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Workshops to build Bridges Out of Poverty

Service providers from across the State will be challenged to reassess their approaches to addressing the impact of poverty at a two-day event at UTAS Cradle Coast Campus in November.

The Bridges Out of Poverty workshops are aimed at improving outcomes for those affected by poverty, and have been jointly organised by the Department of Health and Human Services and the UTAS Institute for Regional Development, with the support of a Rural Health Week grant.

Dr Robyn Eversole from the Institute of Regional Development said the workshops would focus on creating better relationships and outcomes through understanding human behaviour and would be relevant to practitioners across the health, education, housing, justice and social service sectors.

“Understanding poverty and disadvantage is critical for governments, community organisations and educators, in their endeavours to improve the quality of life of their clients and communities,” Dr Eversole said.

Bridges Out of Poverty workshops are delivered across Australia by Nairn Walker from the Launceston-based company Social Solutions.

“The workshops have already reached hundreds of thousands of service providers and businesses whose daily work connects them with the lives of people in poverty,” Ms Walker said.

“We assist service providers to redesign their programs and develop the skills of practitioners to enable them to work more effectively, and maximise outcomes for people affected by poverty.”

The workshops will be held on the 15th and 16th of November and registrations can be made through the UTAS Cradle Coast Campus website: <http://www.cradle-coast.utas.edu.au>

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