



Health and Disability NGO email update for 14 April 2011

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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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.

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Conferences and Events

Seminar to explore how to progress social enterprise in New Zealand, 28 April 2011

Leading UK authority on social enterprise, Hugh Rolo will be in Wellington on 28 April for a morning seminar and workshop (9:30am – 12:00 noon, St John's Conference Centre, corner of Willis and Dixon Streets, Wellington).

New Zealand's non-profit sector has joined a growing worldwide interest in social enterprise as a critical component of economic development. Governments too, now look to social enterprise as means of stimulating economic activity and employment.

Speaker Biographies

Hugh Rolo - *Head of Assets and Investment for the Development Trusts Association in UK*

- Hugh is a founder partner and Director of the Key Fund Yorkshire- both of which invest "patient capital" in community enterprises. On behalf of the DTA, he is a founder partner of the Adventure Capital Fund and acted as an advisor to the previous Labour Government's Communitybuilders investment Panel.
- He leads an action learning research programme into community shares and bonds backed by communities, local government and the government's Office of Civil Society and is a director of ACCENT Regeneration, a leading housing association.
- Over more than 450 community-owned and led development trusts across the UK, have a combined turnover of £230 million and assets valued at £500 million. These trusts focus on cultivating enterprise and building assets in communities.

Lindsay Jeffs - *Manager, Christchurch Small Business Enterprise Centre*

- Lindsay is a part-time lecturer in the Unitec Graduate Diploma in Not-for-Profit Management, Trustee on the Canterbury Community Business Trust and the Director of the School of Social Enterprises.
- He is an accredited social accountant and auditor with the Social Audit Network UK and holds several governance positions being a New Zealand Community Economic Development Trust, YMCA Christchurch and the GreenBag NZ Foundation; Director of Hiking NZ, Socrates Fund Management, LJ Associates and a Board Member of Greenpeace New Zealand and the Institute of Accredited Business Consultants New Zealand.
- Lindsay's particular fields of interest include community economic development; not-for-profit, social and environmental accounting; social enterprises; social entrepreneurship; social finances; sustainable business and labour market development.

You are invited to attend this joint promotion by the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector, NZ Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations and ANGOA.

RSVP: Space is limited, so reserve a place by **26 April 2011** by email to admin@nzfvwo.org.nz, or email registrations to this same address. Cost is \$20 +GST. An invoice will be sent upon registration.

Please direct any questions or queries to Hugh Lawrence in OCVS - hugh.lawrence@dia.govt.nz or phone 04 495 7296.

Learn about Tools for Inclusive Engagement at Good Engagement seminar on 6 May - book now

Community organisations, government agencies and interested individuals are invited to attend a free seminar on **Tools for Inclusive Engagement**.

Every person has a meaningful contribution to make - the challenge is finding ways of engaging people so their voices are heard. This seminar is an opportunity to hear about, and discuss, ways of creating inclusive engagement including through:

- digital story telling
- accessible meetings
- “easy read” information.

Friday 6 May 2011

Ministry of Social Development auditorium,
Level 3, Bowen State Building, Bowen St, Wellington

Refreshments: 1.15pm

Presentation time: 1.30–4.00pm

Presenters:

Karen Gillum: Chair of Interactionz, a community agency looking to bring about long term, positive and sustainable change in the lives of people and communities.

Lynda Millington: Chief Executive of Interactionz, leads the agency’s work alongside disabled people and their circles of support, to assist the creation of personally meaningful lifestyles.

Robert Martin, a life member of People First NZ, has vast experience of presenting on disability issues both in New Zealand and internationally.

Janet Dougherty, Project Coordinator for People First NZ, assists people to have their say within organisations, local communities, and government.

RSVP: Space is limited. Email odi@msd.govt.nz or phone: 04 918 9573

Victory Village Forum - Nelson, RESCHEDULED to 27-29 July 2011

New Zealand's inaugural conference about family centred, community-led development, the Victory Village Forum is a national event about local development. After considerable thought and in response to a range of feedback the decision has been made to **reschedule the Victory Village Forum (from April) until Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 July**.

People from communities (local and national) and government agencies, are fully extended responding to and focusing on the situation in Christchurch. A number of interested participants have indicated that a later date would be more suitable.

