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Items for Circulation from Members

Immunisation Advocacy Workshop, 28 April, Sydney

The NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence (CRE) in Population Health “Immunisation in under Studied and Special Risk Populations: Closing the Gap in Knowledge through a Multidisciplinary Approach” is dedicated to identifying and addressing challenges of immunisation for under studied and special risk populations. This joint CRE/PHAA workshop focuses on advocacy for increasing immunisation rates of existing Australian National Immunisation Program vaccines across the age spectrum. See [flyer](#) for further information.

2015 SDOHA Public Forum and Member Meeting dates

Please note the time and venue for our next Public Forum and meeting on 7 May and pencil in the remaining dates for the SDOHA Member meetings and Public Forums in 2015:

- Thursday 7 May – Brassey House, Canberra
Public Forum, 9:30am – 12:30pm: “*Achieving health equity through action on social determinants: challenges and opportunities in Australian health policy*”
to be followed by a light lunch, Members Meeting and Management Committee Meeting.
- Thursday 13 August – (SDOHA AGM – other details TBA)
- Thursday 15 October – Anti Poverty Week Address (SDOHA Members Meeting and Public Forum) – date and venue TBC

Three major reports point to need for long term reform (Mental Health Australia)

Three major reports just released have highlighted the need for systemic reform to address significant challenges in the current mental health system. Click [here](#) for full article.

Dementia Research and Care: Can Big Data Help? (OECD)

This workshop proceedings advances international discussion of the opportunities and challenges, as well as successful strategies, for sharing and linking the massive amounts of population-based health and health care data that are routinely collected. Click [here](#) for full publication.

Investing in Youth: Tunisia - Strengthening the Employability of Youth during the Transition to a Green Economy (OECD)

This report provides a detailed diagnosis of the youth labour market in Tunisia, including a focus on vocational education and training and entrepreneurship. Click [here](#) for full report.

Fit Mind, Fit Job: From Evidence to Practice in Mental Health and Work (OECD)

Following an introductory report (Sick on the Job: Myths and Realities about Mental Health and Work) and nine country reports, this final synthesis report summarizes the findings from the participating countries and makes the case for a stronger policy response. Click [here](#) for full report.

Membership of SDOHA

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 .

News Items of Interest

Media items of interest over the past week included:

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Stop the presses: women are not men with ovaries (Herald Sun)

The most recent federal Budget cut science and research funding, resulting in Australia losing many of its smartest experts. But while everyone was focused on the cuts at CSIRO, we missed those at the NHMRC, which hands out research grants to academics to find cures for diseases and better understand social problems so they can be remedied. Click [here](#) for full article.

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Cultural identity is not a 'lifestyle choice' Prime Minister (MediaNet)

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) supports calls from key Indigenous organisations and community leaders for the Prime Minister to apologise for his claim that living in remote Indigenous communities is a 'lifestyle choice'. Click [here](#) for full article.

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