



Health and Disability NGO email update for 10 February 2011

To those of you who have signed up for [FebFast](#) and have given up drinking alcohol for the month, best of luck with completing your challenge. This is a great opportunity for people to 'press the pause button' on their busy lifestyles and create a clear space to plan for a more balanced year ahead, and raise money for a good cause.

The NGO Desk's latest update includes a wide range of up and coming conference and event information, along with submissions and discussion documents of interest to the health and disability sector.

This update provides an opportunity to share information with others in the sector and around the Ministry of Health. If you have any comments or information you would like as part of future updates, please email me at ngo@moh.govt.nz and I will be happy to include relevant items.

Kind regards,

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NGO Relationship Manager
Ministry of Health

For information about the NGO Working Group download the brochure [Understanding what we do & how you can get involved](#) or check out our website at www.ngo.health.govt.nz.

The 2010 Health and Disability Sector NGO-Ministry of Health Forum "Connections, Strengths and New Directions" was held on 4 November 2010 in Wellington. Slides from the speaker presentations, along with notes from the workshops can be viewed on our website on the [NGO-MoH Forum](#) page.

Make sure you check out our [Resources and Links](#) page which provides a range of documents likely to be of interest to NGOs. These documents are produced by the NGO Working Group, the NGO Health and Disability sector, the Ministry of Health, other New Zealand government agencies and international sources.

Previous issues of the NGO email update are available on the NGO Working Group website - http://www.ngo.health.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexcm/ngo-news-updates?Open&m_id=2.1.

Influenza A (H1N1) Swine Flu/Mate Poaka Rewharewha - The latest updates can be found on the Ministry of Health website: <http://www.moh.govt.nz/influenza-a-h1n1>.

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FOR YOUR ACTION

Conferences and Events

FebFast – Give up alcohol for February and raise money to support young people

FebFast (www.febfast.org.nz) is a registered charity that is now in its fourth year of operation in Australia and its first year in New Zealand.

This annual health and charity event encourages people to forgo alcohol in February while raising money to support young people with alcohol and other drug-related issues.

The event creates an opportunity for people to 'press the pause button' on their busy lifestyles and create a clear space to plan for a more balanced year ahead.

Over the past three years FebFast Australia has seen more than 10,700 people take up the challenge to live alcohol-free throughout February.

FebFast funds are distributed to organisations that work to reduce alcohol and other drug-related harms amongst young people through research, prevention and service delivery programmes.

To learn more about where the funds are going from this year's event visit our [recipients](#) page

To donate to FebFast, [click here](#)

Show Your Ability disability and aged equipment expo, 15 to 22 February 2011

Show Your Ability is New Zealand's premier disability and aged equipment expo which showcases 40 suppliers in five venues nationwide. It is the only opportunity for clients and specialists to see the entire range of equipment available and to experience the equipment first-hand. Each supplier has an experienced team of sales representatives who are friendly and helpful in finding the piece of equipment that is right for specialised needs.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Locations, dates, venues and times:

Auckland - 15 February, Trusts Stadium, Waitakere, 9am-3pm.

Hamilton - 16 February, Mystery Creek Events Center, 9am-3pm.

Palmerston North - 17 February, Arena Manawatu, 9am-3pm.

Christchurch - 21 February, Pioneer Stadium, 9am - 2pm.

Dunedin - 22 February, Edgar Stadium, 9am - 2pm.

Ministry of Health Disability Support Services – Forums from 28 February to 18 March 2011

Do you or a family / whanau member have a disability?

Disability Support Services are coming to your area to talk about some of the work underway for this year:

- [The new model for supporting people with disability](#)
- [Individualised funding for consumers](#)
- [Supported living options](#)
- [Ideas for new respite support models](#)
- [Carer support](#)
- [Community living options](#)
- [Child and youth projects](#)

We would like to hear your views and ideas. Please join us.

