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IAP2 Newsletter

Adapting and Responding To A Changing Climate



IAP2 Australasia, in association with the McCaughey Centre, University of Melbourne, hosted a full-day forum at the end of July which focused on engaging with communities on the ever increasing issues associated with climate change.

As the impact of climate change becomes more evident around the world, communities are faced with the challenge of learning to respond by adapting their way of life.

Public participation practitioners are also required to adapt their engagement strategies to aid communities in their response to extreme events such as the recent Victoria bushfires, as well as helping them adjust to the long term costs of climate change.

Keynote speakers Dr Janette Hartz Karp, Professor of Sustainability at the Curtin University of Technology along with Randall Pearce, Managing Director of THINK: Insight & Advice and Co-Founder of Thermometer Surveys and Professor John Wiseman, Director of The McCaughey Centre at the University of Melbourne joined more than 150 participants in sharing their experiences and successes when dealing with climate change issues.

Attendees explored and discussed engagement issues during three breakout sessions after selecting four topics of their choice at the start of the day. These ranged from water resources and management, agriculture and primary production to biodiversity, coastal areas, alpine areas and the most immediate topic of communities and extreme events. Check out the presentations and comments following the forum online at <http://iap2climatecommunity.ning.com/>

A Picture Paints A Thousand Words

It has often been said that a picture is worth a thousand words, and no doubt everyone has a moment in their life when a photograph expressed more than words ever could.

As community engagement practitioners we have experienced moments when it all appears to come together as we look around at the faces of the participants.

Hopefully you have captured some of those moments on camera because now IAP2 is giving you the opportunity to share your photos with others and win admission to both days of this year's national conference.

The conference committee has created a website to submit your own photos as well as view and vote for others.

We hope to feature all of the submitted photos at the conference to inspire participants and support the diverse and exciting line-up of speakers.

So dive into your photo libraries and have a go! <http://iap2.creativenature.com.au/>

For more information, please contact Christine Moro: christine@christinemoro.com.au

Got a Story?

We love to receive story ideas, case studies or profiles for the newsletter. If you've got an idea please contact Amanda at anewbery@bbspr.com.au or 07 3221 6711.

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Community Engagement Facilitator Dandenong South – Victoria

A fantastic opportunity exists for an outgoing individual to join the Victorian Team in this key communications role where an individual can make a difference to the SITA business and local community groups alike.

Reporting to the Victorian Post Collection Manager the key ideals of this role are to provide leadership and direction for the planning and delivery of community engagement activities around priority projects.

This will include strategic advice and planning from project initiation through to the delivery and evaluation of targeted community engagement activities. The position will also provide leadership and direction for the planning and delivery of targeted stakeholder education programmes facilitated out of SITA's waste management facilities.

Your main responsibilities will include:

- Provide strategic advice to senior management on the engagement approaches for priority projects;
- Work with senior management and National Marketing and Strategy Department on engagement approaches;
- Scope and develop engagement plans to compliment and enhance other project activities;
- Support facility managers to understand and value engagement as a process to improve business outcomes;
- Provide regular updates on engagement activities to senior managers;
- Manage project budgets relating to engagement expenses;
- Directly liaise with priority stakeholders and community groups and represent the company at various community based forums as required;
- Build and maintain effective relationships with a range of local community and stakeholder group's representatives; and
- Take the leads role in the implementation and coordination of key policies.

Main attributes and skills required:

Essential:

- A degree, post-graduate qualifications or extensive experience in a relevant field of community engagement or social science is required;
- The position will be required to attend meetings or forums after hours and travel across the state; and
- A current Victoria Drivers Licence is required.

Desirable:

- Proven experience in community engagement including demonstrated experience in facilitation, consultation and participatory engagement;
- Excellent organisational and project management skills with the ability to design manage and deliver complex multi-faceted projects;
- Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills including strong influencing, negotiation and relationship development skills; and
- Well-developed analytical and problem solving ability with the capacity to devise, deliver and monitor practical solutions to complex issues.

If you are a suitably skilled individual who has the ability and drive to succeed in a busy and rewarding working environment please apply. To be eligible to apply for this position you must have an appropriate Australian or New Zealand work visa. Please apply via email to mark_ratcliffe@sita.com.au.