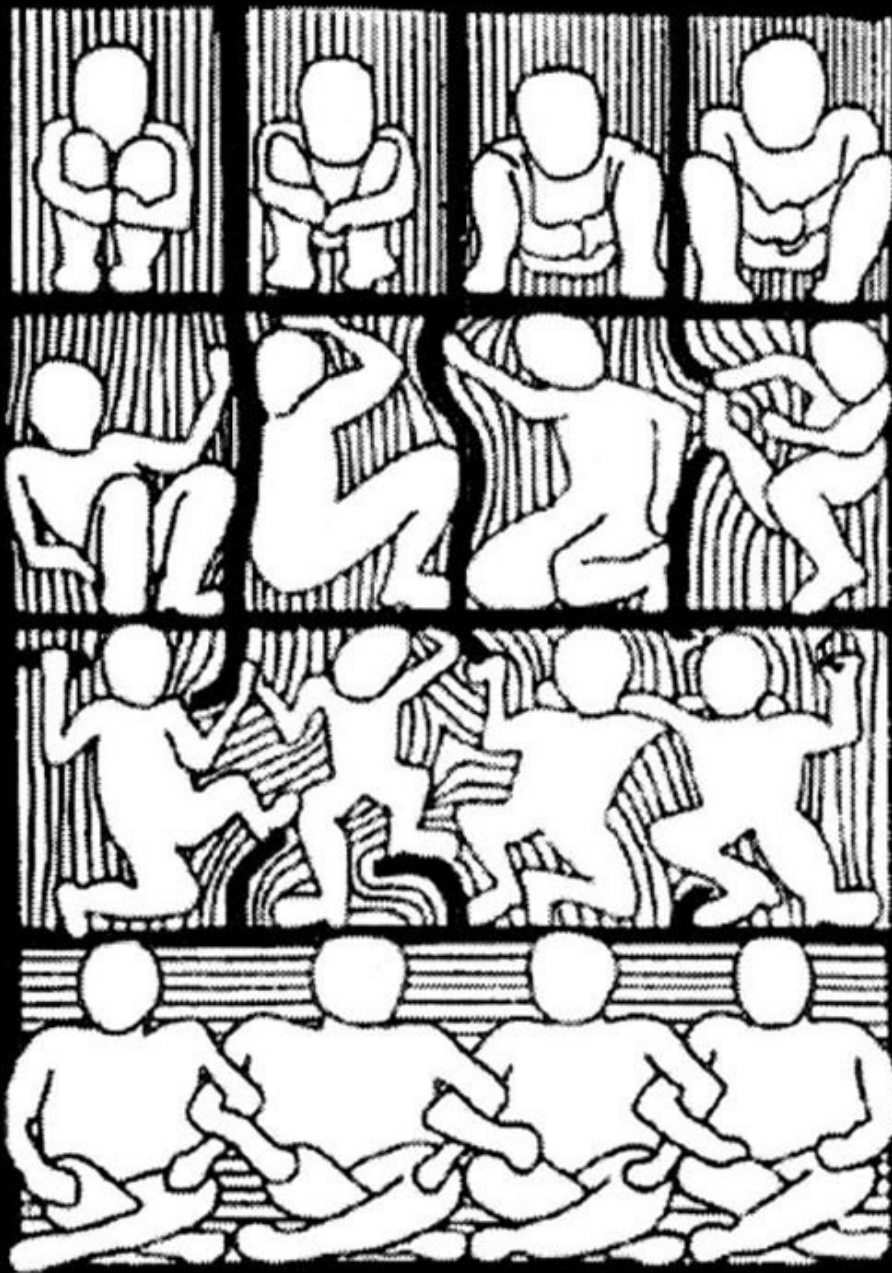


PERTH SOCIAL FORUM



people
connecting
to
change
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world...
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Perth!

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What is a SOCIAL FORUM??

The Perth Social Forum follows the inspiring World Social Forums which have taken place over the last four years. The World Social Forum was created to provide an open platform to discuss strategies of resistance to the model for globalisation formulated at the annual World Economic Forum by large multinational corporations, national governments, IMF, the World Bank and the WTO. The World Social Forum seeks to provide a space for discussing alternatives, for exchanging experiences and for strengthening alliances between social movements, unions and non-government organisations.

