



HOBART 29th, 30th, 31st October 2008

**call for papers** TasCOSS is calling for abstracts from practitioners, workers and volunteers in community based service delivery, academic, research and policy sectors. We are seeking abstracts that will stimulate, provoke, persuade, and challenge these sectors to imagine a fairer future for Tasmania. We encourage abstracts from practitioners, workers and volunteers who have never presented before and from experienced practitioners and researchers.

**theme** *Fairer Futures* focuses on a vision for a fairer Tasmania, in which we as a community eliminate disadvantage and foster a vibrant and inclusive civil society.

It is about learning from and working with Tasmanians who face barriers to participating in their communities.

It is about championing and showcasing good policies, practices and research across the government and non-government sectors.

The conference creates a space for debating how we as a community ensure that all Tasmanians benefit from the State's prosperity. To do this we have chosen 'people', 'place', 'policy' and 'practice' as the conference sub-themes:

**people:** this theme includes research, programs and policies that relate to disadvantaged groups in Tasmania, and the experiences of people and volunteers supporting service delivery.

**place:** this theme explores locational disadvantage and the specific challenges that Tasmanians in rural, regional, and urban areas face in building fairer and inclusive communities.

**policy:** this theme examines policy responses that impact on and influence the lives of low-income Tasmanians, and the policies that impact on the viability, sustainability and service delivery of community service organisations.

**practice:** this theme highlights the ways in which various sectors work within the community to deliver outcomes for disadvantaged groups and showcases the techniques, technologies, frameworks and innovations which underpin successful practice.

**format for submission** authors should provide the following as a Word document using Times New Roman 12pt

- Name, job title, organisation
- Email address
- Work phone number and mobile phone number
- A short biography of your qualifications and/or experience (100 words)
- Presentation type – ie: interactive workshop; oral; audiovisual, eg. PowerPoint; poster presentation
- Projected length of time (maximum 90 minutes)
- Abstract / description of presentation (between 200 and 250 words)

Please upload submissions online through the link at the TasCOSS webpage [www.tascoss.org.au](http://www.tascoss.org.au) or mail to Elida Meadows, Conference Manager, PO Box 1126, Sandy Bay Tasmania 7006

**dates** deadline for abstracts is Friday 29th August 2008.  
successful submissions will be notified by Monday 22nd September 2008

**publication** papers will be published on the TasCOSS website, abstracts only will appear in the conference handbook

**registration** please note that if your abstract is accepted you will be eligible for the discounted conference registration fee of \$275.00