Those working with *Inspiring Communities* see this inaugural national forum as a tremendous opportunity and do not want to see this lost. Now, more than ever, family - led and community - centered approaches are a vital underpinning for our sustainable long-term development. Rescheduling this forum to July will give more people the chance to plan to participate, and to engage an even wider group in the development of this event.

The forum will remain in Nelson as it is grounded in the rich experience of Victory Village, [NZ's Community of the Year 2010](#). The shape and content of the programme will remain the same, though we will continue to refine and evolve as we work with key partners and friends.

Please diary **Wednesday 27 – Friday 29 July 2011** and register your attendance as soon as possible. Click here to view the programme and register www.confer.co.nz/VictoryForum. If you would like to contribute to the programme please contact any of the organising committee. For those who have already registered we hope you will continue to be involved.

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.

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, 23 & 24 May 2011

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

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.

Visit the Volunteer NZ [registration page](#) for more details, and to submit your registration.

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.

Sexuality and Practice: sexuality as a defining aspect within communities - 25 & 31 May

Trainer: Simon Harger-Forde (New Zealand Aids Foundation)

Venue: CCS Disability Action, Royal Oak (Auckland) and School of Public Health (Wellington)

Price: \$195 for not-for-profit organisations, \$395 for public sector. Includes GST, lunch and tea.

Simon Harger-Forde (Director of HIV Prevention and Communication, New Zealand AIDS Foundation) has been asked to help delegates think outside of a "mainstream" box. The gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex communities are diverse, complex and universal, yet often fall into a 'too hard to access' category during service provision or project implementation.

The workshop is designed for a wide range of community development practitioners, including those working with youth and those working internationally. The workshop will benefit those who:

- Want to understand sexuality and its impact on their practice.
- Want to develop a deeper understanding of how sexuality and gender diversity can impact community and social programming in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific.
- Want to develop and lead programmes and services that affirm and celebrate the diversity of sexual and gender identity.
- Need to fine tune projects and services, either to access specific people within a community, involve people with diverse sexual and gender identities in decision making and planning.
- Work closely with organisations whose projects and services target gay, lesbian, bisexual, takatāpui, queer and transgendered communities.

To find out more, download an [information sheet](#) and [booking form](#) from the Development Action homepage (www.developmentaction.co.nz), or contact Lee Sentes (lee@developmentaction.co.nz). Places are limited and interest is high for this workshop, so we encourage you to book early.

Australasian Retreat for Advanced Volunteer Management, Wellington 25 – 27 May 2011

The Australasian Retreat for Advanced Volunteer Management is an annual educational and professional development opportunity for volunteer program managers who feel they are past the 'basics' of their profession and are seeking new challenges.

The 2011 Retreat will be held in New Zealand for the first time in partnership with [Volunteering New Zealand](#), and is dovetailing with the [New Zealand National Volunteering Conference](#).

The Retreat will be held from **25 to 27 May 2011 at the Mercure Hotel, The Terrace in Wellington**. The theme is "Raising the Bar Higher". The [2011 brochure](#) is now available detailing all relevant information for the Retreat.

Click on the following link to [apply for the 2011 retreat](#).

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.

Public Health Law and Public Health Ethics, University of Otago, distance based, July 2011

The distance based paper **PUBX 710 Public Health Law and Public Health Ethics** is offered by the University of Otago Department of Public Health (Wellington) paper and will begin on 10 July 2011. This paper will equip participants with an understanding of the framework, scope and content of public health law in New Zealand, and the impact of international law. The paper will also analyse concepts of public health ethics and apply them to particular public health topics.

Students will analyse the scope and content of core public health law in New Zealand; discuss ethical issues in international law, and its impact on public health law; and assess and comment constructively on existing public health law in New Zealand and proposals for new law. Areas of public health law that are covered include law relating to: communicable disease, screening, immunisation, environmental health, tobacco, illegal drugs, alcohol, food and radiation.

The paper will run in the second semester of 2011. The paper is distance based, with two block courses at the Wellington campus, each of two days. The paper begins on 10 July (a Sunday).

No examination: internal assessment.

Who will be interested in this paper?