Ministry of Health Disability Forums 2011				
Location	Dates	Meeting Times	Venue	Venue Address
Alexandra Forum	Monday 28 February 2011	10am – 1pm	Alexandra Community Centre	Skird Street Alexandra
Timaru Forum	Tuesday 1 March 2011	10am – 1pm	Sopheze on the Bay	Caroline Bay Tea Rooms, Timaru
Christchurch Hui	Wednesday 2 March 2011	10am – 2pm	Nga Hau E Wha Marae	250 Pages Road Aranui Christchurch
Christchurch Fono	Thursday 3 March 2011	10am – 2pm	Holiday Inn on Avon,	356 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch
Nelson Forum	Thursday 3 March 2011	7 – 9:30pm	Trailways Hotel	Trafalgar Street Nelson
Blenheim Forum	Friday 4 March 2011	1 – 3:30pm	Marlborough Conference Centre	42a Alfred Street Blenheim 7240
Palmerston North Forum	Monday 14 March 2011	10am – 1pm	Enable New Zealand	69 Malden Street Palmerston North
New Plymouth Forum	Tuesday 15 March 2011	10am – 1pm	New Plymouth Fishing and Underwater Club	Ocean View Parade, new Plymouth
Albany Forum	Wednesday 16 March 2011	10am – 1pm	YES Disability Resource Centre	Lion Foundation LIFE House, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany
Manukau Forum	Wednesday 16 March 2011	7 – 9:30pm	Hotel Grand Chancellor Auckland Airport	Cnr Kirkbride and Ascot Roads Mangere, Auckland
Whakatane Hui	Thursday 17 March 2011	10am – 2pm	Puawairua Marae	Corner Thornton Rd (SH2) and State Hwy 30, Whakatane
Tokoroa Fono	Friday 18 March 2011	10am – 2pm	St Luke Pacific Island Community Hall,	Cnr Maratai & Kelso Streets, Tokoroa

To register your attendance, or for more information please use any of these contacts:

Email: mohforum@nzfdic.org.nz
Call: 0800 MOH FORUMS (0800 664 367)
Txt: 021 08203922
Go to: www.moh.govt.nz/disability

The 2011 Census and the Disability Survey – 8 March 2011

Did you realise the next census will take place on Tuesday, 8 March 2011? The census is the official count of how many people and dwellings there are in New Zealand, and the results will help determine how billions of dollars of government funding is spent in the community.

Census data is used to make decisions about everything from schools and hospitals to public transport and recreational facilities. Councils, businesses, iwi and community groups are among the many organisations that use census data.

Everybody in New Zealand on census day must complete a form, including children and babies. You can complete your forms either online or on paper, in English or Maori, and Statistics NZ cannot share any information that personally identifies you with any other agencies.

While the census contains questions on disability, some people with disabilities will later be asked to complete a more detailed questionnaire - the Disability Survey. For more information about the census, go to www.census.govt.nz or for more information about the Disability Survey, go to http://www.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/health/disabilities/2011-disability-survey.aspx

In the past, people with disabilities have been among the groups where some persons have missed being counted so now is your chance to provide an accurate picture.

Purple Cake Day, 1 to 5 March 2011

Purple Cake Day is launched on 1st March, 2011 as an annual event to celebrate children in our lives and to empower them to help other children in need worldwide. It aims to promote awareness of child poverty and to encourage action.

The idea was conceived by Nelsonian, Emily Sanson-Rejouis to celebrate the spirit of her daughters, Kofie-Jade (5) and Zenzie (3), who were lost in the Haiti earthquake in January 2010. It is inspired by Kofie's compassion for children less fortunate and by Zenzie who wanted not one, but two purple cakes for her 4th birthday.

Purple Cake Day events are creative and fun. Everyone, young and old, can participate from schools to community groups, individuals and families. Children are encouraged to be inventive with their own ideas on what they can do to make a difference. Schools are encouraged to run activities to celebrate children and develop an understanding of challenges faced by children in need. Wear purple, bake cupcakes, write messages of hope, have a purple concert, run a purple sports event – let your imagination run wild!

Fundraising can be centred around making and selling purple themed cupcakes but there are many other ways to raise money. Funds raised will support the [Kenbe La Foundation](#) a registered charitable trust set up by Emily to support the development of educational opportunities for disadvantaged children in Haiti.

Neighbours Day Aotearoa, 26-27 March 2011 – Turning streets into neighbourhoods

Knowing our neighbours can transform whole communities into healthy, fun and vibrant places to live.

Whether you live in a house, flat or apartment building or on a farm, virtually everyone has someone to call a next door neighbour.

