



## Health and Disability NGO email update for 11 March 2011

The NGO Working Group is currently looking for a new Secretariat to support their work. This is an important role that provides essential coordination, project management and policy development on behalf of the Working Group. Please see the following advertisement for further information about the role and details about how to apply.

To those of you dealing with the aftermath of the earthquake in Christchurch, please see the Christchurch Earthquake section of this newsletter for useful information, and the contact details of organisations that can help you during this difficult time.

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](mailto:ngo@moh.govt.nz) and I will be happy to include relevant items.

Kind regards,

Marie Day  
NGO Relationship Manager  
Ministry of Health

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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](http://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](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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## Health & Disability Sector NGO Working Group

### Secretariat NGO Working Group - Wellington

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The NGO Working Group is a group of people who are elected by the health and disability NGO community to represent sectors of mental health, disability support, public health, personal health, Pacific health and Maori health. We all hold positions of responsibility within our own NGO organisations and come together to work with the Ministry of Health and other stakeholders on issues of importance to the wider health and disability NGO sector.

The NGO Working Group works strategically to further the relationship between the NGO community and the Ministry of Health and other key stakeholders.

We currently have a vacancy for a Secretariat. The role is up to 32 hours per month and based in Wellington.

The successful application will:

- have experience in working in the NGO Health or Disability Sector
- be comfortable completing administrative tasks – minutes/ agenda
- be self managing and have effective relationship skills
- the capacity to draft policy/position statements.

Previous experience in writing policy documents is preferred.

**For more information please click on the following link: [NGO Working Group Secretariat Position Description](#)**

All applications should be submitted to the NGO Working Group Chair

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**Applications close 5pm, Thursday 17 March 2011**

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# CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE

## Christchurch Earthquake - Information and useful links

The [Ministry of Health](#) website has links to the following information:

- Situation updates
- Latest updates from the Canterbury District Health Board
- Advice on how to protect your health
- Advice on how to cope with stress and anxiety
- Telephone services
- Emergency management
- Updates for schools and early childhood centres ([www.minedu.govt.nz](http://www.minedu.govt.nz))

## Canterburyearthquake.org.nz - website for local Christchurch information

[Canterburyearthquake.org.nz](http://Canterburyearthquake.org.nz) is managed by [Environment Canterbury](#). It was set up to collate a range of sources relating to the September 2010 Canterbury Earthquake and has been reactivated in response to the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 Earthquake. Please refer to this website for local Christchurch information including:

- Missing person enquiry line - **0800 RED CROSS** (0800 733 276)
- Water
- Road closures and travel
- Welfare centres
- Pharmacies open

## Blood donors in Christchurch - information from the New Zealand Blood Service

For blood donors in Christchurch and the outlying areas visited by the New Zealand Blood Service's Christchurch Mobile collection team, please be advised that there may be some changes over the coming months. Due to the earthquake many of the venues they usually attend may now no longer be available, or some collections may need to be cancelled for staffing reasons.

Please check the New Zealand Blood Service website regularly to see "[Where to Donate – Canterbury, Nelson Mobiles](#)". Any donors who have made appointments in advance will be notified if there are any changes". The Donor Centre will be closed on Friday March 18th for the day of remembrance for those lives lost in the earthquake.

For more information on the blood donation situation in Christchurch the New Zealand Blood Service will inform people via their website ([www.nzblood.co.nz](http://www.nzblood.co.nz)) or via Facebook.

## Christchurch Earthquake Appeal – add link to your website

As you will be aware Prime Minister John Key has launched the [Christchurch Earthquake Appeal](#), a global fundraiser for the recovery effort in the city and the Canterbury region. In order to promote the appeal as widely as possible, the Department of Internal Affairs would be grateful if you could post a link to the appeal on your agency's home page.

[The tiles that agencies can use for the appeal are located on the PSI at this link.](#)

When these tiles are clicked on the user should be taken to the URL <http://www.christchurchearthquakeappeal.govt.nz>. An example can be found at [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz).

If you require assistance please contact Lynda Kamstra at [lynda.kamstra@dia.govt.nz](mailto:lynda.kamstra@dia.govt.nz), phone: 04 474 8061.

