**The WAPOU Women’s Committee invites you to participate in the…**

**Anna Stewart Memorial Project 2020**

Program Dates: Monday 19 to Friday 23 October 2020

Training Venue: UnionsWA, Level 4, 445 Hay St, PERTH WA 6000

The Anna Stewart Memorial Project is a week-long development program, during which women from diverse workplaces and occupations spend time together discussing work and issues that affect them.

The project is a memorial to a former union official who passed away in 1983, aged 35. Her involvement with the union movement began at a time when women’s work was poorly paid and lacked job security and recognition.

Women still experience job insecurity and low pay and are often under-represented in decision making and leadership positions.

**What’s this Project About?**

The aim of this project is to:

* Give women the tools and training to take on leadership roles within their unions and workplaces.
* Discuss the particular needs of female union members and the difference women leaders can make to the development and growth of their union.
* Teach women about workplace issues such as discrimination, awards, agreements, wages, superannuation, politics, history, feminism and workplace laws that affect working women.

**The project is a mix of training sessions, discussion, presentations from influential women in unions and politics, plus a day of work placement with union organisers.**

**Who gets to go?**

Up to four female union members are selected to participate each year by WAPOU. Successful applicants can access special paid leave to attend, if the program is scheduled during work time. Applications are also accepted from regional members, as well as Acacia.

Applicants are asked to answer two brief criteria to assist the Women’s Committee in their selection (see over). Female members who are already participating in their local WAPOU committees are encouraged to apply.

**Application Details**

Applications are to be submitted to [wapou@wapou.asn.au](mailto:wapou@wapou.asn.au) by 9am, Wednesday 26 August 2020, and contain the following information.

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| Full Name: |  |
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| Home Address: |  |
| Email (Home): |  |
| Email (Work): |  |
| Do you have any requirements which will need to be addressed for you to participate? (e.g. food allergies or a disability) | |
| What motivates you to take on leadership roles within your union or workplace? (150-word limit) | |
| How do you see yourself influencing and advocating for women working in the corrective services environment? (150-word limit) | |