

# First Perth Social Forum 2005



**Walyalup / Fremantle**  
**March 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

## PROGRAMME

### PSF Opening Night – Friday 18th March 2005

#### **5.00 pm Opening Ceremony, Fremantle Town Hall**

Junkadelic Street Performance  
Welcome to Country by local Noongar elders  
Working Voices Choir

#### **6.00pm Opening of PSF Art Exhibition**

UTOPIA: Another world is possible



#### **7.00-8.30pm Official Welcome to the Perth Social Forum**

Fremantle: a History of Resistance (Cedric Beidatsch)  
Keynote speakers: 'Regaining democracy'  
'The undermining of democracy' (Margo Kingston, Sydney Morning Herald); 'Resistance & regaining democracy' (Helen Creed, ACTU Vice-President & Dr Patricia Ranald, Public Interest Advocacy Centre).

#### **9:00pm Tunes of Change**

Live bands: The Socialites, Special Brew, Ease, & Ragga Beats!  
Entry: \$10 waged/\$5 unwaged  
Freo Italian Club

### Entry fees

The Perth Social Forum Organising committee is committed to making PSF sessions accessible to all as far as possible to all. For this reason, no formal entry fee will be charged for PSF events listed unless otherwise stated on the programme. However, given the huge cost of putting on the PSF, & the difficulty of attracting funding for an event of this nature, we strongly encourage all participants to make a solidarity contribution at the entrance to the Fremantle Town Hall.

### Venue Key for Programme

- ① Fremantle Town Hall
- ② Fremantle Education Centre Room 7
- ③ Fremantle Education Centre Room 9
- ④ Fremantle Education Centre Auditorium
- ⑤ Edmund Rice Centre for Social Justice
- ⑥ Fremantle Bowling Club
- ⑦ La Tropicana Café

**Fremantle Town Hall**, King's Square; **Fremantle Education Centre**, cnr Cantonment & Parry St; **La Tropicana Café**, 177 High St.; **Fremantle Bowling Club**, 6 Ellen St.; **Fremantle Italian Club**, Marine Tce.; **Edmund Rice Centre for Social Justice**, 24 High St.; **The Esplanade Park**. Maps to each venue will be included in the final programme.

Programme details correct at time of printing. Please advise of any errors, omissions or problems asap to PSF programme coordinator Stephen Bennetts 94331257 (h/w) Email: bennes06@tartarus.uwa.edu.au.

# SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March

\* 10.00 – 10.45am **Keynote Address:** Andrew Wilkie, former Australian Intelligence officer) Town Hall

<b>1</b> <i>Refugee stream (Concurrent)</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Direct action workshop stream</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Women's workshop stream</i>	<b>5</b>
<b>11.00-1.00am</b> Panel discussion: Don't mention the refugees (Project SafeCom, Andrew Wilkie & Margo Kingston) Film Premiere: 'Spell me Freedom'	<b>11- 11.45am</b> Direct action - learning from the past (PFW)  <b>12 – 12.45am</b> The Occupied Social Centre Movement in Italy, Sydney & Perth (Stephen Bennetts, UWA Anthropology)	<b>11- 11.45am</b> Wage-Slavery, Solidarity & Wobbly Songs (Mike Ballard)	<b>11.30 – 1.00am</b> Rebuilding the WA Women's Movement – Why? The Issues Facing Women (Dr Trish Todd, Arina Aoina & others)	<b>11- 11.45am</b> Social Justice & Faith (Young Christian Workers)

