, Owner/Director - Clasec People - Changing Perspectives, Moving Ahead</i>
2 April (Monday: 9.30 – 11.30 am)	Capacity-Building Clinic: 'Coaching for Performance' <i>Trainer: Denise Overend-Clarke</i>
28 May (Monday: 9.30 – 11.30 am)	Workshop: 'Career Development Workshop' <i>Presenter: Jill Bice, Career Consultant, Careers NZ</i>
20 August (Monday: 9.30 – 10.30 am)	Seminar: Cultural Diversity in the Workplace – "A Welcome that Works" <i>Presenter: Vimbai Mugadza, Settlement Support Coordinator – Manukau Auckland Regional Migrant Service</i>
5 September (Wed: 12.30 – 2.30 pm)	Seminar: Employment Law Overview <i>Presenter: Mangere Community Law Centre</i>
29 Oct (Monday: 9.30 – 1.30 pm)	Capacity-Building Clinic: 'Adapting to Change' <i>Trainer: Lila Taulapiu, Owner/Director - Clasec People - Changing Perspectives, Moving Ahead</i>
Details of further Capacity-Building Clinics, Workshops and Seminars will be advised during the course of the year	

How do I register for one of the MECOSS Meetings?

It's simple! Just send an email headed 'REGISTRATION' to admin@mecoss.org.nz with the name and date of which event you wish to attend. Registrations open in February 2012. When registering for a Capacity-Building Clinic you will receive confirmation of registration accompanied by an invoice. In the event you have registered and paid but find you are unable to attend, you are welcome to send another colleague in your place. For Cluster meetings, cash is payable at the door.

Calendar of MECOSS Meetings for 2012

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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2	School Hols		Seminar	F&Y							
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4	School Hols										
5	School Hols	CBC						Seminar			
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27	Funding		Funding								
28				Workshop							
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General Networking / Celebrations
 Capacity Building Clinic/Workshops/Seminar
 School Holidays
 Family & Youth Cluster Meetings
 Health & Disability Cluster Meetings
 Funding Workshops

School Holidays 2012 for primary and intermediate schools

Term	Start date	End date
1	Tuesday 7 February	Thursday 5 April
2	Monday 23 April	Friday 29 June
3	Monday 16 July	Friday 28 September
4	Monday 15 October	Friday 14 December

NZ Public Holidays 2012

Holiday	Actual Date	Date Observed
Waitangi Day	6 February	Monday 6 February
Anniversary Day Auckland / Northland	29 January	Monday 30 January
Good Friday	varies	Friday 6 April
Easter Monday	varies	Monday 9 April
ANZAC Day	25 April	Wednesday 25 April
Queen's Birthday	1st Monday in June	Monday 4 June
Labour Day	4th Monday in October	Monday 22 October