

# SDOHA

## NEWS

4 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 – Anti Poverty Week Oration (Public Forum) delivered by Dr John Falzon  
Venue: ACT Legislative Assembly Reception Room  
Time: 11am – 12pm (Oration) to be followed by light lunch and SDOHA Members AGM  
Click [here](#) to register.

### **Items for Circulation from Members**

#### **Anti-Poverty Week: 11 – 17 October**

With Anti-Poverty week less than 2 months away now is an opportune time to organise events. Please find [attached](#) the Health Services workers flyer outlining some event ideas for your organisation. All events can be advertised free of charge on the [APW calendar of activities 2015](#). In addition it is requested that you advise the APW organisers of your event via [jill.lang@optusenet.com.au](mailto:jill.lang@optusenet.com.au). Please feel free to connect to the week via Facebook as well!

#### **Policy grand challenge: Gender equity matters in health policy: Thursday 17 September 2015**

At each stage of life, the state of women's mental and physical health is intimately linked to their social environments. In particular, gender inequities, such as the pay penalty of womanhood, violence against women and the exploitation of women in personal and professional caregiving, impact on women's everyday lives and their health outcomes. This Menzies Centre for Health Policy Grand Challenge focuses on gender equity matters in health policy. Click [here](#) for information.

#### **Research to Practice Series (ACU)**

The quarterly ICPS *Research to Practice Series* links the findings of research undertaken by ICPS, to the development of policy and practice in the area of child, youth and family welfare. Click [here](#) for access to all Issues 1 – 9.

#### **Investing in Youth: Latvia (OECD Publishing)**

The report provides a detailed diagnosis of the youth labour market and education system in Latvia from an international comparative perspective, and offers tailored recommendations to help improve school-to-work transitions. Click [here](#) for full report.

#### **OECD Reviews of Health Care Quality: Japan 2015**

This report reviews the quality of health care in Japan, and seeks to highlight best practices, and provides a series of targeted assessments and recommendations for further improvements to quality of care. Click [here](#) for full report.

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### **Developing an understanding of how children understand and experience safety in institutions (ACU)**

This research project will explore what children and young people experience and think about safety in institutional contexts. Specifically, the study will explore how children conceptualise and perceive the extent to which they are safe in institutions; their views on what gives rise to these perceptions; what they consider is already being done to respond to unsafe situations in institutions; and what else they think might lead to children being and feeling more safe. Click [here](#) for further information.

### **Member events previously advertised:**

- [The Power to Persuade Symposium: 17-18 September 2015 \(Canberra\)](#)
- [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 \(Canberra\)](#)
- [Dropping off the Edge Report \(DOTE\) – State Briefing Dates \(National\)](#)

### **News Items of Interest**

Media items of interest over the past week included:

#### **2 September 2015**

##### ***Is the 'ice epidemic' a media myth? A Northern Territory perspective (Australian Business)***

Lurid headlines like 'Australia in grip of ice crisis' (SkyNews, 15 May 2015) and 'Ice - Australia's biggest drug threat' (Illawarra Mercury, 25 March 2015) suggest that Australia is in the grip of an escalating epidemic. This perception is reinforced by a federally funded television and online advertising campaign that depicts Ice users behaving violently in an emergency room, and in the family home. But, do these accounts represent the full story on the use of Ice in Australia and the Northern Territory, or is the truth rather less salacious? Click [here](#) for full article.

##### ***Hacking the Obesity Epidemic: U.S. – England Obesity Data Challenge Identifies Innovative Solutions, Awards Promising New Data Mashups (Yahoo!7 finance)***

WASHINGTON and MANCHESTER, England, Sept. 2, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The de Beaumont Foundation, in collaboration with the Health Data Consortium and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is pleased to announce the winners of the U.S. Obesity Data Challenge at NHS England's [Health and Care Innovation Expo 2015](#). The challenge is part of a [joint U.S.-England initiative](#) designed to harness the power of health data in tackling the epidemic of adult obesity in both countries. Click [here](#) for full article.

#### **28 August 2015**

##### ***UN health agency unveils sanitation and hygiene plan towards eradicating tropical diseases by 2020***

27 August 2015 -- The World Health Organization (WHO) today announced that it is strengthening water, sanitation and hygiene services to accelerate progress in eliminating and eradicating neglected tropical diseases by 2020 that affect more than 1 billion of the world's poorest and most vulnerable populations. Click [here](#) for 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:accounts@phaa.net.au).