This paper will be valuable for health workers, public health practitioners, policy staff in government agencies (central and local) and non-government organisation, as well as those lawyers keen on extending their skills in the health sector.

Access to a computer will be required to enable access to Blackboard (through the web). Blackboard participation will not be 'real-time'.

For more information: contact Louise Delany who will be coordinating the paper, Louise.Delany@otago.ac.nz

Health of the Health Professional Conference – Auckland, 3-5 November 2011

This major international event, being held in Auckland from 3-5 November 2011, focuses on bringing together employers, staff and unions across the health and caring professions to raise awareness and advance the state of knowledge about issues that affect the health of health workers. The conference is being jointly hosted by the Goodfellow Unit at The University of Auckland, and the Australasian Doctors' Health Network.

Participation is invited from doctors, specialists, nurses, medical students, allied health professionals, researchers, health sector employers, unions and government officials. The 3 day conference programme includes professional streams with plenty of opportunities for networking and shared insights. More information is available at www.hohp.org.nz.

Keynote speakers include: Prof Neill Piland - *The Economic Impact of Ill Health in the Healthcare Workforce*; Dr Lester Levy - *Dysfunctional workplaces*; Prof Erica Franks – *Why should we be healthy?*

Conference themes include: Building resilience, coping strategies, re-energising using holistic approaches; caring for your colleagues; practical advice on career transitions and flexible ways of working.

Call for abstracts now open - For more information about abstract submission please refer to the Conference website - <http://www.hohp.org.nz/call-for-abstracts>

Key dates:

1st May 2011 – online registrations open

31st May 2011 – abstract submissions close

1st September 2011 – early bird registrations close.

Sands national biennial conference, November 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 for abstracts *31st March 2011*, email Catherine Bronnimann at contact@sandswanganui.com.

The Big Event™ Health & Disability Expo, 2 & 3 December 2011

The Big Event™ World of Possibilities, Disabilities, Healthy Aging and Independent Living Expo is coming to Auckland this year, and will be held on 2 and 3 December 2011 at ASB Expo Centre, Greenlane.

The Expo will provide an opportunity for you to enhance your knowledge and to explore the latest and greatest products, services, technology and resources that include: Assistive and Adaptive Devices

- Durable Medical Equipment
- Computer Software
- Instructional Materials
- Mobility Products
- Adaptive Learning Tools
- Disability Law Resources
- Recreation/Travel Resources
- Adapted Bikes/Adapted Exercise Equipment
- Personal Care Products

- Communication Devices
- Products for the Visually Impaired and/or Deaf or Hard of Hearing Individuals
- Local Agencies and Support Groups
- Product Demonstrations
- Strolling Entertainers/Raffles and Giveaways
- Personal Care Ambassadors
- Free Parking
- Free Entry.

This will be an incredible educational experience, a great networking opportunity and most of all FUN, FUN and more FUN. For information how you or your group or business can be involved, email us at adpnexpo@gmail.com

Sponsorship opportunities exist but are filling fast. Limited commercial space is available.

Bookings for Exhibitors open on April 1st, 2011. Email requesting a layout plan and rate sheet.

All community enterprise exhibitors will be required to attend a 2 hour ADPN Forum covering how to make your exhibition at an Expo of this type work for your organisation.

Requests for Submissions and Feedback

Careerforce Diversional Therapy Survey, open until 27 April 2011

Careerforce are requesting those with an interest in Diversional Therapy to complete their survey is about the entry requirement for the **National Certificate in Diversional Therapy**.

This survey is in response to requests from stakeholders asking Careerforce to reconsider the 'Core Competencies' requirement for the National Certificate in Diversional Therapy.

There is no obligation to respond, but we are keen to hear from you if you or your organisation has an interest in Diversional Therapy. The survey will remain open until Wednesday 27 April 2011. If you wish to respond you will have to do so by 27 April. [Click here to take the survey](#)

Māori Provider Development Scheme (MPDS) – applications due by 27 May 2011

Alongside the opening of applications, the Ministry of Health has published the [MPDS 2011/12 Purchasing Intentions \(www.moh.govt.nz\)](#), which provides an overview of the criteria for MPDS funding.

