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TCF Global Goes From Strength To Strength

Carol Hanlon, Manager of the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC), and Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre WA (TCFWA / TCF Global) has recently returned from an amazing world journey after winning the coveted 2009 City of Perth Convention Scholarship which was worth \$10,000.

The City of Perth Convention Scholarship is designed to assist the winner, from a not-for-profit organization, in their personal and professional development, either through attendance at a relevant international conference or undertaking further study in their field of chosen study or endeavour.

The scholarship is funded by the City of Perth and is an initiative of the Perth Convention Bureau. It aims to nurture 'local champions' who are keen to attract conferences to Western Australia.

As a result of Ms Hanlon's trip TCF Global is delighted to announce that the 3rd International Fashion Incubator Conference will be held in Perth during the 2011 Perth Fashion Festival.

The 3rd International Fashion Incubator Conference will aim to build on previous successful conferences of Fashion Incubators held in other exotic locations around the globe. The conference will assist the growth and development of fashion industry educators and those that nurture and support emerging designers, as well as elevating Perth on the international fashion stage.

Ms Hanlon said, "The trip has been fantastic for the globalisation of the fashion industry, as many of the fashion incubators and associations I visited have now joined the TCF Global Network. Opportunities are still pouring in including free space for designers at the LeCuir leather exhibition in Paris, and opportunities for designers wanting to get an agent in LA. During the visits, it was great to organise high profile guest speakers from the Fashion Incubators in Toronto, Amsterdam and Los Angeles who have agreed to visit Perth for the 2011 Conference.

International fashion incubators and associations that are joining the TCF Global network include Fashion Business Inc (Los Angeles, USA), Washington, Atlanta & Chicago Fashion Incubators, NY Designs New York, Toronto Fashion Incubator, Redlight Fashion Amsterdam, Dunedin Fashion Incubator, New Zealand, Fair Trade Egypt, London College of Fashion, Centre of Fashion Enterprise & Cockpit Arts London and Proгато Fashion Incubator (Milan, Italy)

With Carol utilizing her long service leave from the Belmont BEC to undertake the global Fashion Incubators visits, Carol also volunteered to assist TCF Global community sewing projects at TCF Ormoc, (Philippines), Association Alma de Mujer (Cuzco Peru) and also undertook research to establish a new community sewing project for disadvantaged women TCF Grand Port, Mauritius.

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