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## 2010 - Women's Conference JUSTICE FOR ASU WOMEN

On March 10, 2010, the Australian Services Union will once again hold our annual Women's Conference, with this year's theme being 'Justice for ASU Women'.

ASU Women's Officer Maria Kaplanis explained the importance of the theme in what promises to be another successful conference.

"The 2010 conference is being held two days after International Women's Day, a significant day for all women across the world. In Australia we are still striving to achieve 'Justice' in a number of areas for women such as Pay Equity, Superannuation, Occupational Health & Safety and Women in Leadership positions and our union is leading the fight on these issues.

We need to look back at our history and see how far working women have come, how much they have accomplished and recognise the path/obstacles that we need to overcome to reach our ultimate goals of 'Justice'.

The Keynote address at the conference will be delivered by Dr Sara Charlesworth, Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Applied Social Research, RMIT University. Sara has a background in social work, industrial relations and legal studies. She has extensive experience in the areas of equal employment opportunity, work/family balance and workplace reform. Sara has worked with the ASU in the past on a number of projects, including a recent report on Pay Equity in home care. She has also sought the involvement of ASU members in a number of her research projects.

One of the highlights of the Conference will be the numerous choice of workshops available to members on the day. These will include the impact of climate change on employment, bullying in the workplace and the advancement of women in leadership considering the work/family 'collision'.

"These workshops are all very important because they touch on most of the issues that could be faced by ASU Women in the workplace," added Maria.

If you wish to register for the conference please go to:

[http://www.asuvic.asn.au/15346\\_38208.6738.html](http://www.asuvic.asn.au/15346_38208.6738.html)

to register via the web. To find out more about the conference, go to the ASU Women's web page <http://www.asuvic.asn.au/29.html> or call Maria Kaplanis on 9342 3410 or email her on [mkaplanis@asuvic.com](mailto:mkaplanis@asuvic.com)

## Australian Services Union (Vic Auth. & Services Branch) Annual Award for Women

The ASU Annual Award for Women honours ASU members who make or have made outstanding efforts to promote women's participation in the ASU.

The criteria for the Award incorporate characteristics such as:

- i An active branch member;
- ii Outstanding service as a Delegate, EEO Delegate, OH&S Delegate;
- iii Women's Committee member and/or other member to promote and encourage women's participation in the ASU;
- iv Chosen by the Women's Committee.

The Award was first presented in 1995 and has been awarded annually since that time. Past recipients are:

- 1995: Pat Woods
- 1996: Julie Canals-Tasevski
- 1997: Robyn Glascott & Margery Danaher  
*(note: two awards in 1997)*
- 1998: Claire Watt
- 1999: Geraldene McPhee
- 2000: Leonie Grant
- 2001: Michelle McCann
- 2002: Jo Thompson
- 2003: Wendy Phillips
- 2004: Julie Kun
- 2005: Mary Hollindale
- 2006: Wendy McManus
- 2007: Merri Blair & Josie Ackerman  
*(note: two awards in 2007)*
- 2008: Maggie Marcon & Lillian O'Connor  
*(note: two awards in 2008)*
- 2009: Kathy Smalley

The Award is presented each year at ASU Women's Conference.

If you know an outstanding candidate for this award at your workplace then please nominate them!

Nominations should be sent to Maria Kaplanis via email [mkaplanis@asuvic.com](mailto:mkaplanis@asuvic.com) by close of business on February 12, 2010. Please include a brief description about why you are nominating the person, in line with the above criteria if possible.

