

Learn, share, act, volunteer, grow

Hobsons Bay City Council brings you a range of free online workshops in 2021 to support community action and leadership. Register below and please share these opportunities with your staff, volunteers, board members and/or contacts too.

Upcoming sessions:

1) Making online meetings accessible.

2020 and 2021 have rapidly changed the way we communicate and online meetings have become standard practice. Being online can present lots of challenges for people with disabilities, but it also creates opportunities for support people with disabilities to participate in a more equal and inclusive way. Learn some simple tips to ensure your online meetings and gatherings are more accessible and inclusive.

This session is being offered twice. Register for either option 1 or option 2.

Option 1

Monday 15 February, 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Register [here](#), by Friday 12 February, 5pm.

Option 2

Friday 26 February, 11am to 12pm
Register [here](#), by Friday 19 February, 5pm.

2) Conflict resolution skills for community leaders 101

The ability to manage conflict is a core leadership skill. The best negotiators are able to communicate their interests and be creative in finding mutually beneficial solutions and see their counterpart not as an adversary, but as a collaborator. This is all easier said than done. But the 'Getting to Yes' framework is the gold standard for preparing for negotiations before they arise or thinking on your feet when disagreements catch you by surprise. Participating in this workshop is a pre-requisite for the 102 workshop where you will get a chance to practice and apply these skills further.

Monday 22 February, 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Register [here](#), by Friday 12 February, 5pm.

3) Conflict resolution skills for community leaders 102

This 102 session will draw on the theory from the first session and further apply it in different contexts as well as give participants an opportunity to practice.

Monday 8 March, 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Register [here](#), by Friday 12 February, 5pm

4) Grant information and writing session

Monday 18 January, 6pm-8.30pm
Register [here](#) by Monday 18 January 1pm

Recently Deceased:

Volodomyr Ozimko

Anniversaries:

Antonia & Antonio Rocco;

Tony & Mary Buttigieg;

George Calleja

Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students

Mercy Connect Melbourne – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week during school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding at the end of January. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact). Website: www.mercyworks.org.au Mercy Connect Melbourne. Tel: 9326 1895.

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians

7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this - use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.



Our Parish Prayer

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians.
 Through her prayers and under her protection,
 may the light of Christ shine over our land.
 May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.
 Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.
 Bless especially those who care for the poor and who seek to promote
 justice and peace for all who call Australia home.
 We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
 Amen.

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