

SDOHA

NEWS

25 September 2015

2015 SDOHA Public Forum and Member Meeting dates:

Please note the **Annual SDOHA Anti-Poverty Week Oration** details below:

- Wednesday 14 October 2015 – This year’s annual SDOHA Anti-Poverty Week Oration will be delivered by Dr John Falzon, Chief Executive Officer of the St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia, highlighting the relationship between poverty and ill-health. The St Vincent de Paul Society report “*Sick with worry... - Stories from the frontline of inequality, 2015*” will be launched in conjunction with the Oration.
VENUE: ACT Legislative Assembly - Reception Room
TIME: 11am – 12pm (Oration) to be followed by light lunch and SDOHA Members AGM commencing at 12:30pm
Click [here](#) to register.

Items for Circulation from Members

Meaning for Men – A Humanistic Buddhism Approach (Men’s Health Services)

This new one day program provides a safe space to spend some time with like-minded men defining what it means to be a man today and learning some new skills to help us to plan for a more meaningful, happy and contented life. Click [here](#) for further information.

Helping Men Get Help – Training Program by Glen Poole

Glen Poole is touring Australia for six months. He is an energetic voice in the world of gender equality having founded and hosted the UK National Conference for Men and Boys, is a lead co-ordinator for International Men’s Day in the UK and globally and runs the consultancy Helping Men.

Glen is committed to building a dynamic global network of professionals and experts to spread best practice and help tackle the major gender inequalities that men and boys experience including lower life expectancy, high male suicide rates and violence against men and boys. Click [here](#) for further information.

National Online Survey: views on children and young people's safety in institutions (ACU)

Do you know anyone aged 10 - 18 in Australia? Researchers from the Institute of Child Protection Studies, ACU, are inviting young Australians aged 10 - 18 to participate in a national online survey, about their views on children and young people's safety in institutions. Click [here](#) for access to the survey.

Towards health equity: a framework for the application of proportionate universalism (International Journal for Equity in Health)

The finding that there is a social gradient in health has prompted considerable interest in public health circles. In particular, the notion that ‘The “hardest to reach” are often the ones we need to reach most’ has attracted speculation regarding how to deliver health equity. Click [here](#) for full article.

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Adaptive Policies for Reducing Inequalities in the Social Determinants of Health (International Journal of Health Policy & Management)

Inequalities in the social determinants of health (SDH), which drive avoidable health disparities between different individuals or groups, is a major concern for a number of international organisations, including the World Health Organization (WHO). Despite this, the pathways to changing inequalities in the SDH remain elusive. Click [here](#) for full article.

Member events previously advertised:

- [National Indigenous Men's & Women's Network Conference: 28-30 September 2015 \(Darwin\)](#)
- [Anti- Poverty Week: 11-17 October 2015 \(National\)](#)
- [2015 National Men's Health Gathering: 20-23 October 2015 \(Terrigal\)](#)
- [National Primary Health Care Conference: 2 – 4 November 2015 \(Canberra\)](#)
- [2nd National Complex Needs Conference: 17-18 November 2015 \(Canberra\)](#)

News Items of Interest

Media items of interest over the past week included:

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WGAR News: Decolonising Australian Psychology (Indymedia Australia)

Colonisation in Australia has had a devastating and lasting impact on the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia (herein referred to as Indigenous Australians). This paper discusses the role of psychology in Australia and the negative impact that certain disciplinary theories and practices have had on Indigenous Australians. Click [here](#) for link to full article.

Membership of SDOHA – Renewal period open

Membership pledges are being sought for the 2015-16 financial year. For more information please contact Anne Brown on accounts@phaa.net.au. Full membership is open to organisations that agree with the Alliance's purpose and principles; abide by the Alliance's terms of reference; and consistently and regularly attend Alliance meetings.

Individuals can also be listed on the SDOHA website as supporters of the Alliance.

Further information is available on the "Who We Are" page of the website at

www.socialdeterminants.org.au .

Invitation to contribute to the SDOHA Blog

We are seeking Blog posts – to be published on the website - from member organisations, either commenting on key issues/current events or showcasing work that your organisation is undertaking in relation to the social determinants of health. Please forward Blog posts to Anne Brown, SDOHA Coordinator at accounts@phaa.net.au .

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