

The Labour History Society SA

History Festival Event

Work, Unemployment & Welfare: Then and Now

Sunday 13th May at 2.00 p.m. at the Box Factory,
59 Regent Street South, Adelaide, 5000
A free & open community event

What was it like to be a worker in the Great Depression? How much has changed for the job insecure and unemployed today? Why should we care? Join historian and political economist Dr Ray Broomhill and SA Council of Social Service CEO Ross Womersley for an honest look at the causes and effects of economic hardship, unemployment and homelessness then and now. Government policy will be given the once over. What works and what just makes things worse? An event to empower, not depress!



Hut built in Depression years in Torrens Gorge



Dr Ray Broomhill began his academic life as a social historian and sociologist. For many years he taught political economy in the Labour Studies program at Adelaide University. In this talk he revisits his first book *Unemployed Workers: A Social History of the Great Depression in Adelaide*, which was based upon interviews with survivors of unemployment during the 1930s. Following retirement Ray holds an honorary position at the University of Adelaide as adjunct researcher and postgraduate supervisor in the School of Social Sciences.



Ross Womersley is CEO of the South Australian Council of Social Service (SACOSS) – the peak body for the non-government community and health sector leading the fight against poverty. He has wide-ranging experience in community services and is driven by the idea that we live in a community in which everyone is included and has access to the good things in life. Issues Ross is passionate about include the social determinants of health. He has a formal background and qualifications in Psychology. Ross works to assist SACOSS fulfill its aspirational vision - that there is justice, opportunity and wealth for all South Australians.

All welcome – free event - no bookings necessary – afternoon tea provided.

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