Wherever you are, put **March 26-27, 2011** in your calendar as a time to celebrate and get to know your neighbours. One step of neighbourliness can make a difference to the place you live in.

Neighbours Day Aotearoa is about building caring communities for all New Zealanders, starting with those we live nearest to. Find out more and register your interest at www.neighboursday.org.nz.

'Raising the bar' National Volunteering Conference May 2011 – Early-bird registrations open

The 'Raising the bar' National Volunteering Conference will be held in Wellington on 23 and 24 May 2011. This two day conference, hosted by Volunteering NZ, will reflect a significant year for the volunteering world. 2011 will be marked internationally as the *International Year of the Volunteer Plus 10* to reflect on what has been achieved in the decade since 2001 and what needs to happen to raise the bar for volunteering into the future.

2011 will also see the largest single event volunteer programme take place in New Zealand for the Rugby World Cup. So episodic and event volunteering will be one focus for Conference 2011. Equally importantly it offers the opportunity to review progress and consider next steps in the advancement in the management of volunteer programmes.

Through keynote presentations, short papers, workshops, posters and networking, participants will explore and celebrate the diversity of episodic volunteering and find pathways to advance the profession of volunteer management in New Zealand. This is an invitation to contribute to the Conference.

There will be two main themes in the programme. Both aim to Raise the Bar.

- Episodic and Events Volunteering: The diversity, opportunities and challenges
- Developing the Leaders: The next steps to advance the Management of Volunteers
- Building Volunteering Infrastructure: Factors for quality volunteer programmes.

The **Episodic and Events Volunteering** stream aims to:

- Celebrate the diversity of episodic volunteering
- Share experiences of grasping the opportunities and challenges
- Raise the bar to maximise the impacts and legacies of episodic and event volunteering.

The **Developing the Leaders** stream aims to draw on the experience of people from all professions relative to volunteer leadership from within and outside New Zealand to:

- Affirm the leadership and ability already existing in the New Zealand
- Find the best pathways to advance the profession of managers of volunteers.

Early-bird registrations are now open and must be received on or before 31 March 2011. Visit the Volunteer NZ [registration page](#) for more details.

Agencies for Nutrition Action National Nutrition and Physical Activity Conference, 3 & 4 May 2011 The Agencies for Nutrition Action National Nutrition and Physical Activity Conference will be held on **3 and 4 May 2011 at Rendezvous Hotel in Auckland.**

The theme for the conference is: Rethinking our Future (*Titiro ki muri kia whakatika a mua: Look to the past to proceed into the future*).

Over the last decade the public health nutrition and physical activity sector has undergone major transformations. Yet promoting healthy eating and activity at the population level has remained a challenge. The need to demonstrate objectively, that public health approaches are evidence informed, successful and cost effective in reducing the burden of poor nutrition and sedentary behaviour, is greater than ever before.

Our conference will provide an opportunity to reflect our strengths and weaknesses over the last decade and propose how we plan to make a difference in the future.

Registrations are open now. Visit www.ana.org.nz/conference11/ for more information.

Public Health Leadership Programme (PHLP) 2011 – applications close 21 February 2011

What is the PHLP?

The Public Health Leadership Programme (PHLP) is a six-day residential leadership programme, delivered as three two-day sessions, designed specifically for public health leaders in New Zealand. The programme is funded by the Ministry of Health and has been developed following extensive consultation with the sector.

PHLP builds competencies identified as important for leaders in public health and allows participants to discover their leadership potential and equips them with practical and tested leadership tools and resources. PHLP will generate immediate and lasting benefits for participants, those they lead, and for public health.

Who is PHLP for?

The PHLP is for leaders wanting to inspire, refresh and create a powerful foundation for their leadership development.

PHLP is not designed to teach public health. Participants are expected to have a good knowledge of public health principles including an understanding of the social determinants of health, inequalities in health, how culture influences health, and the significance of the Treaty of Waitangi in health.

Programme dates for 2011

Two programmes will be offered in Wellington and one in Auckland. Each programme has six residential days spread over several months. Note that applicants must demonstrate that they have their manager's support to attend and to pay travel, food and accommodation expenses.

