



**Health and Disability NGO email update for 25 February 2011
[including corrections and additions sent on 28 February 2011]**

To those of you in Christchurch at the moment, or who have family and friends affected by the earthquake, our thoughts are with you. For useful information, and the contact details of organisations that can help you during this difficult time, please see the Christchurch Earthquake section of this newsletter.

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.

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,

Marie Day
NGO Relationship Manager
Ministry of Health

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

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

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

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

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

Health & Disability Sector NGO Working Group

Secretariat NGO Working Group - Wellington

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 see the attached Position Description.

All applications should be submitted to the NGO Working Group Chair

Jackie Edmond
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Family Planning
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Applications close 5pm, Thursday 17 March 2011

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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)

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 February 22nd 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

Christchurch Blood Donor Centre closed – No blood donations required at the present time

NZ Blood has announced that the Christchurch Blood Donor Centre will be closed until further notice. They have good supplies of blood in Christchurch and have supplies they can bring in from other centres. At this stage blood stock are fine, but if the situation changes they will inform people via their website (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.

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

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>

Decision to not proceed with 2011 Census – Media Release, 25 February 2011

Government Statistician Geoff Bascand and Statistics Minister Maurice Williamson today announced the 8 March 2011 Census will not be held. Mr Williamson said Mr Bascand has advised him the census could not be successfully completed because of the recent Canterbury earthquake.

The decision has been made after extensive consultation. "This is not the time to go door to door asking New Zealanders for information when they're dealing with the aftermath of the earthquake," Mr Williamson said. "It's unthinkable that we would ask this of people. It would be an unfair burden and distraction at a time when they are grieving."

There has been extensive damage to Statistics New Zealand buildings with significant impacts on census staff. Mr Bascand said he acknowledges the decision will have consequences for people who use the census data for their work. "We will now investigate the feasibility of alternative options," Mr Bascand said.

Hearing impaired people in Christchurch – Information and Advice

For information and advice for people in Christchurch who are hearing impaired, refer to:

www.nfd.org.nz/ChristchurchServices.

Donations to earthquake victims – please give cash not goods

The most recent update from Civil Defence can be found at the following link www.civildefence.govt.nz. They are managing a huge logistical exercise and the message to New Zealanders is **please give cash not goods**. A list of bank account numbers accepting donations is listed below but it is recommended that you check the Civil Defence website to ensure you are donating to an official entity.

- **Red Cross:** www.redcross.org.nz/donate
- **Salvation Army:** Phone 0800 53 00 00 (Specify your donation is for the 'Canterbury Earthquake Appeal')
- Any **ANZ Bank** branch: Account number 01-1839-0188939-00
- Any **National Bank** branch: Account number 06-0869-0548507-00
- Any **Westpac Bank** branch: Account number 03-0207-0617331-00
- Any **ASB Bank** branch: Account number 12-3205-0146808-00
- Any **BNZ Bank** branch: Account number 02-0500-0982004-000
- Any **Kiwibank** branch: Account number: 38-9009-0759479-00

In addition, a Mayoral Fund has been set up to accept donations to Christchurch citizens at the following BNZ bank account: **02-0800-0849758-000** [this is the correct number].

Enable New Zealand temporary repair service for disability equipment in Christchurch

Enable New Zealand temporary repair service is now available for emergency repairs to disability equipment in Christchurch. People can call 0800 Enable (362 253) to find out more or call 111 if there are imminent safety concerns.

The service is running from alternative premises as the Enable New Zealand building on Kingsley Street (a few streets outside of the cordoned off central city) remains closed. It will be closed until safety checks are completed.

Help Christchurch people stay in touch – donate your old analogue phone at Telecom stores

Do you have an old or spare home phone that you can give to the people of Christchurch? Then bring it in to your [nearest Telecom store](#) and you'll be helping Christchurch people stay in touch with family and friends when they most need to.

Many people in the city don't have power, and if they have a modern cordless phone - which needs power to run - they won't be able to make calls. The older, analogue, phones just plug straight into the wall jackpoint and don't need power to run.

So, if you have a phone like this stored away somewhere, please think about bringing it in to your nearest Telecom store, during normal business hours. Telecom will collect them up and ship them down to Christchurch as soon as possible.

Click on the following link to find your [nearest Telecom store](#).

And don't worry if you have a phone but you're not sure if it still works - Telecom staff will test them before sending them on. Telecom would really appreciate any help you can offer as these phones will allow people to stay connected with loved ones during this sad time.

FOR YOUR ACTION

Conferences and Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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](#).

