



Health and Disability NGO email update for October 2011

Greetings,

The NGO Desk's latest update includes information about Ministry of Health and NGO activities, a wide range of up and coming conference and event information and other items 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.

You can also access the latest update from the Jackie Edmond, Chair of the NGO Working Group [here](#).

Kind regards,

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For information about the NGO Working Group download the brochure [Understanding what we do and 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.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH INFORMATION

Ministry of Health media releases

For the latest media releases from the Ministry of Health go to www.moh.govt.nz/media.

The Ministry's structure and business units

For more information about the Ministry's structure and business units go to [Ministry business units](#).

National Health Board (NHB) News

See [NHB newsletter](#) for the September newsletter.

- suspension of this year's DHB capital funding round to ensure sufficient funding is available for rebuilding the Canterbury health system – two capital projects in Canterbury have been approved to date
- Chai Chuah, Director NHB on planning for future priorities
- NHB member, Mary Gordon on nursing roles
- medication safety in Wairarapa DHB
- Waitemata DHB pilot programme to deliver fast track elective surgery
- new, improved hearing aid services
- new tools for primary care management of type 2 diabetes
- emergency management preparations for the world cup
- the Health Quality and Safety Commission's "Quality and Safety Challenge 2012"
- Health Workforce New Zealand update
- National Health IT Board update

Health Workforce New Zealand News

See [Health Workforce NZ Stakeholder bulletin](#) for the September update. It includes:

- prioritisation criteria for training of resident medical officers (and criteria for other professional groups and other HWNZ investment)
- regional training hubs including appointment of regional training advisors who will be supported by a National Advisor/Director of Training
- GP training review
- innovation updates including information about the evaluation of trainee rehabilitation associates in home and community support services and the evaluation of the Wesley Community Action's Client Directed and Outcomes Improved approach in aged care and mental health sectors
- scoping of a New Zealand Centre of Excellence in Health Care Leadership

National IT Health Board News

See [National Health IT Board Newsletter](#) for the September update.

- reflections on the first 12 months from Graeme Osborne Director of the Board
- the eHealth vision of an electronic health record for every New Zealander by 2014
- an evaluation of eReferrals which found that they offered faster, more reliable and more transparent referrals from community to secondary services
- work on issues in the "too hard" basket
- the new Health IT Board Consumer Panel established to support work around privacy and access rules and to ensure that the needs of the health consumer are taken into account at every step along the way in all projects
- the Universal List of Medicines
- health Informatics New Zealand conference in November
- National Shared Care Plan Programme – three DHBs are testing new ways of managing the care of people with long-term health conditions
- Health Information Standards Organisation (HISO) update

- Telehealth forum.

New Ministry publications (since the last email update)

Office of the Director of Mental Health - Annual Report 2010: This is the sixth annual report of the Office of the Director of Mental Health (the Office). It reports on the legislative activities of the Office for the 2010 calendar year. The report comprises three sections. Section one provides an overview of the legislative and service delivery contexts in which the Office operates. Section two describes the work carried out by the Office in 2010 and Section three provides statistical information. You can find the report [here](#).

Vote Health: Report in relation to selected Non-departmental Appropriations for 2010/11: Don't be put off by the title! It is really quite interesting reading – and outlines services purchased by the Ministry of Health as well whether or not performance targets have been reached – and if not, why not. It can be found here: [Vote Health report](#).

Integrating Health Impact Assessment in Urban Design & Planning: the Manukau Experience: This paper explores how a health impact assessment (HIA) process was used to forge closer links between health and urban design agendas in Manukau City. The case study reveals many common interests among public health and urban designers/planners, and also reveals how a public health-oriented approach was able to engage people across a range of sectors, along with Māori stakeholders, to influence long-term planning for a city centre. [The Manukau experience](#)

Needs Assessment and Support Services for Older People - What you need to know: This [booklet](#) provides information to older people, their families and whanau, how to access needs assessment and home support services. It provides a description of what it means to be needs assessed and how services are provided. It also provides a list of the needs assessment agencies and their contact details.

A Focus on Nutrition: Key findings of the 2008/09 New Zealand Adult Nutrition Survey: The report presents key findings from the survey. See the report [here](#).

