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WEXPO 2023 and Cost of Living

SydWest Multicultural Services is pleased to announce that it is a premium sponsor of this year's WEXPO Blacktown and will be delivering an important **Cost of Living Community Leaders Forum** on Tuesday 5 September 2023 at Workers Blacktown.

WEXPO 2023 is a unique blend of exhibition, workshops and thought-provoking Forums and everyone in the community is invited to visit and join in.

*"SydWest Multicultural Services is particularly proud of its **Cost of Living Forum**, an important session to address cost of living pressures that so many of us are experiencing.* said Elfa Moraitakis, CEO.

With an almost 7% inflation rate, essential things like food, medication, electricity and housing are becoming high price items – individually and collectively we need to explore options and address the growing inequality that cost of living is causing in our society."

This session will promise insights, solutions and recommendations to the NSW government on how to take the crisis out of cost of living, with guest speakers including:

- Dr Jim Taggart OAM - Forum moderator
- Elfa Moraitakis, CEO, SydWest Multicultural Services - Welcome/Introductions
- Panel Speakers
- Joanna Quilty, CEO, NCOSS
- Michael Fox, Quality and Practice Manager, Mission Australia Western Sydney
- Clement Meru, Settlement and Community Programs Manager, SydWest Multicultural Services
- Najwa Tirezy, community representative

The **Cost of Living** Forum will be held as part of the Community Leaders sessions being held during WEXPO Blacktown 2023.

Now in its second year, WEXPO is a full day of workshops, forums, entertainment and special guest speakers. There will also be exhibitors showcasing their services and products in the Diamond Room and near the Ballroom.



There is no need to register for WEXPO 2023 if someone is just visiting the exhibition. However, all Forums have registration processes.

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Established nearly 40 years ago, SydWest Multicultural Services is a leading organisation for all cultural diversity issues responding to community needs and opportunities across Greater Western Sydney. SydWest provides a range of services to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities to assist with settling and living productive and independent lives in the community. We offer flexible and integrated service models across the life course of refugees and migrants, supporting the self-determination and empowerment of our diverse communities. SydWest is an innovative employer of choice, with passionate, qualified and experienced bilingual and bicultural staff who are sensitive to the languages and cultures of the communities we represent.