

## **About Ann O'Neill**

As a Perth born woman who is a mother, sister, aunt, friend and community member I endeavour to walk in the world in a way that is gentle and humane throughout all of my activities and roles, be they as a family member, a friend, a peer-supporter, the director of angelhands, a humanitarian, a victimologist, an educator, an activist, a volunteer, or a researcher. Further, I strive to promote and pursue justice in all its aspects (legal, economic, social, moral and political) for people, animals and the environment.



I believe that I have a duty to contribute to the world I live in and have thus spent a good portion of my time involved in organisations and committees that seek to address the issues and inequities faced by some sectors of the community. I am always eager to expand my knowledge base and the areas in which I spend my energy. Thus, I never set limits on the areas I may participate in.

## **Brief Resume**

### **Work:**

1. Founder & Director angelhands Inc.
2. Project Worker, Family Violence Court Metropolitan Expansion Project
3. PhD Candidate - Curtin University Centre for International Health
4. Consultant Researcher, Social Worker, and Educator, and
5. Project Manager, angelhands Inc Retreats Program: From Surviving to thriving...

### **Other Involvements:**

1. Victims of Crime Reference Group
2. Victim Support Australasia
3. UWA Centre for Forensic Science Board
4. Community Safety and Crime Prevention Council
5. SAVE Women's Group
6. Homicide Victims Support Group
7. World Society of Victimology
8. Canning General Practitioners Family and Domestic Violence Reference Group
9. Sycamore Tree Project Supporter

### **Key Educational Attainment:**

- a) Curtin University of Technology, Bentley Western Australia, PhD., International Health, Current LOA
- b) The Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik, Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice, 2006
- c) Curtin University of Technology, Bentley, Western Australia, Bachelor of Social Work, (Hons 1), 2000

### **Scholarships/Awards:**

1. WA Social Worker of the Year Finalist in the Richmond Fellowship WA Agent of Change Award Category, 2009
2. List Inspire, Every Woman is Extraordinary Ambassador, 2008.
3. Humanitarian Awards, Australian Altruism Foundation, Education Category Winner, 2005.
4. Dr Louisa Alessandri Memorial Fund Scholarship, Achievement Award, 2005
5. People with Disabilities Western Australia, Media Awards, 2004,
6. Bank West Scholarship 2004, Finalist
7. Divisional Scholarship, Health Sciences Division, Curtin University of Technology, 2003 – 2006
8. 40 UNDER 40 Awards, WA Business News, 2003, NOMINEE
9. Grace Vaughan Award, 2001
10. Golden Key National Honour Society, 2000
11. Western Australian Police Service Certificate of Appreciation, 2000
12. Domestic Violence Council of Western Australia, Award of Excellence, 2000
13. Western Australian Police Force: Certificate of Appreciation, 1996
14. Adult Learners Week Awards: Outstanding Learner- Encouragement Award, 1996,

### **Key Presentations (examples):**

*Nothing Will Ever Happen... What is challenged when it does and the victims' responses'* Workshop  
Orlando, Florida, USA, World Society of Victimology's 12th International Symposium on  
Victimology, Thursday 24 August 2006

*World Society of Victimology, Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice, New perspectives  
of victims of crime*, Student presentation Dubrovnik, Croatia, May 2006

*The Needs of Victims of Crime: things to be aware of when developing and implementing policy*,  
Invited Interactive Lecture, Crime Prevention Unit, Perth, WA, 2004.

*Living with Death and Laughing at Life: How to support Victims of Crime*, Invited Lecture, Masters in  
Criminal Justice Studies Students, University of Western Australian, Nedlands, WA, 2004.

*Policing And Considering The Needs Of Victims Of Crime*, Invited Educational Address, Officers in  
Charge of Peel Region, Peel Regional OIC Meeting, Mandurah, WA, 2004.

*Journeying through our Criminal Justice System: A Presentation Of An Alternative Perception – That  
Of A Victim Of Crime*, Invited Address, Western Australian Supreme Court Judges, Perth, WA,  
May 2002.