The document, available from the Ministry's website, indicates how available funds will be allocated across the 20 district health board (DHB) regions in New Zealand, as well as identifying how the available funding will be split between regional and national providers of health and disability services.

To be eligible for the development funding an organisation must:

- be owned and governed by Māori, and providing health and disability services primarily but not exclusively to Māori
- have a contract/s with the Ministry of Health and/or District Health Board (DHB) and/or Primary Health Organisation (PHO)
- be in the process of developing a contract with the Ministry of Health and/or District Health Board (DHB) and/or Primary Health Care Organisation (PHO).

Applications close at 12 noon on Friday 27 May 2011.

- [Application form \(Word, 707 KB\)](#)
- [Guidelines for completing the application form \(Word, 93 KB\)](#)

Further inquiries can be emailed to MPDSadministrator@moh.govt.nz

National Library of New Zealand seeks volunteer testers to help develop their new website

Would you like to help develop a website that provides access to New Zealand's history and heritage in pictures and documents?

The National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa is recruiting a group of people from all walks of life as potential user testers.

If you are in the pool you may be invited to spend up to an hour using the prototype website to look for items that interest you. While you do that the friendly usability specialist will watch what you're doing and listen to you explaining your approach.

The National Library wants their site to support the ways that people find it easiest to use. The test results will be used to change and improve the way the site works. To say thanks for helping with the test you'll get a \$40 book or petrol voucher.

If you're interested please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KQKYBBG> and let the National Library team know a bit more about you. This is so they can make sure they test with people from a range of ages, places and backgrounds. The National Library is interested in all forms of access - Te Reo, Sign, Screen Reader and magnifier. This information will not be used for any purpose other than selecting user testers for the National Library of New Zealand web applications.

University survey of people with mild to total hearing loss and their tourism experiences & needs

Do you or someone you know have a hearing loss, whether minor or total? Then Auckland University of Technology (AUT) would like to learn about your tourism experiences and what you as a person with hearing impairment want in the way of tourism, travel and hospitality products and services.

AUT will use the feedback you provide to inform the tourism industry about the needs of people who are hard-of-hearing. Whatever country you live in, please help by taking a survey that can be found at: <http://www.tourismandhearingsurvey.co.nz/>

Your input will be gratefully appreciated and will help to improve access not only in tourism, but in other walks of life. This is the first such survey of its kind. Your input is anonymous and your answers cannot be traced back to you.

Please pass on the link to the survey if you know of anyone else with a hearing loss who may be interested in completing the survey.

Mental Health Foundation website update – complete short survey and provide feedback

It's time to give the [Mental Health Foundation](#) website a Spring clean - well, an Autumn one – and they're looking to you for your opinions about what you like, and what you may not like so much, on the website. They also want to hear about any new ideas that you think would improve what they offer you online. To do this, please fill in their **quick online survey**. In doing so you are eligible to go into a draw to win \$100 worth of MTA petrol vouchers.

New Zealand Winston Churchill Memorial Trust – Fellowship applications due by 31 July 2011

Community and Voluntary Sector Minister Tariana Turia is inviting New Zealanders wishing to undertake research overseas to apply for a fellowship from the New Zealand Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

“Churchill Fellowships enable New Zealanders to benefit their communities by undertaking research overseas and bringing that international knowledge back home,” says Mrs Turia. “I am particularly keen to see more Maori and Pasifika people apply.”

Fellows are granted up to 80 per cent of their travel costs and can spend between three weeks and three months overseas. The average grant is between \$5000 and \$7000.

Fellows approved during the 2010/11 financial year are conducting research in the fields of education, social welfare, health, conservation, technology and the arts, including:

- **Mason Tolerton**, who will research the ‘Raven Aboriginal Youth Employment Programme’ in Canada and its relevance to Māori youth in New Zealand.
- **Rodney Bell**, who will investigate a range of youth programmes in the United Kingdom and the United States, aimed at reducing the numbers of young people becoming victims or offenders of crime.
- **Rachel Teulon**, who will travel to the United Kingdom to research paediatric palliative care for children with life limiting illnesses in order to identify ways to improve outcomes for them and their families.

Applications close on 31 July 2011. Successful applicants will be announced in December 2011.