## Christchurch NGO and Community Organisation Updater website

The New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) set up a website ([www.ngoupdater.org.nz](http://www.ngoupdater.org.nz)) as a service to NGOs in Christchurch to share information about their current location, operational status, assistance needs or offers of assistance to other organisations. More than 30 Christchurch agencies have already entered information.

### **Coping after an earthquake – advice from the Mental Health Foundation**

For every individual, grief has its own rhythm and flow, and when the time is right to seek out information and guidance, the links provided by the may offer some support, advice and understanding and may help some people get through. You can view these links at:

<http://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/page/895-news+coping-in-a-disaster>

### **Disability Support Services – Environmental Support Services update, 2 March 2011**

The purpose of the [Environmental Support Services update](#) is to let people know about services available for disabled people from the Canterbury region who need new or replacement equipment, or other services and support because of a sensory impairment or communication difficulty. This update includes information about:

- Support for people who need equipment and modifications
- Support for people who have communication difficulties
- Support for people who are Deaf or who have a Hearing Impairment
- Support for people who are blind, DeafBlind or who have a severe visual impairment.

Please note: the correct link for the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind (RNZFB) updates is

<http://www.rnzfb.org.nz/about/news-and-information/latest-news>.

### **Donating to quake recovery – advice from the Charities Commission**

If you are asked to donate to help a disaster recovery, there are some simple steps you can take to make sure your donation gets to the people who need it. Most collectors are honest and genuine and will be pleased to answer your questions. If you are in any doubt about the validity of the collector, don't give.

**The Charities Commission advice for donors:** It's best to give to large, well-known charities – the Charities Commission suggest that you give your donations to the larger, well-established and well-known charities, who are accustomed to dealing with crisis recoveries, and equipped to deal with them. Well established aid agencies have better networks, infrastructure, expertise and systems in place to respond quickly to disasters.

Registered charities can be found on the [Charities Register](#) or you can donate to one of the collections launched to help relief and welfare.

The [Charities Commission](#) website can provide you with further information on:

- Where can we make donations to support those affected by the quake?
- What should we do if we are being asked to donate to the quake relief?
- What help and advice is available for those affected by the disaster?
- What donation scams should we be aware of?

### **Epilepsy New Zealand services in Christchurch**

Epilepsy New Zealand advises that epilepsy services in the Canterbury/West Coast region have been interrupted due to the latest earthquake.

Should you have any concerns about your epilepsy and/or medication, please contact your local GP.

If you need to speak with an Epilepsy New Zealand Field Officer, please telephone 0800 20 21 22, or alternatively you can contact Epilepsy New Zealand via their website [www.epilepsy.org.nz](http://www.epilepsy.org.nz)

Our thoughts are with everyone affected by or involved in the Christchurch earthquake.

## Skylight - services for those facing tough times of change, loss, trauma and grief

As a registered New Zealand not for profit Trust, Skylight offers services to those facing tough times of change, loss, trauma and grief - whatever the cause, and whatever their age. Skylight especially wants to acknowledge the trauma, loss and distress caused by the huge earthquake and aftershocks in Canterbury.

The services information and services Skylight offer include:

- [LIVE: Earthquake Recovery Support](#)
- [Earthquake Crisis Phone Counselling](#)
- [Help with Post Traumatic Stress](#)
- [Factors That Can Help Build Up Resilience](#)

This site ([www.skylight.org.nz](http://www.skylight.org.nz)) offers information, downloads, support resources and options, extensive links and hope and encouragement for those facing tough life situations - and for those caring for them.

# FOR YOUR ACTION

## Conferences and Events

### 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

There was a great turnout at the South Island forums held between 28 February and 4 March, and we are looking forward to hearing more of your views and ideas at our North Island forums. Please join us.

Ministry of Health Disability Forums 2011				
Location	Dates	Meeting Times	Venue	Venue Address
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

<b>Manukau Forum</b>	Wednesday 16 March 2011	7 – 9:30pm	Hotel Grand Chancellor Auckland Airport	Cnr Kirkbride and Ascot Roads Mangere, Auckland
<b>Whakatane Hui</b>	Thursday 17 March 2011	10am – 2pm	Puawairua Marae	Corner Thornton Rd (SH2) and State Hwy 30, Whakatane
<b>Tokoroa Fono</b>	Friday 18 March 2011	10am – 2pm	St Luke Pacific Island Community Hall,	Cnr Maratai & Kelso Streets, Tokoroa

To register your attendance at one of the Disability Forums, or for more information, please use any of these contacts:

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

### **Ride Out of the Blue, Bluff to Cape Reinga, March 2011**

On Saturday 5 March 2011, riders and their support crews will begin their Ride Out of the Blue from Bluff to Cape Reinga.