Purple Cake Day, 1 to 5 March 2011

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

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

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

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

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). Places are limited and interest is high for this workshop, so we encourage you to book early. Contact Lee Sentes (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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Agencies for Nutrition Action National Nutrition and Physical Activity Conference, 3 & 4 May 2011

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Taking stock of your monitoring and evaluation

March 21 (Auckland) and 22 (Wellington)

Trainer: Ann Braun (Independent Contractor)

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

Capturing Outcomes: Results Based Accountability 101

April 13 (Auckland) and 19 (Wellington)

Trainer: Sharon Shae (Shae Pita and Associates)

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

Maximising Participation: What about sexuality?

May 25 (Auckland) and 31 (Wellington)

Trainer: Simon Harger-Forde (NZAF)

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

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

New Zealand 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Requests for Submissions and Feedback

Applications for Ministry of Social Development Community Response Fund close 25 February 2011

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

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

- severe financial difficulties
- significant increase in demand.

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

Are you eligible to apply?

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

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

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

What's not covered under the Fund?

Funding will not be provided for the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public feedback is invited by:

- attending a meeting, and/or
- preparing a NZSL video (emailing a link to it on YouTube, or posting a DVD)

- downloading a submission form and sending it the Office for Disability Issues by post, fax, or email.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga
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Office for Disability Issues – Funding round opens for community projects, January 2011

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

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

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

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

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

The scholarships are open to any person who:

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

You are not eligible if you are:

- A Ministry of Health or District Health Board employee.

Applicants may:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Have your say...

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

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

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

NGO INFORMATION

Access Tourism New Zealand – News & Updates February 2011

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

The latest articles posted include:

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

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

Community Sector Taskforce – latest weekly updates

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

[Te Harakeke - Week ending 11 February 2011.](#)

[Te Harakeke - Week ending 18 February 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 18 February 2011 \(Free online wellbeing journal\)](#)

[Mental Health Foundation 25 February 2011 \(Focus on wellbeing\)](#)

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

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

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

Volunteering New Zealand (VNZ) – January 2011 Update

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

MINISTRY OF HEALTH INFORMATION

Ministry of Health media releases

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

Disability Support Services – Housing access modifications fact sheet, 9 February 2011

Is it difficult for you to get around and do tasks in your home because of your disability? If you need modifications to help you to remain in, or return to your home, the Ministry of Health may be able to help.

This fact sheet has information about what housing modifications are and how you get them and is available to view online or download in the following languages:

- [English - Housing modifications - Read online](#) or [English - Housing modifications - Download \(PDF, 396 KB\)](#)

This fact sheet explains what funding you can get for housing modifications to enable you to get into and move between levels of your home and is available to view online or download in the following languages:

- [English - Housing access modifications - Read online](#) or [English - Housing access modifications - Download \(PDF, 38 KB\)](#)

Disability Support Services – Behaviour Support project information, 9 February 2011

Behaviour Support Services are funded by Disability Support Services, within the Ministry of Health. The Ministry purchases Behaviour Support Services to improve the quality of life for people who have challenging behaviour. Challenging behaviour often affects people's relationships and may place the person or others at risk of harm.

The primary objective of the Behaviour Support Service is to develop, implement, monitor and review a plan that successfully minimises the impact of the challenging behaviour exhibited by the person. This can help improve the person's ability to develop independence and participation in the community. The behaviour support provider works with the person in the context of their family/whanau, welfare guardian, staff/carers (including those from residential or vocational services), advocates and friends (referred to as support networks).

During 2007 and 2008 Disability Support Services (DSS) undertook a range of activities which sought to find a better way of providing Behaviour Support Services (BSS). The work was guided in part by the outcomes of two previous reviews of BSS, one internal by DS and one by Enhancing Quality Services (EQS). Both reviews highlighted concerns regarding the purchase and delivery of BSS and led amongst other outcomes to a common service specification regardless of service provider. The reviews did not inform the consideration of different models but more looked at the quality of existing services.

[Read more...](#)

Measles Alert – 9 February 2011

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

How to protect yourself and your family against measles

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

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

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

Who is eligible for free measles immunisation?

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

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

Call Healthline 0800 611 116 for free health advice

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

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

OTHER INFORMATION

Minister and Associate Ministers of Health media releases

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

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

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

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

Health volunteers database set up for Cauty, 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. 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."

Dunne reminds Kiwis of tax credits for quake donations, 25 February 2011

Revenue Minister Peter Dunne today reminded New Zealanders that all Christchurch earthquake cash donations over \$5 by individuals through approved donee organisations can gain a tax credit, and will be tax deductible when made by companies.

"This is worth being aware of at a time when New Zealanders are giving generously to the people of Christchurch in their hour of need," Mr Dunne said.