To obtain an application form, or to learn more about the Trust, visit the Department of Internal Affairs’ website via the following link: [New Zealand Winston Churchill Memorial Trust](#) or phone 0800 824 824.

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Access Tourism New Zealand – News & Updates March/April 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:

- Singapore wants to lead in developing accessible environments
- Pacific Rim international conference on disabilities includes tourism themes.

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

Community Sector Taskforce – latest weekly updates

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

[Te Harakeke - Week ending 1 April 2011.](#)

[Te Harakeke - Week ending 8 April 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 - 4 April 2011.](#)

[Mental Health Foundation - Update on Wellbeing & Flourishing Literature.](#)

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

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

- Family Violence - giving with one hand, talking with the other?
- Family Start reorganisation
- Income Sharing Bill to proceed
- What if all our policies were put through a child-friendly lens?
- The Puritans were right: work is good for you
- So why are we reducing employment conditions?

Not-For-Profit News, April 2011

For news, insight, and opportunities on all things non-profit check out the latest [Not-For-Profit News](#).

MINISTRY OF HEALTH INFORMATION

Ministry of Health media releases

www.moh.govt.nz/media.

Targeting Smokers: Better Help for Smokers to Quit, online publication, 14 April 2011

In July 2009 the Government showed its commitment to helping smokers to quit by introducing a health target of "Better Help for Smokers to Quit"

The health target requires District Health Boards (DHBs), which run the country's public hospitals to ensure that:

- 90% of hospitalised smokers will be provided with advice and help to quit by July 2011 and 95% by July 2012.

This publication looks at how DHBs and their service providers are working to achieve this health target and discusses how real gains are being made thanks to the commitment, skills and teamwork of those on the frontline and those who provide health services and support in the community. [Read more...](#)

Targeting Shorter Waits For Cancer Treatment, online publication, April 2011

Health targets are a set of national performance measures specifically designed to improve the performance of health services. They provide a focus for action. The impact they make can be measured to see how they are improving health for all New Zealanders.

The Government has identified reducing waiting times for radiotherapy as one of its priority health targets and this booklet looks at the progress being made to achieve this.

The target is that from January 2011, everyone needing radiation treatment will have this within four weeks of the first specialist oncology assessment. [Read more...](#)

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

Diabetes nurses authorised to prescribe, 7 April 2011

For the first time, a group of registered nurses have been authorised to independently prescribe medication to their patients. People with diabetes in four North Island regions are to have their medication managed by registered nurses practising in diabetes health. These nurses now join doctors and nurse practitioners in being authorised to prescribe.

In a significant move, these nurses are taking part in a demonstration that aims to make life easier for diabetes patients and make better use of nursing skills. The nurses are experienced and specialised in diabetes health care and are already largely responsible for the delivery of diabetes services to patients.

Now they will be the first registered nurses to be authorised to independently prescribe a limited range of medicines to their patients, under the guidance of a medical practitioner. [Read more...](#)

Turia welcomes Australian decision on plain packaging, 7 April 2011

Associate Health Minister Tariana Turia is welcoming the Australian Government's decision to legislate for the plain packaging of tobacco products.

In response to the Maori Affairs Select Committee enquiry into tobacco the New Zealand Government has already announced that it would monitor progress on Australia's proposal to legislate for plain packaging of tobacco products and explore the option of New Zealand making similar moves in alignment with Australia.

"We are very supportive of today's announcement by Australian Health Minister Nicola Roxon and it is my expectation that New Zealand will inevitably follow their lead and look to introduce the plain packaging of tobacco products.

"This government is very serious about reducing the harm caused by smoking and it is vital that we do more to help people quit smoking and stop young people from being tempted to take up the habit.

"We are committed to reaching the challenging goal of seeing Aotearoa become a nation that is essentially smokefree by 2025," says Mrs Turia.

Government officials have commenced discussions with their respective Australian counterparts on alignment and will report back to Cabinet by 30 June 2011.