Organised by Alison Blyth, a half Kiwi, half Aussie mother, lawyer and self-described wanna-be cyclist, the 27-day challenge will see participants cover over 2,300km to celebrate life, raise awareness around depression, and raise money for the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand.

There are a number of ways you can show your support for this inspiring event:

- [Join](#) the Ride Out of the Blue for a day or more
- Support a rider and make a donation via the [fundraise online page](#)
- Help your community [host an event](#).

To find out more please visit the [Ride Out of the Blue official website](#). You can also [donate directly](#) to the Mental Health Foundation.

**Read Alison's [Ride Out Of The Blue blog](#).**

### **Brain Awareness Week, 14 to 20 March 2011**

[Brain Awareness Week](#) (14-20 March) is a global campaign to increase public awareness about the progress and benefits of brain research. Also it aims to increase awareness of the variety of ways to improve the long-term health of your brain and wellbeing – this can be done through lifestyle changes and implementing self-care strategies, including brain exercise!

The old saying 'use it or lose it' does not apply only to our physical health, it is suggested that keeping your brain active reduces cognitive decline and, thankfully, even stimulates new brain cells.

The campaign has a colourful [road map](#) you can print out and stick up for inspiration at home or work – highlighting ways to boost your brain power: managing stress levels, eating a balanced diet, staying socially connected, challenging your brain, exercising and getting adequate sleep.

### **Taking stock of your monitoring and evaluation - March 21 (Auckland) and 22 (Wellington)**

This workshop helps organisations reflect upon and assess their existing monitoring and evaluation processes. Often this mixed bag of processes exist for various reporting requirements to donors, boards, members etc., providing a recipe for duplication and no clear lessons to incorporate into planning.

By participating on the workshop, organisations will be able to answer questions familiar to any manager:

- How well are we gathering information which shows our work is contributing to positive change?
- Is there something critical that we are missing?
- Are we duplicating efforts across various monitoring and evaluation processes? What can we streamline?
- How can we use this information to map outcomes and learn from our experience?
- What skills do we need to learn?

Trainer: Ann Braun (Independent Contractor)

Venue: Mercy Spirituality Centre (Auckland) and School of Public Health (Wellington)

Price: \$195 for not-for-profit organisations, \$395 for public sector, including GST. Lunch and tea are provided.

<http://www.developmentaction.co.nz/assets/M-and-E-information-sheet.pdf>

Download an information sheet and booking form from the Development Action homepage ([www.developmentaction.co.nz](http://www.developmentaction.co.nz)). Places are limited and interest is high for this workshop, so we encourage you to book early. Contact Lee Sentes ([lee@developmentaction.co.nz](mailto:lee@developmentaction.co.nz)) with any questions.

### **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](http://www.neighboursday.org.nz).

### **Good Engagement Seminar: Collaborative Governance, Wellington, 29 March 2011**

The Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector (OCVS) invites community organisations, government agencies and interested individuals to attend a free seminar on:

#### ***Collaborative Governance: Learnings from Overseas and New Zealand Experience***

When complex, long term policy problems need tackling, traditional forms of decision-making often seem to freeze up. Collaborative governance has emerged as a promising approach. Stakeholders representing different interests and values come together in deliberative processes to seek a consensus on the way ahead.

This seminar will provide insights into – and an opportunity to discuss – the circumstances and process factors that can enable collaborative governance to deliver worthwhile results.

**Tuesday 29 March 2011**

**Ministry of Social Development Auditorium,  
Level 3, Bowen State Building, Bowen St,  
Wellington.**

**Refreshments: 1.30pm**

**Presentation time: 1.45–4.15pm**

**Presented by: Guy Salmon, Alastair Bisley, Glen Lauder**

- Guy has led comparative studies of environmental governance in New Zealand and Nordic countries highlighting the potential of collaborative governance.
- Alastair chaired the Land and Water Forum, which recently adapted this approach to address a major policy issue.
- Glen Lauder, who has facilitated many collaborative processes and was an adviser to the Land and Water Forum process, will facilitate discussion.