Programme 1 (Wellington)	July 4-5, Aug 29-30, Nov 1-2
Programme 2 (Wellington)	Aug 8-9, Sept 6-7, Nov 7-8
Programme 3 (Auckland)	Aug 2-3, Sept 13-14, Nov 10-11

Applications close at 5pm Monday 21 February 2011.

Where can I find more information?

More information and online applications are available on www.publichealthworkforce.org.nz. You can follow this direct link - http://www.publichealthworkforce.org.nz/public-health-leadership-programme_182.aspx

What people have said about their experience of the PHLP:

I am "being" a different leader. I am real, honest, committed, and open. I use those values in every moment of my work, in the decisions I make, in the language that I use, and in the way that I think.

Since beginning the Public Health Leadership programme my thinking and my actions have changed. In essence, I have developed an internal 'leadership' radar. I've found myself critically analysing my thought processes and what I do and say with regard to many of the tools I've learnt throughout the programme.

In summary, the Public Health Leadership Programme has equipped me with strategies, new ways of thinking and practical tools for developing my leadership competencies.

What is the Public Health Workforce Website?

The website www.publichealthworkforce.org.nz hosts information about public health workforce development, including job vacancies, training opportunities, national workforce development projects through Te Uru Kahikatea (the New Zealand Public Health Workforce Development Plan) and much more. They will also advertise your job vacancies for free. If you are interested go to the [Contact Us](#) page on their website.

Development Action courses for community sector organisations, March to May 2011

Development Action will be running the following workshops from March to May 2011 which may be of interest to community sector organisations.

Taking stock of your monitoring and evaluation

March 21 (Auckland) and 22 (Wellington)

Trainer: Ann Braun (Independent Contractor)

Critically assess your current monitoring and evaluation practice. Find out how to put all that information to good use during planning, and to show that your work is contributing to positive change.

Capturing Outcomes: Results Based Accountability 101

April 13 (Auckland) and 19 (Wellington)

Trainer: Sharon Shae (Shae Pita and Associates)

Specifically designed to give people a basic level of training so that they can implement RBA as an outcomes-focused evaluation tool within their own organisation. RBA is the methodology of choice for key funders like Family and Community Services.

Maximising Participation: What about sexuality?

May 25 (Auckland) and 31 (Wellington)

Trainer: Simon Harger-Forde (NZAF)

Sexuality often goes into the "too hard basket" for both domestic and international development NGOs. However, any project or service designed to encourage participation needs to take sexuality into account if it is to reach everyone in a community. Find out how to improve community projects and service delivery outcomes.

Visit www.developmentaction.co.nz to make a booking or email Lee Sentes (lee@developmentaction.co.nz) to make a query.

New Zealand's Biggest Ever Health & Disability Expo, 2 & 3 December 2011

The Auckland Disability Providers Network (ADPN) have requested expressions of interest from any person or organisation wishing to be kept informed about the progress of the Health & Disability Expo being planned for 2011 in Auckland. Once planning is further down the track ADPN will be communicating only with people or organisations who have registered to receive updates. Registration is important because they do not want to be sending information to people who are not interested.

From time to time ADPN may also send surveys to people who have expressed interest in the Expo, asking their opinions. This is to ensure everyone's needs are met when they host **New Zealand's Biggest Ever Health & Disability Expo**. The event will be held 2nd and 3rd December 2011 – International Day of the Disabled, at ASB Events Centre, Greenlane, Auckland.

To register send an email to pam@adpn.org.nz, noting in the subject line "Expo interest", and provide the following details:

- Name
- Organisation Name
- Phone number
- Email address
- Type of business (service provider, product, information etc.)
- Any other information you feel is relevant.

Click on the following link to view the [ADPN Expo Bulletin No.1 ver3](#) for the latest update on the Expo.

Requests for Submissions and Feedback

Alcohol Reform Bill, submissions close 15 February 2011

Public submissions are now being invited on the [Alcohol Reform Bill](#). **The closing date for submissions is Friday, 18 February 2011.**

This bill implements the Government's decisions on the reform of alcohol legislation; decisions made in response to the Law Commission's 2010 report on alcohol.