National Health Emergency Plan: Mass Casualty Action Plan: The National Health Emergency Plan: Mass Casualty Action Plan provides strategic direction and co-ordination to the health sector in the event of an incident resulting in a large number of casualties. It includes the roles and responsibilities of the national, regional and local health agencies in response to the incident. See the plan [here](#).

OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Ministry of Social Development

A report, *Conduct Problems: Effective Programmes for 8-12 Year Olds* has been prepared by the Advisory Group on Conduct Problems (AGCP) on the prevention, treatment and management of conduct problems in children aged 8-12 years of age. This report has a strong focus on making behavioural services more culturally responsive for Māori, and looks at how both 'western science' and 'matauranga Māori' knowledge sit beside each other in understanding and measuring successes of behavioural interventions. This [report](#) will be of interest to policy makers and practitioners.

Office for Disability Issues

Read the latest news from the Office for Disability Issues and related disability matters at [ODI - what's happening](#). In particular, news this month includes the release of a report on findings and recommendations from the review of the NZ Sign Language Act 2006. [Read a summary of the review](#).

Mental Health Commission

A report about social inclusion of people with experience of mental distress and addiction has been released. Read it [here](#).

Charities Commission

The September/October Charities Commission [newsletter](#) includes information about the disestablishment of the Charities Commission, and the transfer of its core functions to the Department of Internal Affairs. A three person statutory board will be established with decision-making powers concerning registration and de-registration functions. The aim is for the changes to come into effect in the middle of 2012. For more, see the [Minister's announcement](#) and the [Crown Entities Reform Bill](#) disestablishing the Commission, which was introduced to the House on 29 September, and had its first reading on 4 October. The Bill has now been referred to the Government Administration Committee.

MINISTERS' MEDIA RELEASES

Media Releases and speeches

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

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

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

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

Hon Hekia Parata - www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/hekia-parata

A summary of key releases and speeches is below (for more information click on the links above):

Hon Tony Ryall

Sleepover Wages (Settlement) Bill passed (6 October)

Health Minister Tony Ryall has welcomed Parliament's unanimous support for the Sleepover Wages (Settlement) Bill, passed under urgency. "This Bill resolves a dispute that dates from 2007 and sets in place a responsible and affordable framework for employers and employees in the health and disability sector," Mr Ryall says. "And it ensures that some of the most vulnerable people continue to receive quality care in the community, while addressing the recent decision made by the Court of Appeal and the Employment Court in relation Idea Services Limited V Phillip William Dickson." The Government is committing \$27.5m to assist Crown funded employers in the health and disability sector to settle valid back wage claims and up to \$90m over three years to support employers phase in the minimum wage for employees who work sleepovers.

Integrated Family Health Centre Opening (30 September)

For Hon Tony Ryall's speech for the opening of Lower Queen Street Health, Richmond go to [opening speech](#)

Crown Entities Reform Bill introduced (29 September)

The Crown Entities Reform Bill has been introduced to the House. This omnibus Bill provides for structural changes to the way the government is organised across the health and charitable sectors, including:

- establishing a new Health Promotion Agency that will take over the functions of the Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand (ALAC), the Health Sponsorship Council (HSC) and relevant functions of the Ministry of Health
- disestablishing the Crown Health Financing Agency, and transferring some its functions to the Ministry of Health, while others continue to be provided by Treasury's Debt Management Office

- bringing forward the disestablishment of the Mental Health Commission and transferring functions to the Office of the Health and Disability Commissioner (HDC), and establishing a new Mental Health Commissioner within the HDC
- disestablishing the Charities Commission and transferring its functions to the Department of Internal Affairs, while providing for independent registration and related functions through a statutorily independent board.

The changes are anticipated to save \$19.6m in the four years from 1 July 2012, with ongoing annual savings after that of \$4.1m.

Innovation hub to help grow health tech sector (22 September)

Better links between the health technology sector and the health service are behind a plan to establish a national health innovation hub, say Economic Development Minister David Carter and Health Minister Tony Ryall. The hub will assist with developing health technology ideas generated by clinicians and companies into business propositions, products and services. The hub will be based within a core group of District Health Boards – Auckland, Counties-Manukau, Waitemata and Canterbury. Its projected cost is around \$24 million over five years, with the Government committing \$3 million to the project and the balance made up from a mix of public and private sources.