**RSVP: Space is limited, so reserve a place by email: [ocvs@dia.govt.nz](mailto:ocvs@dia.govt.nz) or phone: 04 494 5710 by 24 March 2011.**

**Victory Village Forum - Nelson, 27-29 April 2011**

New Zealand's inaugural conference about family centred, community-led development, the Victory Village Forum is a national event about local development. The forum will be held in Nelson from **27 to 29 April 2011**, in conjunction with Victory Village, [NZ's Community of the Year 2010](#).

Mark Brown and Kindra Douglas from Victory School & Community Centre, along with the Families Commission and *Inspiring Communities*, invite you to join them in Nelson for an extended national conversation and dialogue, bringing together a group of innovative school and community leaders and practitioners, and representatives from local government, central government, support agencies, service providers, philanthropic organisations and NGOs.

Have you registered to attend the Victory Village Forum? 6 weeks to go!

Click here to view the programme and register [www.confer.co.nz/VictoryForum](http://www.confer.co.nz/VictoryForum)

Experience Victory's approach - school based, family centred, community-led development. Deepen your understanding of new ways of working, and plan together for further success and tangible progress. Connect with cutting edge examples of community-led development with strong inter-agency relationships.

**Streams topics:**

- Schools
- Local Government
- Young People/Rangatahi
- Early Childhood & Young Parents
- Environment
- Hapu/Whanau
- Health and Wellbeing
- Recreation/Culture/Arts

**Workshop topics:**

- Evaluation, reporting
- What we're learning about Community Led Development
- Economic Development & Enterprise
- Working between sectors
- Lived Experience
- Applied Research Examples
- Ways of Connecting: Tamaki Inclusive Engagement
- Funding Sustainability

### **'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/](http://www.ana.org.nz/conference11/) for more information.

## **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](http://www.developmentaction.co.nz) to make a booking or email Lee Sentes ([lee@developmentaction.co.nz](mailto:lee@developmentaction.co.nz)) to make a query.

## **New Zealand Home Health Association Conference, 3 - 5 August 2011, Wellington**

The New Zealand Home Health Association (NZHHA) will be holding their annual conference from 3 to 5 August 2011 in Wellington, with this year's theme being "Fronting Up"

NZHHA are planning a stimulating and challenging conference, focused on challenges ahead, current and future trends in home-based, disability and community care, local and international thinking, models and innovation.

Conference sessions will include:

- Re-ablement
- Integrated and shared care models
- Nursing clinical oversight
- Disability leadership
- Chronic condition management
- Quality assurance – measuring outcomes.

The programme will be of particular interest to providers of health and disability services including home-based support providers, primary health care providers, health and education sector staff in central government and District Health Boards, political representatives, academics and thinkers, service and product providers. The Hon Tony Ryall, Minister of Health, will open the conference and host a pre-dinner function in the Parliamentary legislative chamber.

Registrations open on 1 March 2011. For more information go to [www.nzhha.org.nz/conference](http://www.nzhha.org.nz/conference).

### **Sands national biennial conference, November 2011 – call for abstracts by 31 March 2011**

**Sands** have been operating in Wanganui since the late '80's. Formerly Stillbirth and Newborn Death Support, they now known just as Sands and offer FREE support and practical help to all bereaved parents, family and whanau suffering the loss of a child, no matter the age, gestation or cause of death.

In the 25th year of Sands presence in New Zealand, and their eighth biennial conference, they are inviting parents, sands volunteers, health and caring professionals, community leaders, educators and anyone interested in pregnancy, baby loss or grief, to submit abstracts for their November 2011 conference.

The theme is 'Let's talk about it', encourages presenters to delve into areas that may be overlooked, and new perspective, as well as exploring areas that encourage dialogue among parents and professionals, creating a greater understanding of the impact on families around the tragic loss of a baby. Closing date *31st March 2011*, email Catherine Bronnimann at [contact@sandswanganui.com](mailto:contact@sandswanganui.com).

### **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](mailto: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

## 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](http://www.maorihealth.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexma/hauora-maori-scholarships).

# NGO INFORMATION

## Access Tourism New Zealand – News & Updates March 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:

- Training Tour Guides to Serve People with Hearing Loss in Tasmania
- University Survey of People with Hearing Loss and Their Tourism Experiences and Needs
- Making Travel Websites Accessible for Blind Travellers.