Some of the changes proposed in this Bill include:

- Split the minimum age for purchasing alcohol to 18 years for bars and 20 years for supermarkets and liquor stores
- Give local authorities more say on the concentration, location, and hours of alcohol outlets in their area
- Limit the sale of alcohol in grocery stores to stores of more than 1000sq.m
- Allow regulations to be made to limit the alcohol content in ready-to-drink alcoholic products
- Make irresponsible alcohol promotion an offence (e.g. advertising alcohol in a way that has special appeal to minors)
- Give parents more ways to manage their children's access to alcohol, and place other restrictions on supply of liquor to minors
- Extend the kinds of public places where drinking can be banned.

For information on how to make a submission go to the [New Zealand Parliament](#) website.

Applications open for Ministry of Social Development Community Response Fund

The [Community Response Fund](#) is a short-term, time limited response to address immediate cost and demand pressures the economic downturn is placing on key community-based critical social services for families, children, young and older people.

Applications for the Community Response Fund are invited from community-based critical social services that can demonstrate that as a result of the economic downturn they are experiencing:

- severe financial difficulties
- significant increase in demand.

Applicants must be able to meet one or both of the above specific criteria as well as general criteria. These are set out in Section One of the Community Response Fund Application Form. Applications for this round of the Community Response Fund must be received at Family and Community Services, Ministry of Social Development by **Friday 25 February 2011 at 5pm**

Are you eligible to apply?

The Fund is for community-based critical social services providing support directly to families, children, young and older people that can meet the [Fund's Criteria](#) and address the following priority areas:

- family violence
- child abuse and neglect
- budget and financial advice
- sexual violence
- early intervention for vulnerable and at risk children and families
- families under stress
- vulnerable and at risk young people
- vulnerable and at risk older people.

The Fund is open to critical social services, including those not currently funded by the Ministries of Social Development or Justice.

What's not covered under the Fund?

Funding will not be provided for the following:

- ongoing operational costs past the duration of the fund
- pre-existing NGO funding or demand issues
- community-based primary, secondary or tertiary health and early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary education services
- general information and advice, e.g. educational and publicity material and events
- support for organisations in their public advocacy role
- support services provided by umbrella groups to their affiliated members
- capital items, for example, vehicles or furniture
- retrospective projects.

Click on the following link to find out more information about [eligibility criteria](#).

To find out how to apply go to the [Community Response Fund application process](#) page on the Ministry of Social Development website.

If you have any questions about the application process for the Community Response Fund you can:

- attend a Community Sector Regional Workshop
- contact your Ministry of Social Development funding advisor
- call 0800 777 100
- email communityresponse@msd.govt.nz.

Review of the New Zealand Sign Language Act 2006, submissions by 28 February 2011

The Minister for Disability Issues, Tariana Turia, announced the next steps of the review of the New Zealand Sign Language Act 2006 on 25 January 2011.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_UUXhArPhE

The review is being led by the Office for Disability Issues (ODI), and is about two things, as stated in the Act itself:

- How well the Act has been operating
- Whether there needs to be any changes to the Act.

As part of reviewing the Act the Office is seeking feedback from the public, until the end of February. They are keen to receive submissions from Deaf people, their families or whānau, as well as organisations and providers. To assist you with your submission ODI have posed some questions on areas of the Act. The questions are available in New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL), as well as spoken and written English on the Office for Disabilities website. www.odi.govt.nz/what-we-do/nzsl/2010-review-nzsl-act-have-your-say.html

Public feedback is invited by:

- attending a meeting, and/or
- preparing a NZSL video (emailing a link to it on YouTube, or posting a DVD)
- downloading a submission form and sending it the Office for Disability Issues by post, fax, or email.

Feedback should be clearly marked '**NZSL Act Review**' and include your name, or organisation name, and contact details. The last day for submissions is **28 February 2011**. It can be sent to:

Post: NZSL Act Review
Office for Disability Issues
P O Box 1556
Wellington 6140
Email: odi@msd.govt.nz, **Fax:** 04 918 0075.

Deaf Aotearoa will be having community meetings in February 2011 to explain the review and the questions being asked by the Office for Disability Issues. A video camera will be available to use if you wish to film your NZSL submission at these meetings. Details of the dates, times and venues for these meetings can be found on: www.deaf.org.nz

New Zealand Historic Places Trust seeks feedback: “Providing for Accessibility in Heritage Places”

The New Zealand Historic Places (NZHPT) has just released a draft for consultation for “[Providing for Accessibility in Heritage Places](#)”. This guide focuses on providing links to other guidance sources, updating legislative provisions and providing a guidance framework for the assessment of proposed access related work involving heritage buildings.