For more information about the Australian Government's announcement go to:

[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/D7E6184AF69E8043CA25786B0007A5F7/\\$File/nr064.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/D7E6184AF69E8043CA25786B0007A5F7/$File/nr064.pdf)

New Zealand's 9th new linear accelerator in past two years, 12 April 2011

Approval has been given for the country's ninth new linear accelerator in the past two years, with Health Minister Tony Ryall signing off a \$6.3 million replacement machine at Southern DHB.

Mr Ryall says, "This is part of the Government's extra \$1.2 billion investment in health, designed to improve key public health services.

"This is the ninth new linear accelerator to have been approved under the National Government, including seven replacement machines. A linear accelerator delivers a uniform dose of x-ray to a tumour. The x-rays can destroy the cancer cells while sparing surrounding tissue.

"We are expecting to see more need for radiation treatment over the next few years as the population ages. This new machine for Southern DHB replaces a 17 year old linear accelerator which was only capable of operating at half speed.

"Shorter waits for cancer radiation treatment is one of the Government's six health targets. It started as a maximum of six weeks and the target is now four weeks. [Read more...](#)

Items of Interest

Employers Investing in Employee Health

The high costs of ill health are driving a growing investment by NZ workplaces in employee health. A new survey, conducted by [Southern Cross](#), (of 402 upper North Island employers) found that nearly 50% of employers had a formal health and wellness programme in place. Surprisingly, more than half of those had started it in the last three years – a time when adverse economic conditions saw belt tightening in many business areas.

The programmes appear to be successful. A third of those with a formal health and wellness programme in place reported reduced staff absence due to illness in the last year, while nearly half reported a reduction in time off work due to injury.

While recognising the business benefits of health interventions, the survey showed that employers were equally motivated by more altruistic reasons. A total of 62% of employers cited “to encourage work-life balance” as an important reason for having a health and wellness programme while 50% cited “social responsibility”.

New Zealand television going digital – what you need to know to get your TV set up for digital

Changes are occurring to television broadcasting and herald an end to the old analogue television signal that New Zealanders have experienced since 1960. Around seven out of ten households in New Zealand are digital—if you use Freeview, Sky or Telstraclear services, you are already watching digital television.

To watch digital television you don't need a new television, but you will need a set-top box (most new televisions have these built-in) and UHF aerial or satellite dish. Nationally, nine Community Advisors are available for staff training, information and support. Further information can be found at www.goingdigital.co.nz or 0800 838 800. The going digital brochure can also be downloaded at: <http://www.goingdigital.co.nz/download>

Not-For-Profits: Doing More with Less

According to the latest survey of Not for Profit (NFP) organisations by Grant Thornton NZ the three most challenging issues for the Not for Profit sector are the same three issues identified in the previous survey:

Where will the money (funding) come from?
Given that choices need to be made, where shall we spend our money?
How do we retain and motivate key staff?

Other results from the survey (done before the most recent Christchurch earthquake but after the September 2010 quake), included:

- fifty-two percent of survey respondents stated their organisation did not have a recovery plan in place (and 36% of respondents believed their organisation had a recovery plan)
- recovery plans that were in place mainly covered key contacts (employees), backup of important documents, and procedures for restoring IT
- those who had a recovery plan in place thought that it was usually updated annually
- for a third of the respondents, it seemed that the recovery plan was not circulated to Board members or employees
- a quarter believed their recovery plan was not tested for compliance.

“Survival: the ongoing challenge of having to deliver more with less” is at <http://www.granthornton.co.nz/Assets/documents/home/NFP-report-2011-2012.pdf>

Tips for protecting yourself during flu season – Influenza 2011

With Flu Season fast approaching here are some tips to protect yourself, and others:

Get immunised - Influenza immunisations are now available, including protection against H1N1 swine flu.

Know if you are high risk - Some people, including pregnant women are at higher risk of developing complications if they were to get influenza.

Know the symptoms - Stay at home until essentially well, that is not sneezing and coughing as this is how the virus spreads.

Seek medical advice - Promptly if you are concerned or if your condition worsens. Consult your GP or call Healthline on **0800 611 116**.

Wash and dry your hands - Reduce your chance of getting the flu, and stop its spread to others.

Know how to care for yourself and others - Including looking after children and babies. Rest, rehydration and reducing fever are especially important.

Be prepared - Have a plan, get food and medical supplies, be prepared to care for yourself at home.