Go to [www.accesstourismnz.org.nz](http://www.accesstourismnz.org.nz) for the latest news about Access Tourism in New Zealand, Asia-Pacific, and the world.

## Careerforce eChat – March 2011

Items in this month's [eChat](#) issue include:

- Careerforce open for business
- Qualification development progress
- More flexible Core Competencies and Foundations on the way
- Nine support skills CD-ROM
- 2011 Good Assessment Workshops
- External Moderation for education providers
- Finding a mobile assessor
- Training grants available
- Careerforce first ITO to reach milestone.

## CommunityNet Aotearoa – February 2011 community development monthly newsletter

For the latest community organisation news, job vacancies, events, training and resources check out this month's newsletter [PANUI Issue #103 - February 2011](#).

## Community Sector Taskforce – latest weekly updates

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

[Te Harakeke - Week ending 25 February 2011](#).

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

## 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 25 February 2011 \(Focus on wellbeing\)](#).

[Mental Health Foundation 4 March 2011 \(Turning streets into neighbourhoods\)](#).

## New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) – Policy Watch and Kete Kupu

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

- Christchurch Earthquake - the strongest must carry the bulk of the burden
- Welfare numbers down by 10,000
- Welfare reform policies without aroha are lousy policies
- Older people benefit from new technology
- Petition against bilingual education cuts
- Family Violence Lenten resource.

The February 2011 issue of the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services' newsletter **Kete Kupu** is also available. This newsletter includes information and commentary on a wide range of social service issues and provides updates and commentary on social service policy and practice.

# MINISTRY OF HEALTH INFORMATION

## Ministry of Health media releases

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

### **Christchurch Earthquake - Report: Liquifaction Silt Dust Risk Rated Low**

The [Liquifaction Silt - Public Health Risk](#) report rated as low the health risk from dust generated from earthquake liquefaction and sewage contamination following last year's Christchurch Earthquake.

The Institute of Environmental Science and Research report, based on international experience and some limited local testing, finds the dust is largely a nuisance, which due to its small particle size can be inhaled into the lungs and exacerbate respiratory conditions such as asthma. However, the scientists caution that the report was a small-scale study performed some weeks after the September earthquake, on only a few samples of dry silt from a single location so may not necessarily apply to the silts in Christchurch now.

Christchurch public health staff advise that earthquake generated silt and dust should be treated as potentially contaminated and the usual precautions should apply when dealing with it. Anyone coming into contact with the dust should wash and dry their hands, use hand sanitiser and wear a mask if susceptible to dust.

Any Christchurch residents concerned about the level of dust and other pollutants in the air should wear an appropriate dust mask to protect your lungs.

These masks are usually available from hardware stores and pharmacies. In Christchurch they have been also distributed by a number of voluntary agencies, particularly when wind has made the dust worse.

Actions by authorities to remove the silt and to keep dust levels down by spraying dust with water are to be commended.

The ESR report found that five weeks after last year's 4 September quake the level of contamination in the dust was within levels not expected to cause concern.

The report concluded from its limited survey that at that time there was no evidence of faecal contamination (bacteria from sewage) remaining.

### **We are Targeting Better Health Services, online publication, March 2011**

People in New Zealand have high expectations that they will have good access to health care services when they need them. Health targets provide a clear and specific focus for action to ensure that this health care is of the highest quality and within the best possible time.

It is very encouraging to see the way clinicians around the country are working together to improve the care provided to New Zealanders in our key health target areas. The process of changing the way we work to improve quality and efficiency, in a tight fiscal environment, challenges the ingenuity and creativity of DHB clinicians and managers.

Our focus on specific health targets is clearly paying dividends with various initiatives making a positive difference to the performance of DHBs and the services they provide.

The Ministry of Health and National Health Board will continue to work with DHBs to ensure that these targets are met and that the already high quality care provided to New Zealanders continues to be improved. The improvements featured in this publication are part of a better integrated health care system that continues to deliver for patients. [Read more...](#)

## Disability in New Zealand – Ministry of Health e-newsletter, February 2011

Items in [Issue 39 - Disability Support Services e-newsletter](#) include:

- [Consumer Forum, Hui, Fono 2011](#)
- [Anne's update](#)
- [Update on new model](#)
- [Behaviour Support Project](#)
- [New fact sheets](#)
- [Rehab Conference](#)
- [New Director-General of Health](#)
- [Contacts](#).