“For the purpose of this publication, accessibility aims to improve physical access to heritage places, including heritage buildings, places, sites and landscapes. This means examining methods and ways to improve access to heritage places for those in our community who cannot walk or who rely on walking aids and wheelchairs.

The NZHPT supports accessibility to ensure heritage places remain useful for present and future generations. If people cannot access a place, then the result will be neglect and decay.” (Page 4, Providing for Accessibility in Heritage Places)

[Comments and feedback](#) about this publication can be provided to the NZHPT until **28 February 2011**.

New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga
PO Box 2629
Wellington
Email: information@historic.org.nz
Phone 04 472 4341

Office for Disability Issues – Funding round opens for community projects, January 2011

The first funding round is now open for community projects in New Zealand to improve attitudes and behaviours towards disabled people.

The Making a Difference Fund is part of the Campaign to Improve Attitudes and Behaviour towards Disabled People. The fund will give priority to projects that are collaborative, have support from across the community and have a well-thought-out plan to effect local change.

The funding description and application are available on the Office for Disability Issues website at <http://www.odi.govt.nz/what-we-do/improving-attitudes-and-behaviours/index.html>

Hauora Māori Scholarships (HMS) 2011: Apply online from 28 Feb 2011 till noon on 8 April 2011

The purpose of the Hauora Māori Scholarships (HMS) is to provide financial assistance to students who are studying an NZQA accredited course in health and disability studies, in order to build Māori workforce capacity in the sector.

The scholarships are open to any person who:

- Is enrolled and attending a University, Polytechnic, Wananga or College of Education
- Is studying a health related, NZQA accredited course
- Can demonstrate a commitment to and/or competence in, Māori health and well-being studies
- Has whakapapa and/or cultural links with te ao Māori or Māori communities.

You are not eligible if you are:

- A Ministry of Health or District Health Board employee.

Applicants may:

- Apply only once each year, and under only one category
- Apply online from 28 February 2011 till 12 noon Friday 8 April 2011

Please note that the Ministry will not be responsible for any original certificates or transcripts. Only copies of certificates or transcripts will be accepted.

To check if you're eligible and further information for applicants, [please read the guidelines for applicants](#).

For further information go to: www.maorihealth.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexma/hauora-maori-scholarships.

The Living Well Project – update on the project and an opportunity to have your say

The Living Well Project, run by AUT University and community partners, is a Health Research Council funded project that is exploring how people who experience disability engage in healthy behaviour such as being physically active and eating healthily. Findings from the study will then be used to suggest modifications to existing strategies. The revised approaches should be more relevant, targeted and acceptable to disabled people and thus be more effective to help people live well. The project is nearing the end of its first year and the team would like to update you on the developments so far.

Have your say...

The stakeholder survey has received information relating to 120 healthy eating and physical activity initiatives currently available in New Zealand. The programmes have been included on a service map that can be viewed on the website. If you see gaps or would like to add your programme, please go to the website <http://livingwellstudy.aut.ac.nz/> and click survey.

During this phase of the study, they are collecting opinions, experiences, thought and views on things that make it difficult and things that make it easier to be physically active and to eat healthily. The discussion forum, also found on the website, is now up and running for your input.

Information received will be analysed and they hope to have completed analysis by February or March 2011. In order for your information to be included and your voice to be heard, make sure you [register](#) and join in on the discussion!

NGO INFORMATION

Access Tourism New Zealand – News & Updates January/February 2011

The Access Tourism New Zealand website is about tourism and travel for people with disabilities (PwDs), seniors, and ageing Baby Boomers. Articles cover topics such as Access Tourism developments internationally, the importance of the ageing market, the cruise industry, ICT, and why NZ and the world must develop reputable Access Tourism products.

The latest articles posted include:

- UK businesses urged to ensure services are accessible before Olympics 2012
- World People-With-Disabilities market as big as China.

Go to www.accesstourismnz.org.nz for the latest news about Access Tourism in New Zealand, Asia-Pacific, and the world.