Easier access to home support for older NZers (21 September)

A booklet telling people how to get a needs assessment and access home support services has been sent to organisations throughout New Zealand to help ensure people have easy access to the information. Health Minister Tony Ryall says, "The booklet tells older people, their families and caregivers about how to access the support services to help them live independently in the community for as long as possible. "It also includes local contact information for people wherever they are in New Zealand. The booklets have been sent to all GPs, District Health Boards and other organisations who help support older New Zealanders. A copy of the new booklet is also available [here](#)

Guthrie cards to be kept indefinitely (16 September)

Cards containing the blood spots from heel prick tests on newborn babies will be kept indefinitely, with greater protections on access to the cards Health Minister Tony Ryall said today. Further information can be obtained from www.nsu.govt.nz

Diabetes Get Checked programme review (15 September)

The Ministry of Health is to work with experts and Diabetes New Zealand to recommend new ways to support people with diabetes. Health Minister Tony Ryall has made the announcement following a review of the Diabetes Get Checked programme, which concluded the programme is not making any appreciable improvement for people with diabetes.

"Last year the programme funded 122,000 free annual checks and cost almost \$8 million. A total of \$46 million has been spent on the programme since 2000". Mr Ryall says it is too soon to say what an alternate approach would look like, but it may be that rather than have a national programme local alliances could be funded involving hospital and community clinicians and patients. "Some alliances around the country are already looking at improvements, and we are supportive of this work continuing. "Better diabetes management is a government preventive health target, so I am keen for this work to progress as quickly as possible. I would expect the next government would be able to make decisions by March or April 2012." A copy of the report is available at www.moh.govt.nz/diabetes

Hon Tariana Turia

Exceptional Māori health scholars honoured (5 October)

Associate health minister Tariana Turia presented four awards in two categories which honour the legacy of trailblazing leadership in Māori health. Ibrahim Walter Soloman and Caroline Blucher are the recipients of John McLeod Scholarships while Michelle Turrall and Paula Moyle are Te Apa Māreikura award recipients. Minister Tariana Turia says the recipients are all

educators, mentors, and coaches who are strongly connected in te ao Māori and their communities.

Sign language in good heart but more can be done (4 October)

Disability Issues Minister Hon Tariana Turia released the review of the New Zealand Sign Language Act 2006 today. "The review highlights that there is more work to be done to ensure that sign language becomes a regular feature of New Zealanders' lives. In 2012, I will be considering how we can implement recommendations from the review to promote of sign language," says Ms Turia.

Bariatric surgery numbers up (29 September)

A funding boost for weight-loss surgery is producing results, with Associate Health Minister Tariana Turia announcing an increase in the number of procedures nationwide in the first year. "I can safely say that we have had an extra 75 this 2010/11 year. That puts us on target for the 300 over four years which is the target of the increased funding. However, we also need to ensure that this funding is prioritised for those who need it, in particular Maori and Pasifika communities where diabetes rates are disproportionately high and who do not achieve the same outcomes as others.

Hon Jonathan Coleman

Bill to improve natural health products sector passes first reading (15 September)

A bill that gives the public assurances about the safety and efficacy of natural health products passed its first reading in Parliament today, says Associate Health Minister Jonathan Coleman. "The bill will introduce, for the first time in New Zealand, a cost-effective scheme to oversee the estimated \$760 million dollar natural health products industry. The additional protections the bill provides for consumers will be widely welcomed." The bill will also provide for a list of prohibited ingredients and an open-ended list of ingredients that can be used in natural health products. A simple process for adding new ingredients to the list of those that can be used is also proposed. Dr Coleman says the bill contains a three-year transitional period to assist the industry in adjusting to the proposed requirements.

Hon Peter Dunne

Address to NZ Healthcare Summit 2011 (21 September)

This speech focuses on Government's policy for improving the cost of medicines, access to medicines and optimising use. It can be found [here](#).