### National Health Board (NHB) eNewsletter - February 2011

[From the Chair](#) - Progress is being made in the integration of primary and secondary care in many parts of the country and in order to accelerate improvements in patient care and deliver sustainable cost growth this integration needs more pace and momentum

[From the Director's Desk](#) - During the Christmas New Year break I had the opportunity to reflect on the progress the health and disability sector has made throughout the year and on the challenges of the year ahead.

[From the Director-General of Health](#) - Kevin Woods took up the role as Director-General of Health earlier this year.

[Management of patients with complex health needs](#) - National Health Board member Dr Margaret Wilsher is the Chief Medical Officer for Auckland District Health Board, and a practicing respiratory physician with a special interest in interstitial lung disease. Here she discusses the management of patients with complex health needs.

[Success Story: A new approach at Timaru Emergency Department](#) - While some hospital emergency departments reported being overloaded during the Christmas holiday period, Timaru Hospital's emergency department was meeting its targets and living within its budget thanks to a closer working relationship between the South Canterbury District Health Board (SCDHB) and local GPs.

[Success Story: Releasing time to care](#) - How often have you wished there were more hours in a day? A recent study by Nelson Theatre and Day Stay Unit (DSU) staff has uncovered a way of returning an additional 17.5 days per year of nursing time without reducing the level of patient care.

[Regional Planning Update](#) - Work on the Regional Service Plans (RSPs) continues with progress well on-track to meet expected deadlines. DHBs are now working through the second phase of the planning process with their initial draft plans undergoing further development over the next few months.

[Health Workforce Update](#) - 2011 will undoubtedly be a very busy year for Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ).

[IT Health Board Update](#) - The IT Health Board brought a new approach to the investment in health IT solutions in 2010 based on a 'whole of sector' viewpoint.

### 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](http://www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/tony+ryall?type=release)

Hon Jonathan Coleman - [www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/jonathan+coleman](http://www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/jonathan+coleman)

Hon Peter Dunne - [www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/peter+dunne](http://www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/peter+dunne)

Hon Tariana Turia - [www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/tariana+turia](http://www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/tariana+turia)

#### **Turia thanks Community and Voluntary Sector, 10 March 2011**

Community and Voluntary Sector Minister Tariana Turia is thanking the many individual volunteers and communities that have assisted with the response to the Christchurch earthquake.

"I have been so impressed with the way New Zealanders have come together to help each others in such trying circumstances including the many non-government agencies, fire, police, defence, local and international search and rescue personnel who have all been working together for the common good.

"I want to thank all of you that have stepped up during this time. I have watched in awe as you have descended on Christchurch from throughout the country and around the globe and set about ensuring people are getting everything they need to get through this crisis," says Mrs Turia.

"What you have done has not only been watched by the world, but it has also resonated in the hearts and minds of our children. One of the most moving tributes to the human spirit that I have seen has been to see our tamariki - school children, sons and daughters, getting out with the shovel and wheelbarrow, and helping clear the silt from the driveway.

"The generosity of spirit has been very humbling. There are so many unsung heroes that have acted selflessly during this crisis."

Mrs Turia says organisations such as Ngai Tahu, Maori Wardens, Salvation Army, Rangiora Earthquake Express, Student Volunteer Army, the farmers' army, Red Cross, marae throughout Aotearoa and many more non-government organisations have really stepped up to help.

"We have also seen those who have been caring for the carers like the individuals, marae and organisations such as the Brethren church who have been providing nourishing meals to front line workers.

"This energy and perseverance could well have been the defining actions that have helped many people cope through this time," says Mrs Turia.

"As we look to the future the challenges will be vast, complex and exhausting but I know the community and voluntary sector will be right there working tirelessly to help get Christchurch back on its feet."

### **Health targets show continuing improvement, 1 March 2011**

The Government's extra \$1.2 billion investment in Health over the past two years is delivering gains in key areas such as faster cancer treatment, more elective surgery, immunisation, and shorter stays in emergency departments.

Releasing the latest health targets performance data for the period October – December 2010, Health Minister Tony Ryall said, "Staff in New Zealand's public health service are delivering a good return on the government's record investment in health.