Careerforce eChat – January 2011

Items in the latest Careerforce [eChat](#) include:

- CEO Welcome
- Development of Sector Skill Strategies
- Qualification Development Update
- More Flexible Core and Foundations on the way
- Delivery of Brain Injury Support Qualification
- Mental Health and Addiction Update
- 2011 Good Assessment Workshops
- Moderation Timetable for Education Providers
- Careerforce Client Charter
- Investment Plan 2011-2013
- Better skills lift staff morale – LIFEWISE.

Community Sector Taskforce – latest weekly updates

For updates on what's happening in Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector.

[Te Harakeke - Week ending 28 January 2011.](#)

[Te Harakeke - Week ending 4 February 2011.](#)

IHC New Zealand – Hot Issues January 2011

The latest [IHC Hot Issues](#) newsletter from IHC New Zealand includes articles about:

- A promising year ahead?
- Questions we pose to engage policy debate
- High Court confirms Ministry of Health policy not to pay family carers of adult disabled children in breach of rights
- How the High Court found in favour of family carers
- The policy not to pay family carers
- The Health Ministry's policy objectives
- High Court finds Health Ministry's policy objectives important and rational
- But discrimination not necessary or proportionate to achieve objectives
- Ministry must be given time to prepare new, informed family carers policy
- Health Minister understands how families feel and that people with disabilities want more choices – yet Government appeals
- More family-focused flexible solutions and personalised funding options urges one disability organisation
- IHC submission on New Zealand's first report to United Nations on Disability Rights Convention – need to do better
- Whole-of-life approach needed for whole-of-government framework
- IHC reiterates position on welfare reform – enhancing inclusion and reducing inequalities
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- Making it easy to speak up presentations.

Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand - latest information bulletin

A free weekly newsletter by email to people interested in new resources and research in the mental health and community development fields. Click [here](#) to subscribe. Or to view the latest bulletins:

[Mental Health Foundation 28 January 2011 \(Chinese New Year - Xin Nian Kuai Le\).](#)

[Mental Health Foundation 4 February 2011 \(Counting sheep getting you down?\).](#)

New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) – latest Policy Watch updates

Items of interest in the [latest NZCCSS Policy Watch](#) newsletters include:

- Dwelling in Unity requires a Fairer Country with Less Inequality
- Are there too many people receiving benefits?
- Young people who can't get jobs or training become beneficiaries
- Government committed to improving rest homes
- Caring roles can be very stressful.

Volunteering New Zealand (VNZ) – January 2011 Update

Volunteering New Zealand's update newsletter will keep you informed of the events and issues concerning volunteering. Click here to view their latest update: [VNZ January 2011.](#)

MINISTRY OF HEALTH INFORMATION

Ministry of Health media releases

<http://www.moh.govt.nz/media>.

Measles Alert – 9 February 2011

The Ministry of Health is advising the public to watch out for the symptoms of measles in light of recent cases in Auckland and other cities. Most of the recent cases have originated from international travel, or from contact with returning travellers.

Measles is a serious illness, and one out of every ten people who catch it will need to be hospitalised.

Children and adults with measles often feel very sick. The symptoms to watch out for are:

- at first, a fever, runny nose, and sore red eyes
- after a few days, a red blotchy rash which lasts for up to one week. The rash usually starts on the face and spreads to the rest of the body.

If you detect any of those symptoms please phone your GP or call Healthline (toll-free) on 0800 611-116.

It is important to call first because measles is easily transmitted from one person to another through the air. Phoning ahead helps to ensure people with measles do not end up sitting in a waiting room, potentially spreading the illness to others.

Measles is now uncommon in New Zealand, thanks to vaccination. There were three outbreaks in 2009/2010, all of which were started by people who were infected overseas.

How to protect yourself and your family against measles

Measles can't easily be treated once you get it, so the only way to prevent the disease is through immunisation.

The Ministry encourages parents and families to check that their children's immunisations are up-to-date. In addition, adults born after 1969 who are unsure whether they are immune should check with their family doctor.

By getting immunised, you will not only be protecting yourself or your child, you'll also be stopping the disease from spreading in our communities.

Who is eligible for free measles immunisation?

Anyone, over the age of 1 year, who was born after 1969 and who has not had two doses of measles vaccine in the past.

