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SOCIAL INCLUSION – BEYOND BACKSLAPPING?

On Thursday 21 and Friday 22 August, at the Allan Scott Park function centre, Morphettville, SACOSS is hosting over 200 delegates to hear and discuss the philosophy and reality of social inclusion.

The South Australian Council of Social Service (SACOSS) is the peak body representing community services in SA. As part of its ongoing remit to tackle poverty, social exclusion, economic disadvantage, deprivation and inequality, SACOSS's 2008 conference aims to examine emerging issues and trends in policy and programs that may influence or inhibit a truly inclusive South Australian community.

Destination Inclusion: SACOSS Stronger Communities Conference 2008 provides a key opportunity to examine the myriad ways of travelling toward the destination of an inclusive society - are we full steam ahead or just treading water? What is our timetable? Is the inclusion/exclusion debate a distraction from taking action? Are people any better off since the introduction of the trendy concept of "inclusion"?

Speakers include **Monsignor David Cappelletti**, Commissioner for Social Inclusion; **Professor Dorothy Scott**, the Director of the Australian Centre for Child Protection and Foundation Chair in Child Protection UniSA; **Klynton Wanganeen**, Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement; **Alan Tidswell**, OneSteel; **Peter Vaughan**, Business SA; as well as grassroots practitioners engaging communities and individuals on the fringes, and many more.

A conference program outline is available from www.sacoss.org.au/events/conference

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