The social forum model is in some ways similar to a conference, but far more dynamic, inclusive and participatory. The basic idea is the creation of a space for everyone to come together with a respect for that space, and to use the space as they see fit. Already in Australia, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane have held

successful social forums, attracting international keynote speakers, and hundreds of participants.

The social forum phenomenon is not only about the events that take place. The events should be supported and nurtured by an ongoing process of cooperation amongst groups and individuals involved in working for just and equitable social, economic and environmental change, and the circulation of consciousness between these activist networks and the wider public.

Find out more

- ⊗ www.perthsocialforum.org
- ⊗ www.sydney-socialforum.org
- ⊗ www.brisbanesocialforum.org
- ⊗ <http://www.nadir.org/nadir/initiativ/agp/free/wsf/>
- ⊗ www.wsfindia.org

What the PERTH SOCIAL FORUM could be ...

- ⊗ a space created for and by the participants, to promote discussion in a spirit of openness, collaboration and constructive debate.
- ⊗ a space for music, art, activism, debate, connection, and revitalisation.

⊗ a platform for groups and individuals to make proposals for action and to make concrete inter-linkages between campaigns.

⊗ an open space promoting solidarity and cooperation among the diversity of social change networks in Perth, Australia and internationally.

... is what we make it!



Get involved



The Perth Social Forum will take place in East Perth from **Friday 26th to Sunday 28th November 2004**. Start organising your own input into one of the most exciting alternative events to ever hit Perth!

☉ **Organise a workshop for the Perth Social Forum.** Get your proposals in soon or contact us to discuss your ideas.

☉ **Organise a workshop stream.** If one session alone is not enough, you can organise a series of workshops. Consider working with other groups on particular issues or themes.

☉ **Contact us to discuss your ideas for content.** No matter how big or small, your ideas help the Organising Collective to plan what themes, debates, actions, and creative events should be structured in.

☉ **Endorse the Perth Social Forum** - raise a motion at your next meeting. Members of the collective are available to address your group's meeting.

☉ **Support our fundraising efforts, or make a direct donation to the Perth Social Forum.** Something this exciting costs a lot of money to organise!

☉ **Get involved in the Organising Collective.**

Meetings happen every Wednesday, 6.30pm at Groovy Space, 195 Pier Street. **Meetings include dinner!**

Working groups are forming around: Outreach; Fundraising; Logistics; Art/Music/Culture; Promotions/Publicity.

Phone: 0423 356 415 for more info.

The Perth Social Forum

Organising Collective is a

voluntary body; it adopts no

positions beyond facilitating

the Perth Social Forum.

We are not a movement, a

campaign, or an organisation

with power structures, but a

shifting community of people

who work together voluntarily

in a spirit of mutual support

and tolerance.

We seek to provide an

alternative and supportive

space in which people can

network, plan activities, share

ideas, build communities and

be sustained by having fun!

Monthly Open Space Forums

People connecting to share information, inspiration, and food... and change the world, starting with Perth!

These monthly forums will use Open Space Technology, a highly inclusive and participatory group process - any issues or ideas you want to discuss can be discussed. Each night will include an update on the Perth Social Forum, time for announcements of upcoming events, food, and music!

Wednesday 11th August

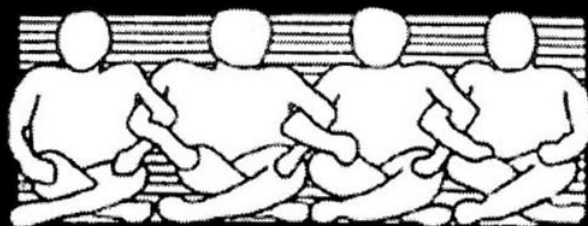
Food and gathering from 6pm;
forum commences at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 8th September

The Outback Centre/Earthwise,
315 Bagot Road, Subiaco.

Wednesday 13th October

Want to know more? Phone: 0423 356 415, or visit www.openspaceworld.org for info about Open Space facilitation and process.



Perth Social Forum Art Workshop

This fun and collaborative ongoing art workshop will create a papier-mâché representation of the concept 'people connecting to change the world'.

The artpiece will be completed at the Perth Social Forum in November where people will be invited to add poems, text, painting and design.

Workshops: Wednesdays 10am - 2pm and Saturdays 3pm-6pm, from August through to November. Venue to be advised.

If you would like to create art to change the world...

Email : trudy_g_03@hotmail.com, or leave a message for Trudy: 0423 356 415

Everyone is welcome to be involved - you don't have to be an artist.