



The Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network invites you
to attend our workshops on
Advocacy to Achieve Environmental Outcomes

Overview

Advocacy is an important tool used by business, industry, peak groups and the community sector to influence public policy outcomes. However, within the community sector there has been considerable uncertainty about when this tool can be used. And within the philanthropic sector there has been even greater misunderstanding and uncertainty about what can be funded and indeed the nature of advocacy itself.

These workshops are designed to assist funders to understand the role of advocacy to achieve environmental protection in light of recent court determinations such as the Aidwatch case and government interpretations.

We will explore the nature of advocacy, the Australian Tax Office's directions on what the community sector can do in relation to advocacy and what is possible to fund. We will also consider some examples of successful grants for advocacy work in the environmental sector.

Further Details

Sydney Workshop
Date Tuesday 17th May 2011
Time 10–12
Venue TBD
Cost Free

Melbourne Workshop
Date Thursday 19th May 2011
Time 10–12
Venue Level 2 / 39 Little Collins Street, Melbourne
Cost Free

RSVP Essential

Please RSVP by Tuesday 10th May.
Contact John Chadderton at the office on
03 9663 7844 or email - info@aegn.org.au

Please note—this event is open to grantmakers not grantseekers.

Speaker

Esther Abram and Changemakers Australia

Esther Abram is the project manager of the Charity Law Reform Project at Changemakers Australia. The project is seeking changes to charity laws to ensure philanthropic and community organisations can legitimately work towards social change. Changemakers believes that while there is an important role for organisations to deliver direct relief of social and environmental ills (such as poverty or environmental degradation), so too is there a need to address the root causes of such problems.

Esther has worked in a leadership capacity within the non government environment sector for eight years, as Director of Environment Victoria (the state umbrella group for community based interests) and as the inaugural CEO of the Moreland Energy Foundation. She has worked at a variety of levels to pursue sustainability, including advocacy to State and Federal Governments, community based campaigns and the development of programs to involve community members in taking up sustainability in their own lives.

For the past 6 years Esther has been consulting predominantly to the NGO sector and raising two gorgeous daughters.