



SOCIAL DETERMINANTS
OF HEALTH ALLIANCE

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MEDIA ALERT

What factors affect health outcomes in Australia?

Around 120 people from the health and community sectors are coming together in Canberra **today** for a public forum to address factors affecting health outcomes in Australia. The *Social Determinants of Health Research Forum* is being hosted by the national Social Determinants of Health Alliance (SDOHA).

“It’s vital that the Commonwealth, state and territory governments work together if Australia is to address those social determinants of health that are holding us back in seeking to achieve better health outcomes for the Australian community. Speakers at the Research Forum will be presenting the latest research findings and evidence in relation to factors impacting on the health of Australians and efforts to improve the nation’s health,” said Michael Moore, SDOHA spokesperson and CEO of the Public Health Association of Australia.

“A brand new report *Taking Action on the Social Determinants of Health: Insights from politicians, policymakers and lobbyists* will also be being launched at the event by speakers from the Australian National University and Monash University. These speakers will be arguing that it’s time for a targeted, solutions-focused approach to improve health outcomes,” said Mr Moore.

Speakers at the forum include:

- Professor Sharon Friel (Professor of Health Equity, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health and Director, Menzies Centre for Health Policy, Australian National University)
- Professor Mike Salvaris (Professorial Research Fellow, Deakin University and Board Member, Australian National Development Index)
- Adjunct Associate Professor Rebecca Cassells (Curtin University)
- Dr Gemma Carey (Research Fellow, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Australian National University) and Mr Bradley Crammond (Lecturer, Monash University)
- Ms Mary Guthrie (General Manager, Policy and Communications, The Lowitja Institute)

What: Social Determinants of Health Research Forum

Where: The Brassey of Canberra, Belmore Gardens & Macquarie Street, Barton ACT

When: Monday 14 July 2014

Time: 1pm - 3:30pm

SDOHA is a collaboration of like-minded organisations from the areas of health, social services and public policy established to work with governments to reduce health inequities in Australia. The Alliance currently has over 60 organisational members.

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