

Recording our - your - past for the future

Memorabilia of people's lives is being gathered as part of a City of Sydney project to help preserve current history for future generations. 'The Past in Print' initiative, developed by the City's Archives and Library teams, aims to tell a story about the residents, businesses, community groups and landmarks of the eight Villages across the Local Government Area.

The inaugural call-out for contributions for this first-ever community archiving project will be launched next month at the Surry Hills Library and Community Centre.

"We are asking community members to think about what life in the City and its villages means to them, and collect and donate items they would like to see preserved as part of the City's history," said Lord

Moore MP.

"Items such as business cards, menus, postcards, pamphlets, tickets, posters, badges and stickers can provide colourful details about local grassroots history, making the past more real to future generations.

"Sydney is a diverse and vibrant City with a fascinating history, so it is important that we record and preserve the experiences of our local villages.

"This project will help illuminate the history of our City, add



Moore Clover texture to local stories and



memories, and record changes that occur over time.

"I encourage all Sydneysiders to start thinking about what they can contribute to this unique community archiving project."

After Surry Hills, the project will be rolled out via libraries at Customs House, Newtown, Waterloo, Ultimo, Kings Cross, Haymarket and Glebe.

A collection point for community members to drop off their contributions will be available in each Library. As the collection grows, it will be

managed by the City's Archives team.

'The Past in Print' launches on Saturday 1 May at the Surry Hills Library and Community Centre. City archivists will be on site between 10.30am - 11.30am to display some great items of 'the past in print' and answer questions about how you can contribute to the project.

Whilst the launch is free, bookings are essential. For more information, please call 02 8374 6230 or visit: www.city-ofsydney.nsw.gov.au/whatson/

German historian asks "Cultural" tax in favor of Greeks and why Greeks should not want it

An interesting article from Καθημερινή about Leonora Seeling, historian and author who suggests: "Five cents a word, to save Greece": "A German historian and writer rose against the insulting reports in the German press about Greece. As noted in Deutsche Welle's website («DW»), it's Leonora Seeling, which sought to impose a temporary, cultural tax for the financial rescue of Greece.

According to the publication, Mrs Seeling is not an expert about Greek issues in Germany. However, she has taught in German and French universities, history of mathematics and physics, has published literature and has done many trips the last decade in Greece and now she objects firmly by writing a book. Her book, "Arykanda (as it was the ancient city of Lycia), which was published by a small publishing house in Stuttgart is written in the form of speaking to citizens and is entitled: "5 cents, to save Greece. It is - according to the newspaper - "a warm unconditional advocacy for Greece by a German author. The reason of her public position was the annoying tone of german publications against Greece. Moreover, the question for Mrs Seeling is not to identify the weaknesses of Greek fiscal policy, but to find reasons at any cost to save Greece, which it considers valuable as the cradle of European civilization.

For this reason, Mrs. Seeling proposed the imposition - at a European level - of a minimal, symbolic cultural tax: indeed, whoever is currently using Greek words to pay five 'cheap' cents for each one of them. That is, when the German say "Idee", when the French pronounce "idee" or the British "idea", to be awarded immediately 5 cents in the Greek public purse. The same goes for the words psyche and psychoanalysis, democracy and politics, museum, Europe, euro and so on.



With passion, persistence and apparent joy Mrs Seeling counts the millions and billions that will be entering the empty Greek 'money box'. Indeed, she is absolutely convinced that the European people owe this tax in Greece because without its intellectual and scientific achievements would exist today neither European culture, nor European technology, nor aircraft will be moved, nor the ships would cross the seas.

The second aim of the German writer is to "snuggle" the Germany authors-publications, which with a professor's style rushed to condemn the practice of Greek practice and culture. For this reason, she reminded that next to the Greek naively overt corruption - "democratic corruption", as it is called - is the lofty and hypocritical corruption of the German economy and politics.

For this reason, Mrs. Seeling made the comparison of the earnings of a Greek government official, along with the cut of 10%, with the highest bonus - under certain conditions - that get the German unemployed. She has also proposed the reduction of Greek purchases of German arms to 50% or more. According to «DW», Leonora Seeling says, "I did all this, simply because I am an educated German who's stepped on the toes because they challenged Greece."

Thank you Mrs Seeling but no! No money! No more money to the "money box". Money goes to politicians and not to the people. Money will create more scandals for people to watch. Here we have a deep and profound crisis over democracy. Athenians gave birth to that system and it seems they are the ones who destroy, reverse, recant it.

Is it time to imagine a new system for governance....???

Community Grants Program now open

Programs or events that benefit the citizens of the Marrickville local government area are eligible for funding under the Marrickville Council Community Grants Program and the Community Development and Support Expenditure (CDSE) scheme. Applications are now open. The Community Grants Program aims to provide financial support to non-profit, community-based organisations. The maximum amount available for individual projects is \$5,000.

The CDSE Scheme aims to improve the living standards of low income and disadvantaged people. The maximum amount available for individual projects is \$25,000.

Information sessions on the two programs will be held on Wednesday 12 May 2010 in Petersham.

The sessions will provide an opportunity to discuss funding ideas with Council officers, find out more about local priorities, and learn how to complete the application forms.

The Mayor of Marrickville Councillor Sam Iskandar said the Community Grants Program was for projects that meet the social needs of local residents. "I urge local community organisations to come along to the information sessions as they will provide invaluable advice. Council's Community Grants Program helps to build social capital and sustainability, and encourages active citizenship," Councillor Iskandar said. General Manager at The Bower Reuse & Repair Centre Maaik Pullar said they received a Community Grant last year and bought a printer for their Eco-Library. "The Grant has been absolutely invaluable. The amount of waste that we divert every year is a direct result of council support. It allowed us to do a lot of our own marketing and mail-outs, and to expand our contacts and networks - it's been fantastic."

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Marrickville Council Community Grants Program and Community Development and Support Expenditure (CDSE) scheme information sessions will be held on Wednesday 12 May 2010 at 1.00pm - 2.00pm, and 6.00pm - 7.00pm in the Amenities Room of Petersham Town Hall, 107 Crystal Street Petersham.

For copies of the Community Grant guidelines and an application form contact Council on 9335 2222 or visit the website <http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au/> MAC-ROBUTTON HtmlResAnchor www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au. Applications close on Wednesday 2 June.