Hon Hekia Parata

Minister launches Pacific Peoples Healthier Homes project (8 October)

The Acting Minister of Energy and Resources, Hekia Parata, today welcomed the launch of a special project that will see the homes of many Pacific Island people in Wellington and Dunedin made warmer and healthier. The Pacific Peoples Healthier Homes project aims to reduce respiratory illness rates in Pacific Island people, by insulating homes at little cost to the homeowner. The programme is being run by the Pacific Peoples Wellbeing Trust and is part of Warm Up New Zealand: Heat Smart, the Government's insulation and heating programme. A thousand Pacific Island homes in Wellington and 100 in Dunedin will be targeted under the agreement – the first of its kind to specifically target the insulation of Pacific Island homes. Priority will be given to those on a low income and with health needs.

NGO INFORMATION

Community Sector Taskforce

For jobs available in the NGO sector and updates on what's happening in Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector go to [Te Harakeke](#)

New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS)

[Policy Watch](#) is a current awareness "e-letter" compiled fortnightly. It provides a tool for keeping track of emerging issues, policy developments and other relevant news snippets and links. In the latest version read about:

- Welfare reform – out of school care (\$2.8m)
- Family court review (see more under *requests for submissions* below)
- Inquiry into the determinants of wellbeing for Maori children (see more under *requests for submissions* below)
- Trials in Kawerau, Tokoroa, Te Kuiti, Taumaranui, Levin and Gore to improve outcomes for young people (12-18). [More](#).

Not-For-Profit News (Australia)

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

Volunteering NZ

For the latest news from Volunteering NZ, check out their website [here](#).

Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand

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

IHC

For the latest news from IHC check out [hot issues](#)

REQUESTS FOR SUBMISSIONS

Draft DZ 8158 Home and Community Support Sector Standard (closing date for comments 4 November)

The draft DZ 8158 Home and community support sector Standard is available for public comment. This revised draft of NZS 8158 Home and community support sector Standard was driven by a desire to ensure that people receive good quality support in their home and community. This Standard aims to achieve is to support people facing challenges to full participation in everyday life to maintain or increase their independence, live in their own home, participate in their communities, and fulfil the roles they value. For more information go to [standards](#).

Government Green Paper on Vulnerable Children (submissions close 28 February 2012)

A Government Green Paper has been produced on vulnerable children who have childhoods that make it unlikely they will thrive, belong, and achieve. The Green Paper has some ideas about what the Government could do to improve outcomes for vulnerable children. It aims to open up discussions about the issues and it is a chance for you to have your say. Submissions are due by 28 February 2012. Once all of the submissions have been received and analysed, a White Paper will be released outlining the Vulnerable Children's Action Plan which will be published in 2012. See [green paper](#).

The Family Court Review: Public consultation paper (submissions close 29 February 2012)

The Ministry of Justice is undertaking a review of the Family Court system to make it more "sustainable, efficient, cost-effective and responsive to those vulnerable adults and children who

need access to its services” and is seeking public input. For more information [visit the Ministry of Justice website](#).

Inquiry into the determinants of wellbeing for Maori children (no closing date yet)

The Maori Affairs Select Committee is holding an inquiry into the determinants of wellbeing for Maori children. The terms of reference are to inquire into:

- the historical and current health, education, and welfare profiles of Maori children. This would take account of the transmission of life circumstances between generations, and how this impacts on Maori children
- the extent of public investment in Maori children across the health, education, social services, and justice sectors—and whether this investment is adequate and equitable
- how public investment in the health, education, social services, and justice can be used to ensure the well-being of Maori children
- the social determinants necessary for healthy growth and development for Maori children
- the significance of whanau for strengthening Maori children. 6 Policy and legislative pathways to address the findings of this inquiry.

October 20 has been listed as the closing date on the Parliament website, but this is in fact a default date as it is the last day of Parliament. It is not the closing date for submissions. [Link to parliament website](#).

Human Rights Commission Inquiry

In response to concern over low wages in aged care sector the Human Rights Commission is carrying out an *Inquiry into the Equal Employment Opportunities Issues in the Aged Care Sector*. In the next six months meetings in Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin and Southland will allow members of the public to have their say. The Commission is holding public and face-to-face meetings; visiting rest-homes and hospitals; speaking with providers and DHBs; and talking with as many people as possible interested in this sector, in residential or home-based care. For more information visit [inquiry](#).