🌸 1.00 – 2.00pm **Lunch** Tropicana Cafe

<b>1</b> <i>Disability workshop stream</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Direct Action workshop stream</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Anti-war workshop stream</i>	<b>5</b> <i>International Solidarity workshop stream</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Another food is possible: modest proposals for changing the way we eat</i>	<i>Other (Concurrent)</i>
<b>2.00pm</b> Welcome <b>2.15pm</b> Sharon Snyder and David Mitchell, University of Illinois, Chicago <b>2.25pm</b> A World without Bodies Film <b>3.00pm</b> Charlie Fox, University of WA 3.15 Break <b>3.25pm</b> Sharon Snyder and David Mitchell, University of Illinois, Chicago <b>3.35pm</b> Vital Signs: Crip Culture Talks Back: film <b>4.25pm</b> Peter Gibilisco, University of Melbourne <b>4.40pm</b> Open Space Discussion <b>5.30pm</b> Close	<b>2.00-2.45pm</b> Media Hacking (Indymedia)  <b>3.00 – 3:45pm</b> Baxter 05: a convergence for human rights (Refugee Rights Action Network)	<b>2.00-2.45pm</b> Fremantle & the Fight against Militarism (Fremantle-Anti-Nuclear Group) [to be confirmed]  <b>3.00 – 3:45pm</b> Defeating Bush & Howard's permanent war drive (Nikki Ulasowski).  <b>4.00-4.45pm</b> Another world is possible - visions of life after capital & war (Wade McDonald)	<b>2.00 - 3.30pm</b> Kurdistan issues (Iraqi Support Group of WA)  Ocalan & Kurdistan Today (Kurdish Cultural Centre)  <b>3.45-4.30</b> Defending Venezuela's Unfolding Peaceful Revolution. (Venezuela Solidarity Brigade)  <b>4.30-5.15</b> The Long Blockade on Cuba. (Australia-Cuba Friendship Society)	<b>2.00pm</b> Developing a Culture of 'Slow' (Slow Food Perth) <b>2.30pm</b> Building Edible Landscapes (Living Waters Permaculture Foundation) <b>3.00pm</b> Fair Trade in Coffee (CAA/Oxfam) <b>3.45pm</b> GM Crops: Good Food or Risky? (Network of Concerned Farmers) <b>4.15pm</b> Animals in the Industrial Food Cycle (Animal Advocates) <b>4.45pm</b> Summing up & discussion	<b>4</b> <b>2.00-2.45pm</b> What is Howard's anti-Union agenda & how can we stop it? (Maritime Union of Australia)  <b>7</b> <b>2.00-3.30pm</b> 'Passion Cafe': a Conversation for the 21st Century (Reworking Tomorrow in WA) Tropicana Cafe

🌸 5.30pm **Dinner** Tropicana Café

\* 6.45pm – 8.15pm **"Our world is not for sale"** : Public Services & Resistance to Privatisation. Helen Creed (ACTU), Dr Patricia Ranald (Public Interest Advocacy Centre), Chair: Professor Rob Lambert (Economics, UWA) Town Hall

\* 8.30 – 10.30 **Event:** Indymedia newsreels; performance poetry & stand up comedy Town Hall

# SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> March

<b>1</b> <b>8.00-9:30am</b> Yoga class - Transcendental Yoga Institute	<b>4</b> <b>9:30-10:45am</b> Physical Feminism & Self Defence (Jennifer Armstrong)
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\* 10.00 – 10.45am **Panel Discussion:** Militarisation, the 'War on Terror' & its Implications for Democracy  
Professor Simon Adams, Notre Dame & Andrew Wilkie [details to be confirmed] Town Hall

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Radical democracy stream</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Anti-privatisation workshop stream</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Women's workshop stream</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Environment workshop stream</i>	<b>6</b>
	<b>11.00 – 11.45am</b> Interrogating cowards' castles: a critique of parliamentary democracy (Naomi Segal, Social Sciences, Curtin)	<b>11.00 – 11.45am</b> Workers opposing privatisation- & winning! (Liquor, Hospitality, & Miscellaneous Workers Union)	<b>11.30am – 1pm</b> Rebuilding the WA Women's Movement – How? Strategies & Next Steps (Bev Thiele, Margot Boetcher, Pui San Whittaker)	<b>11.00 – 11.45am</b> Wet & wild - How can we protect WA's marine life? (WA Wilderness Society)	<b>11.00 – 11.45am</b> Falun Gong Presentation (to be confirmed)
<b>12.00 – 12.45pm</b> Sharing Indigenous Experience (Noongar & Chilean indigenous communities & Association for Defence & Diffusion of Aboriginal Cultures) Facilitator: Fernando Whittaker-Roa. Spanish interpreting available	<b>12.00 – 12.45pm</b> Lessons from Monty Miller: Anti Conscriptio Struggles (Vic Williams)	<b>12.00 – 12.45pm</b> Privatisation of Education (Secondary School Teachers Union)		<b>12.00 – 12.45pm</b> Community- oriented windfarms Raul Abrutat & Sustainable Energy Association of WA	<b>12.00 – 12.45pm</b> The politics of language (April Roper & Michael Yuen)

\* 1.00 – 2.30pm **Palm Sunday Peace Rally** (No War Alliance) Speaker: Andrew Wilkie King's Square

\* 2.30 – 4.00pm **Final PSF plenary session:** PSF declaration and the future of the PSF Town Hall

🌸 4.00 – 6.00pm **Picnic & Celebration** The Esplanade