A full list of approved donee organisations can be found at www.ird.govt.nz/donee-organisations/

Mr Dunne said that it was also gratifying to see that Australia, as well as supplying invaluable assistance in the actual rescue and recovery operations in Christchurch, has recognised the disaster for donation tax purposes for Australian taxpayers.

"There has been a tremendous amount of support flowing between our two countries in what has been a string of natural disasters on both sides of the Tasman in recent months.

"The help and heart that has gone both ways has indicated how strong the bonds that tie us are, and further strengthened them.

"It is very gratifying to see that the Australian Government has ensured that Australian taxpayers will now be able to claim an income tax deduction for donations to the relief effort in Christchurch," he said.

Some rest home residents moving out of Chch, 24 February 2011

Health workers are helping to move some of Christchurch's most vulnerable residents to safer accommodation, and Health Minister Tony Ryall says "In some cases that means moving out of the region.

"More than two hundred rest home residents need new accommodation as their existing rest homes are uninhabitable. Many are being taken home by family members, and others are being moved by the Air Force to facilities around the South Island.

Yesterday, the Ministry of Health completed a stock take of vacant aged care bed capacity around the country. There are a number of Christchurch residents who need rest home hospital level care and work is underway to make sure these older people can be suitably looked after.

Around 20 properties which are home to people with disabilities are uninhabitable, and the residents are moving. Needs assessment coordinators are managing this with disability services providers around the country. [Read more...](#)

Changing attitudes the key to ensuring equality, 15 February 2011

Changing attitudes is the key to ensuring people with disabilities are treated equally, says Disability Issues Minister Tariana Turia.

Mrs Turia says she is deeply disappointed and saddened by recent comments from a media commentator criticising disabled sportspeople.

"Disabled people should not have to put up with such derogatory comments"

"We should be enabling people to participate in all aspects of life rather than marginalising them because they have a disability," says Mrs Turia.

"All such comments end in doing is to create a disabling society, where individuals are limited by prejudice and ignorance"

"Improving attitudes and behaviours towards disabled people will ensure that people with disabilities can live their lives in a way which enables them to be the best that they can be - rather than being constrained by the judgments of others."

As part of Budget 2010 the Government announced it will invest \$3 million over the next three years to address attitudes and behaviour which limit opportunities for disabled people.

"Changing negative attitudes will help reduce discriminatory behaviour and ensure that disabled people can live ordinary lives on an equal basis with others."

"I have seen first hand how we can support people with disabilities by simply changing attitudes and focusing on what people can do rather than what they can't do."

Health targets drive immunisation to new highs, 10 February 2011

The Government's billion-dollar-plus extra investment in health is delivering returns for New Zealanders, with the country's childhood immunisation rate now at a record level.

Health Minister Tony Ryall says, "The number of Kiwi children fully immunised by their second birthday has risen from 73 per cent in 2007 to just over 88 per cent.

"According to the Ministry of Health, the number of Maori children who are fully immunised at the age of two has jumped nearly 14 per cent to 85 per cent in the past two years.

"The immunisation rate among Pacific children has also increased nearly 14 per cent, to 91 per cent.

"Immunisation rates in Auckland have risen dramatically, around 20 per cent over the past two years.

"New Zealand's immunisation rates for children have been languishing for a long time, so it is pleasing to see such progress in this important public health programme."

Immunisation is important providing individual protection. It can also provide protection in the wider population by reducing the incidence of diseases which stops them spreading to vulnerable people. Mr Ryall thanked the GP clinics, community groups and DHBs working to improve immunisation rates.

Items of Interest

Cancer groups welcome upgrade of registry, NZ Herald, 14 February 2011

A registry used to collect important cancer patient data will be upgraded over the next year. Health Minister Tony Ryall, at the inaugural International Cancer Symposium in Wellington today, announced the New Zealand Cancer Registry (NZCR) would be upgraded to go online, to include public and private data, collect data the whole way through the patient's journey, and be overseen by clinicians.

"The benefits are significant for care and for planning. Cancer data which is more available and more directly accessible will help improve cancer outcomes," Mr Ryall said.

It would make it easier to learn more about what increased cancer risk, preventative measures and environmental factors, he said. It was expected authorised clinicians would be able to access the data on their own patients, and patients could see their own information, Mr Ryall said.

Cancer Control New Zealand will oversee the governance and management of the NZCR, with support from the Ministry of Health. Cancer Control NZ chair Chris Atkinson said the commitment to a broad approach was to be applauded.

"It will mean that extensive information about the approximately 20,000 new cases of cancer will be entered into the database annually." [Read more...](#)

Office for Disability Issues – newsletter February 2011

Click on the following link to view the latest [ODI Newsletter 10 February 2011](#).

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