Note that measles vaccine is usually first given at 15 months of age, but can sometimes be given at 12 months or earlier.

Call Healthline 0800 611 116 for free health advice

Healthline is a free 24-hour Telephone Health Information Service for all families. The service is staffed by registered nurses who will assess your health needs, and give information and advice to help you decide on the best level of care.

Healthline uses Language Line Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. When you call Healthline during these hours, the nurse or call handler can usually arrange for an interpreter. Outside these hours, Healthline uses other interpreting services as far as possible. It is not always possible to locate an interpreter in a particular language at short notice.

OTHER INFORMATION

Minister and Associate Ministers of Health media releases

Hon Tony Ryall - www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/tony+ryall?type=release

Hon Jonathan Coleman - www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/jonathan+coleman

Hon Peter Dunne - www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/peter+dunne

Hon Tariana Turia - www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/tariana+turia

New eating disorders service treating patients, 3 February 2011

Health Minister Tony Ryall and Associate Health Minister Dr Jonathan Coleman today welcomed confirmation the new Northern eating disorder service is up and running and providing much needed treatment to seriously unwell patients in the region.

"The Government said it would provide more eating disorder services and we're delivering on that promise," Mr Ryall says. "The new service means seriously ill people can now access residential treatment in the northern region when previously there was next to no treatment available."

Auckland DHB contracted Challenge Trust to establish a nine-bed residential facility and a day clinic for 12 patients in Parnell. Dr Coleman says the service is being funded through an extra \$26 million in mental health funding to improve eating disorder services across the country. "It shows the additional funding is doing exactly what it was intended for – improving frontline eating disorder services."

"Knowing the service will soon be operating at capacity and providing the treatment and support people need in a home-like environment is very encouraging. It's a great step in tackling a problem that often affects not just the person experiencing it, but their family as well." Mr Ryall says patients from Northland south to Taranaki and Tairāwhiti DHBs are eligible to use the services.

Primary care pilots to tackle kidney disease, 1 February 2011

Four district health boards (DHBs) are testing new ways of treating kidney disease. Two centres will use one approach, which is a world-class new electronic decision support tool for general practitioners, to improve detection and management of kidney disease.

The second approach also involves general practitioners, and sees specialists working alongside primary care teams managing high risk kidney patients in the community.

The four centres involved are:

- Northland DHB
- Langimalie Health Centre (a Tongan focused clinic in Auckland)
- Hawkes Bay DHB
- Southlink in Southern DHB.

Three related projects will also add to the evidence base, the successful Horowhenua Kidney Health project, and an established programme in Auckland DHB and a new programme just launched in Waikato DHB.

Kidney failure has a major impact on individuals, their family and the health system. Chronic kidney disease does not give any warning symptoms until the kidneys are failing, when it can cause fatigue, loss of appetite, anaemia and general ill health.

Three of the four demonstration sites are now running and the fourth will be underway by mid-February. It is expected that the projects will lead to similar programmes being rolled out throughout the country.

Items of Interest

Australasian Disability Professionals to set up New Zealand chapter

Australasian Disability Professionals (ADP) is a Professional Association supporting individuals working, studying, teaching and volunteering in the Disability sector.

ADP currently has chapters in seven States in Australia, and the organisation is about to set up a New Zealand chapter. An individual membership professional association will then be available to all people working in the disability sector in New Zealand.

For more information about ADP go to: www.adp.org.au

Preventing Child Neglect: Office of the Children's Commissioner Report

The Office of the Children's Commissioner (OCC) has released a report called "[Preventing child neglect in New Zealand](#)". The report says homelessness, parental stress, financial difficulties, transient neighbourhoods, easily available alcohol, socio-economic inequalities, high unemployment, and a lack of services all increase the likelihood of child neglect.

It recommends (amongst other things):

- The Ministry of Social Development (MSD), Child, Youth and Family (CYF), the Ministry of Health (MoH), Ministry of Education (Minedu), and Police developing a shared understanding of child abuse (with MSD leading this work)
- Preparing good practice guidelines for agency staff dealing with neglect
- Reviewing the adequacy of current detection systems
- Making information on neglect and its prevention available to parents
- Gathering population-based information on neglect
- Developing the DHB child protection alert system
- Setting up a plan for strengthening child protection alerts within the school system.

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