

## Overview of Mannkal Foundation's Role

### ***Freedom Factory***

Mannkal's inaugural *Freedom Factory* event is designed to create the tools for the next generation to further the cause to strengthen the free market system in Western Australia and Australia, by promoting ideals of voluntary co-operation, choice, personal rights and responsibilities, limited government and resourcefulness of individuals.

Events such as *Freedom Factory* are critical as a large number of Western social-democracies have regressed and unwound a generation's worth of advances in free markets and individual liberties. In fact, for those who experienced the rise of free market philosophies during the 1980s first hand — facilitated by the quiet work of the previous two decades — it should be remembered that school leavers entering the workforce in 2009 were probably born after both Thatcher and Reagan left office.

As the memories of the period of struggle and isolation in the 1960s and 1970s start to fade, *Freedom Factory* aims to bring together those who have lived through earlier battles of ideas and the next generation now facing a Herculean task. Aside from the veterans of past events and future leaders, this event also brings together economists, policymakers, politicians, think-tank researchers, students and young professionals.

It is envisaged that Mannkal's *Freedom Factory* is going to become a regular feature of its education program and be the pre-eminent WA forum to discuss libertarian, free-market and economic principles.

### **Mannkal's Mission**

To strengthen the free market system in Western Australia and Australia, by promoting ideals of voluntary co-operation, choice, personal rights, limited government, and resourcefulness of individuals. Mannkal finances and organises:

- Events that allow individuals to exchange ideas defending free markets.
- Seminars and student scholarships to promote the greater understanding of the concepts that underpin free societies.
- Policy papers on relevant topics pertaining to Western Australia.

### **Mannkal's Guiding Philosophy**

Western Australia was settled by pioneers with deeply entrenched beliefs in political freedom. To maintain that freedom in the new colony, our pioneers established important institutions - courts, universities, parliaments, churches, a free press and other public and private organisations which they believed were necessary to preserve their way of life.

The freedom of average citizens to pursue their own ambitions has been dramatically curtailed - primarily through the inordinate growth of government regulation and taxation. The collapse of the Soviet Union saw socialism as an economic doctrine completely discredited. However, its various social permutations and its central planning devotees are still in existence and are active within many of Australia's educational institutions - including those in Western Australia. Because national prosperity and other forms of well-being are driven and sustained only by the resourcefulness and creative energies of its citizens, it is essential for Australia's future that these traditions of freedom are rediscovered and re-established.

The Mannkal Economic Education Foundation will employ its resources to assist in the rediscovery and refurbishment of the traditions which form the basis of national prosperity and personal freedom. Or, as Nobel Laureate, F.A. Hayek said, "We must make the building of a free society once more an intellectual adventure, a deed of courage."