For further information go to the [Influenza 2011 frequently asked questions](#) page on the Ministry of Health website.

Christchurch Earthquake Information

Canterburyearthquake.org.nz - website for local Christchurch information

[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 22nd February 2011 Earthquake. Please refer to this website for local Christchurch information including:

- Water, power and other utilities
- Road closures and travel
- Welfare centres
- Pharmacies open

Canterbury Recovery – Department of Labour Information and Advice

The Department of Labour has a wide range of information on their websites to assist foreign nationals, employers and employees in response to the Christchurch earthquake. Their websites are [www.immigration.govt.nz](#) and [www.dol.govt.nz](#). The home page of both sites takes you directly to earthquake-related information.

The Christchurch Immigration and Department of Labour branch offices are closed until further notice. Anyone with an immigration query of any nature should call their Contact Centre on 0508 55 88 55. Workplace health and safety, and employment relations queries should be made to 0800 20 90 20.

Employment and Health and Safety Information

Information on employment related matters is available on the Department of Labour website [www.dol.govt.nz](#). This includes overarching health and safety and employment advice, latest earthquake news and guidance on a wide range of workplace-related issues. These include:

Employment Relations

Urgent requests for mediation for employment relations issues (such as payment of wages when parties are unable to provide or attend work) will be explored on a case by case basis, to explore whether mediation can be done via telephone. Information on employment relation matters can be viewed via the following links:

- [Staff Concerns That Work Situation Is Unsafe](#)
- [Cannot work and no income left](#)
- [Staff Off Work For Family Reasons](#)
- [Workplace Open But Staff Not Reporting For Work](#)
- [Making Changes To Employment Agreements](#)
- [Altering The Way Staff Work](#)
- [Redundancy Payments If Workplace Closed Permanently](#)
- [Requiring Employees To Take Annual Leave If Workplace Closed](#)
- [Employees Taking Annual Leave](#)
- [Employees Taking Sick Leave](#)

Health and Safety

Again primarily information is being provided regarding H&S matters, including asbestos, hazardous substances, and sewerage contamination, with certain matters escalated to H&S representatives for response. Accidents and serious harm notifications are also being referred to appropriate persons in the Department to determine response.

Hazardous Substances and New Organisms services have been prioritised and our inspectors are active in working with their Regional Council colleagues to ensure the safe management of hazardous substances. Several Labour Group staff members are on call to provide assistance or advice to the emergency services. Information on Health and Safety matters can be viewed via the following links:

- [Restoration of Electrical Supply](#)
- [Resuming work](#)
- [Safety and wellbeing check list for returning to work](#)
- [Asbestos management](#)
- [Staying safe as a volunteer](#)
- [Advice for Working with sewage-contaminated silt](#)
- [Fatigue](#)
- [Confined spaces](#)
- [Hazardous substances](#)
- [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#)
- [Working in adverse weather conditions](#)

Immigration Information

Immigration information on the following topics can be located at www.immigration.govt.nz:

- Accreditation renewal for employers
- Interim visas for people who have temporary or residence visa applications lodged at the closed Christchurch office
- Ongoing visa application processing for foreign workers
- Passport recovery
- Students
- Overseas victims' families
- Refugees.

Government support package

The Government has announced financial support for employers, to help them and their employees through the initial stages of earthquake recovery. Information can be found at <http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/media-releases/2011/millions-for-christchurch-quake-employment-support.html> or by ringing 0800 779 997 to enquire about the employment support.

Note that support for employees covers anyone working lawfully in New Zealand – i.e. if you have foreign nationals working lawfully for you, they are entitled to assistance.

View information on health and safety and employment relations issues that employers and employees may be considering in the wake of the Christchurch earthquake at www.dol.govt.nz or phone 0800 20 90 20 (Let them know you are from Canterbury).

Christchurch Earthquake - Information and useful links

The [Ministry of Health](http://www.health.govt.nz) 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)

Christchurch NGO and Community Organisation Updater website

The New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) set up a website (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>

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](http://www.charities.govt.nz) or you can donate to one of the collections launched to help relief and welfare.

The [Charities Commission](http://www.charities.govt.nz) 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?

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) 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.

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