FUNDING, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

Quality and Safety Challenge 2012 by the Health Quality & Safety Commission

A fund for projects related to quality improvement, patient safety or consumer engagement. Applications are sought from across the health sector including the NGO sector. [More](#). Applications close 28 October.

The Funding Information Service

The Funding Information Service is a not-for-profit organisation collecting and distributing information about funding by way of three separate searchable computer databases, FundView, BreakOut and CorporateCitizens. See [funding information](#).

Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Māori Development)

Information on funding available from The Puni Kōkiri can be found [here](#).

Te Pou training grants for disability support services

Te Pou is administering grant funding to promote access to training and leadership development opportunities for the disability workforce funded by the Ministry of Health. The following grants are available:

- [Training grants](#) - to assist employers with costs arising from their employee's participation in a Ministry of Health approved national certificate or diploma. Applications for the next round will be open from 1 November to 9 December 2011, for training to be undertaken in 2012.

- [Leadership development grants](#) - to assist employers with costs arising from their employee's participation in a leadership development programme. Applications for the 2012 academic year close on 31 October 2011.
- [Consumer leadership development grants](#) - provides funding for development opportunities for disabled people and the organisations sponsoring them. Applications for the 2012 academic year close on 31 October 2011.
- [Consumer conference attendance sponsorship](#) - Sponsorship to attend a disability related conference in New Zealand may be available from time-to-time for a disabled person or family/whanau member.

TRAINING, EDUCATION, RESOURCES AND CONFERENCES

CommunityNet Aotearoa

CommunityNet Aotearoa has a useful website outlining [training opportunities](#). It also has "how to" guides for setting up and running community organisations and projects.

Careerforce

To view the latest news from Careerforce, go to [eChat](#). The September eChat includes a link to new Careerforce videos which provide greater insight into workplace training in the health and disability sectors. As well as being on [YouTube](#) these videos can also be viewed on the Careerforce website.

Development e-newsletter (Te Pou):

To read the monthly e-newsletter and see what training and training grants are available go to [Disability Workforce Development](#).

Community Accounts Mentoring Service

The Community Accounts Mentoring Service (CAMS) provides training and up-skilling in accounting and financial management by a chartered accountant with adult education experience for community and voluntary organisations in Wellington. The CAMS Model is available on compact disc and includes a complete set of all the client forms and guide sheets CAMS has so far developed, together with operational procedures. This free resource is suitable for agencies that support a number of community and voluntary organisations. For more information, visit www.cams.wellington.net.nz.

Family Violence Training Resource DVDs

Upon the disbanding of the Safer Families Violence Prevention Network (North Shore of Auckland), Te Rito Rodney were gifted the popular and well known training videos and DVDs, *Someone's Daughter*, *The Children are Watching* and *Afraid to Ask*. These training resources have been widely used in training professionals about family violence and in family violence group programmes. To request an order form or for further enquiries, please contact: Diane (Te Rito Rodney Coordinator) on either 09 426 6 524 or email teritorodney@paradise.net.nz.

Managing Volunteers Online Course

Volunteering NZ has partnered with Xperts to provide the [Introduction to Managing Volunteers online course](#). It's proving popular, so if you're thinking of investing in some training for you or for your team, consider this in your training plans.

Partnering for Results (Auckland 2/3 November)

Trish Hall of Thought Partners is running two workshops and mentoring sessions of interest to individuals or groups who are considering collaborative options. The Working Together More Fund is subsidising this workshop and mentoring sessions for community groups and NGOs who meet their criteria. [For more information](#).

Seven Steps to Effective Governance Massey University, Wellington & Auckland (26 October & 2 November)

This interactive three-hour seminar introduces you to the key aspects of effective governance practice, processes and behaviours. [More](#)

Creating Transformative Change in Practice and Organisations Workshop (Massey 31 October – 2 November).

Te Aroha Noa Community Services and Massey University present 'Creating Transformative Change in Practice and Organisations'. A three day workshop which enables practitioners from diverse backgrounds and agencies to explore change processes when working with individuals, groups and families. It draws on strengths based and community development approaches. For more information click [here](#)

Using Social Media for Effective Public Engagement. Victoria University (Wellington 3 - 4 November, Auckland 10 - 11 November)

Victoria University is running a short course exploring how social media can be used by public sector agencies to achieve public engagement. It provides an overview of the latest international experience and works with practical examples from New Zealand. [More](#).

