



We want you!

An Opportunity to Work in Your Union Office

Introducing the . . .

ASU Jill Westthorp Member Organiser Programme

A Short History

Jill Westthorp was a long time active member and Workplace Rep for the Community and Public Sector Union before commencing work at Kidney Health Call Centre in 2003. Coming into a difficult work environment, Jill's commitment to fairness and her drive to ensure people were treated with respect saw her not just join her Union the ASU but quickly take on the role of Workplace Rep.

Jill wanted to explore different ways of contributing to her Union and in 2005, despite beginning to suffer from a very difficult illness, Jill took on the role of ASU Member Organiser. Since 2004, we have been running the Programme.

As a tribute to the commitment and work of ASU Workplace Rep Jill Westthorp who passed away in early 2006, our Member Organiser Programme has been named the *Jill Westthorp Member Organiser Programme*.



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ASU Member Organisers ... contribute to our vision

Our Union will be a strong, active and growing Union, organising workers to collectively build power in our workplaces, industries and communities to win better working conditions and to build a fair and just society for all.

What is the Programme About?

The Programme gives ASU members the opportunity to work in their Union Office. Programme participants will learn how they can help grow their Union and develop the skills needed to organize members to win in their workplaces and industries. Progressive Unions around the world are growing and winning on workplace and industry issues by incorporating Member Organiser Programmes into their everyday work. ASU Member Organisers are part of our Union's future. Member Organiser Programmes really work ... for the whole Union and for members who participate.

Each Member Organiser will be based in the Branch for a period of three months. Leave without pay from the Member Organiser's current workplace will be negotiated and Member Organisers will be paid by the ASU or we will reimburse the employer for the Member Organiser's wages.

Member Organisers will work closely with Union Organisers on a range of projects and campaigns.

The Member Organiser Programme is for ASU members who can demonstrate their commitment to the ASU through their current, or recent, participation in Union workplace activity. It is particularly suited for Workplace Reps who have undertaken Workplace Reps education at the ASU Office.

There may be opportunities for Member Organisers to join the ASU as Organisers in the future.

Why should I become a Member Organiser?

Members who participate in the Programme will benefit by:

- contributing to the growth of our Union;
- developing their skills and knowledge of how the Union and industrial relations systems work;
- learning through a structured skills and knowledge development plan;
- increasing their awareness of the industrial and political context in which Unions work;
- developing their skills in organising and educating members and potential members;
- contributing to ASU campaigns;
- having increased access to employment opportunities in the movement; and
- being part of a network of other Member Organisers.

How do I get involved?

To register your interest in participating in the ASU's Jill Westthorp Member Organiser Programme, please fill in the Expression of Interest form overleaf and give it to an ASU Organiser or send it to the ASU Office, PO Box 2217, Kent Town 5071 or fax it to (08) 8363 2225.

For further information ...

Please contact Branch Assistant Secretary Katrine Hildyard at the ASU on (08) 8363 1322 or by email at khildyard@asu-sant.asn.au.



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Expression of Interest

Yes! I am interested in the ASU Jill Westthorp Member Organiser Programme ...

Name _____

Workplace _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone Work _____ Home _____ Mobile _____

I would like to participate in the ASU Jill Westthorp Member Organiser Programme because:

Have you undertaken any Union education? If so, please indicate what training and when:

Workplace Reps Stage 1 _____

Workplace Reps Stage 2 _____

Building Power for Bargaining _____

Sovanna Soy Youth Project _____

Anna Stewart Memorial Project _____

Is there any particular time (of year) that is best for you to participate in the Programme?

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