"In the cancer radiation treatment waiting time target, all 20 District Health Boards (DHBs) achieved the target of patients starting treatment within six weeks of their first specialist assessment. We've tightened the target to four weeks this year.

"Waiting times in emergency departments (EDs) have improved 10 percent since the introduction of these targets, up to 88 percent of patients either admitted to hospital, treated and discharged, or transferred from the ED within six hours. The target is 95 per cent.

"Big gains are continuing in immunisation, with just over 88 per cent of two year olds now fully immunised, and the new target is to achieve 90 per cent by July this year.

"We have seen a steady increase in the number of smokers who are given advice and help to quit smoking when they are in hospital, and diabetes and cardiovascular services are reaching more people more frequently.

Mr Ryall said, "The government is determined to protect and grow the public health service. We are seeing more high priority frontline services being delivered within the extra funding." Results for the second quarter of the 2010/11 year are being published in newspapers tomorrow. The sixth quarterly health targets update is attached.

**Related Documents:** [Health targets Q2 2010-11.pdf](#) (pdf 558.77 KB)

## Health volunteers database set up for Canterbury, 25 February 2011

Health professionals volunteering to help in Christchurch are being encouraged to register through their District Health Board or through the National Health Co-ordination Centre (NHCC). Health Minister Tony Ryall says, "The Ministry of Health is co-ordinating the volunteer responses with a national volunteers database.

"The database is helping the NHCC team to work through the logistical issues that are starting to arise around the number of volunteers in terms of medical specialities and available accommodation. "We need to ensure that we get volunteers with the right skills to the areas where they are most needed. In order to achieve this, the NHCC team is placing a greater emphasis on co-ordination of this valuable resource.

Health workers wanting to volunteer are encouraged to do so through the below channels:

- Doctors and nurses who work in a New Zealand DHB can volunteer through their DHB's, Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)
- Practising Health professionals who are not able to volunteer through a DHB are able to contact the Ministry of Health, National Health Emergency Plan at [nhep@moh.govt.nz](mailto:nhep@moh.govt.nz) It is important to include "volunteer offer" in the subject-line. Information should also include a detailed description of their role and qualifications.

"The Ministry has developed the database so that when Canterbury District Health Board signal their needs to the NHCC, those needs can be met quickly."

## Items of Interest

### Career Services launches revamped website

Career Services has unveiled a new-look website that promises to be even easier to use than its hugely popular predecessor. The government agency already boasts one of the most popular New Zealand websites – last year it attracted more than 2.6 million New Zealand-based visits and visitor numbers are steadily growing. [You can look at the new-look website here.](#)

### Launch of the International Journal of Wellbeing – strong focus on interdisciplinary research

The [International Journal of Wellbeing](#) involves over 50 of the top interdisciplinary wellbeing researchers and experts from New Zealand, Europe, North America, Asia and Australia. Aaron Jarden, New Zealand Association of Positive Psychology President, and Open Polytechnic lecturer in psychology is one of the creators. He is also the lead researcher of the International Wellbeing Study – one of the largest wellbeing studies in the world - and says the development of the journal was a natural extension of the research he has been carrying out with over 70 international collaborators.

The journal has a strong focus on interdisciplinary research, including research from the field of positive psychology, a relatively new sub-discipline of psychology that focuses on what is going right with people – their strengths, levels of engagement and happiness - rather than what is going wrong. Go to the [subscribe](#) page to sign up for new content added to the journal.

### World Health Organization (WHO) Disability and Rehabilitation newsletter – February 2011

The World Health Organization (WHO) Disability and Rehabilitation newsletter is produced three times a year and distributed via e-mail. Subscribe/unsubscribe requests should be sent to WHO's Disability and Rehabilitation Team (DAR) via: [mackenzier@who.int](mailto:mackenzier@who.int)

The [12th issue of the WHO Newsletter on Disability and Rehabilitation](#) includes:

- Launch of the World report on disability
- What's disability to me?
- Regional and national launches of the Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Guidelines
- WHO Task Force on Disability supports web access
- Updates from the regions
- Interns update.

To view other WHO publications on Disability go to: [www.who.int/disabilities/publications/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/disabilities/publications/en/index.html)

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[www.ruralwomen.org.nz/ruralbulletin.htm](http://www.ruralwomen.org.nz/ruralbulletin.htm).

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