

THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OF IMPRISONED PEOPLE, A PROJECT OF FLAT OUT, PRESENTS
THE 2013 EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY TRAINING PROGRAM

To register for one or all sessions, please send in the attached registration form. As numbers are limited, ensure your place is confirmed before making payment to Flat Out: E: admin@flatout.org.au / PH: (03) 9372 6155

The Centre for the Human Rights of Imprisoned People (CHRIP) is running its 4th annual *Effective Advocacy and Activism Training Program* in 2013. The program is open to all legal and non-legal advocates and community members, and has a focus on individual and systemic advocacy around prison human rights issues.

The Centre for the Human Rights of Imprisoned People is a project of Flat Out, focusing on education, community capacity building, and systemic advocacy. The work of Flat Out and CHRIP builds on the intrinsic connections between service delivery and systemic social change work that has been present since Flat Out's inception. This model ensures that the individual needs of women who are criminalised, imprisoned or recently released from prison are met alongside work to address broader structural issues such as poverty, institutional racism and violence against women. Flat Out is a state wide support and advocacy service for criminalised and imprisoned women. Flat Out's vision is that women are not imprisoned; women's rights are understood and upheld; and there is a compassionate response to personal and social trauma.

Feedback from previous Advocacy Training Program participants:

I found the sessions exceptionally helpful in my research and advocacy work. They were educational and inspirational with highly experienced, professional and engaged presenters. I learnt more here than in any other area of my research work regarding prisons and people in them. I particularly valued the authenticity and integrity of the presenters, the measured and professional approach to what can be an emotive issue.

Having access to networks of engaged people is really valuable. These networks generate meaningful and enabling conversations and debate, and ultimately confidence to do risky and unorthodox transformative work.

I find the CHRIP trainings very informative as they're based on real issues in the criminal justice system. The speakers are all very experienced; there is a collaborative respect and urgency in addressing issues presented. Not only have I gained valuable information but I have also found the forums great for networking.

The information was broadly applicable, the skills were more useful than my law degree, and the networks provided an assurance that not everyone believes prison is the answer to society's problems. The skills provided included perseverance, organisation, preparation, and a better understanding of the system.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE: MARCH - JULY

Introduction to Imprisonment in Victoria

Wednesday March 20th, 1:00-5:00pm
52 Pin Oak Crescent,
Flemington VIC 3031

\$25/\$40

Trainer: Charandev Singh

Content Overview:

- Overview of imprisonment in Victoria, from invasion and colonisation to present-day
- Context and history of prison justice work in Victoria
- Layers of resistance nationally and internationally to institutional violence, including gendered and racialised violence
- Overview of current organisations/projects/campaigns
- Contested histories; imprisoned stories and storytellers

Corrections Resource Centre Tour

Thursday, April 11, 9:30am-12:00pm
To be advised upon registration

\$25/\$40

Trainer: Charandev Singh

Content Overview:

- Introduction to the Corrections Resource Centre (CRC)
 - Access to the CRC, and use of the space
 - Overview of information available
- Providing information and resources to the CRC
- How to research prison and criminal justice issues
- Strategic use of information in individual and systemic advocacy

Pre-Election Campaigning and Lobbying

Tuesday May 14th, 1:00-5:00 pm
52 Pin Oak Crescent,
Flemington VIC 3031

\$25/\$40

Trainers: Facilitated by Annie Nash,
with Joel Pringle from Australians for Affordable Housing and
Sam Biondo from the Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association

Content Overview:

- Looking at the values and strategies of community activism and effective community campaigns in the lead-up to the Federal Election
 - How State and Federal Parliaments work
 - How to engage in Parliamentary processes
- Ensuring campaigns are planned, strategic, goal-centred and well informed
 - Considering tools for effective lobbying
 - Media tips and strategies

Working with the Person who is Suicidal (PreSAP) - an Introductory Workshop

Wednesday June 5th, 9:30am-4:30pm
Brosnan Centre Programs Room,
10 Dawson St, Brunswick

\$40*

Trainers: Katherine Fairest and Tom Hall,
NorthWestern Mental Health

Content Overview:

- Provides a framework to identify and assess persons who may be at risk of suicide
- Assists participants in choosing an appropriate intervention
- A practical, person centred approach: engage, ask and support

Participation:

Given the high incidence of self-harm and suicide inside and beyond prison walls, this training is designed to equip advocates and self-advocates with skills and knowledge to support their work.

Adult Parole Board Advocacy

Wednesday July 17th, 1:00-5:00pm
52 Pin Oak Crescent,
Flemington VIC 3031

\$25/\$40

Trainers: Pauline Bailey and David Provan, Adult Parole Board
Flat Out Support, Outreach and Advocacy worker(s),
and a community legal centre advocate TBC

Content Overview:

- Understanding the role and functions of the Adult Parole Board (APB)
 - Relevant legislation and policies
 - Self and co-advocacy for people facing the APB
- Advocating for clients who are criminalised and imprisoned
 - Relevant community law and advocacy organisations

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR AUGUST - NOVEMBER TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE 2013

To join the Victorian Decarceration Network mailing list and receive training updates via email, contact admin@flatout.org.au

OUTREACH TRAININGS

CHRIP/Flat Out are offering to work in partnership with community organisations to develop targeted education and capacity building trainings on an outreach model. These could include trainings listed on the calendar, or additional areas/topics relevant to your organisation.

Please contact us for more information: PH: (03) 9372 6155



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REGISTRATION FORM/TAX INVOICE

Flat Out ABN: 680 370 263 64

Training Title/s:

Training Date/s:

Participant Name/s:

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Dietary or Access Requirements?

Cost per training, including GST - please tick appropriate box:

*Note the full-day 5th June session, *Working with the Person who is Suicidal (PreSAP) - an Introductory Workshop*, is delivered by an external trainer, and does not include a concession rate. However please contact us if this is an obstacle to your attendance.

- \$40 organisation rate
- \$25 concession/individual rate
- Other (no-one turned away for lack of funds, please call/email admin@flatout.org.au to arrange)

Payment can be made via cheque (please make cheques out to Flat Out Inc) or EFT:

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