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

This conference is being jointly hosted by the Goodfellow Unit at The University of Auckland, and the Australasian Doctors' Health Network. 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. More information is available at www.hohp.org.nz.

Believing in Better (Dunedin, 19 and 20 November)

This two-day introductory workshop explores options and thinking around how to attain better lives for people with disabilities. Topics discussed include: what is a good life; individualised funding; friendships, relationships and circles of support; how to use your NASC; and wills, trusts and estates. [More information](#).

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Conference (Auckland 16/17 November)

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust New Zealand is hosting its second *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren National Conference*. For more information and for a registration form please visit the GRG website www.grg.org.nz.

Health Informatics New Zealand conference (Auckland 23-25 November)

The theme of the conference is *Working together..... working smarter*. Collaboration remains a major focus on HINZ from interoperability to multidisciplinary teams and partnerships. For information go to www.hinz.org.nz

NFP Sector Conference (Wellington 21-22 November)

For information about this Conferenz/Bright*Star conference go to <http://www.conferenz.co.nz/conferences/nfp-sector>

Every Body In – an inaugural conference on Disability Studies – 27-30 November 2011, University of Otago, Dunedin

An inaugural conference on Disability Studies is being planned. The theme is Every Body In. The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for people from diverse backgrounds and life experiences to share their knowledge and research with others. [For more information on the conference](#)

The Social Enterprise Journey: balancing social mission with making money - 15 November (Wellington) and 22 (Auckland)

Bice Awan (Chief Executive, Skyline) will share ideas, stories and tips with organisations that are curious about the operating model. By operating as a social enterprise, organisations can reduce their dependency on external funding. (www.developmentaction.co.nz).

Tonic conference 2011 'Strengthening the Sector' – 24-25 November 2011, Tauranga

This year's conference presents workshops, information and advice on how organisations can not just survive - but thrive - in the current economic climate. For registration and details: email tracy@exult.co.nz. See the [Exult website](#) for more details.

Creating your Pathway to Boardroom Effectiveness, Massey University, Auckland (5-7 December)

This three-day, interactive workshop examines the many facets of governance and the way that competent board members can contribute. [More.](#)

2012 Summer Programme: Social Science Research Methods. Wellington (13/14 February 2011)

The New Zealand Social Statistics Network is offering fifteen 5-day courses, one 3-day course and one 2-day course on social science research methods. The courses take place at Victoria University of Wellington's School of Government. [More.](#)

Easy Evaluation (Auckland, 5-7 March)

The SHORE and Whariki Research Centre are contracted by the Ministry of Health to provide evaluation training plus organisational and individual support for the public health workforce and community organisations with a public health focus (targeting communities, groups and environments rather than the delivery of personal health services). For more information go to [evaluation workshop](#)

The Big Event™ Health & Disability Expo, 9 & 10 March 2012 (Auckland)

The Big Event™ World of Possibilities, Disabilities, Healthy Aging and Independent Living Expo will now be held on 9-10 March 2012 (delayed from 2 and 3 December 2011) at ASB Expo Centre, Greenlane. The Expo will provide an opportunity to enhance your knowledge and to explore the latest products, services, technology and resources. For information how you or your group or business can be involved, email adpnexpo@gmail.com.

Call for papers: New Zealand's first international conference on Individualised Funding and Self Directed Services: The Opportunities, Challenges and Cautions (Hamilton 27-29 June 2012).

This conference will explore what has been learnt about the implementation and contribution of Individualised Funding to the life opportunities of people with disabilities and their families both internationally and within New Zealand. Interested parties are invited to submit a brief proposal to be received not later than 16 December 2011. For more information go to:

Advocacy Training

The Children's Commissioner offers a Child Rights Advocacy Training programme to communities throughout NZ. The programme is organised and facilitated by trained and experienced staff from the Office of the Children's Commissioner. The overall intention is to share advocacy skills and to inform how they can be applied to your current work. The training is designed to be inclusive of the diverse range of people who undertake paid and unpaid work involving children and young people. For more information go to [advocacy training](#).

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