



# Runanga Whakapiki Ake I Te Hauora O Aotearoa Health Promotion Forum of New Zealand

## Rongo Korero o Hauora

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### About Rongo Korero O Hauora

*Rongo Korero O Hauora* is an e-news bulletin from the Health Promotion Forum (HPF). Its purpose is to inform you of health promotion events, issues and training opportunities as they happen. It will also alert you to new releases and research. *Rongo Korero* is a companion publication of our main newsletter, *Hauora*, which provides a detailed analysis and report on news and issues. Enjoy *Rongo Korero*. Your feedback and input is most welcome - Helen Rance, Editor.

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### Issues and News

#### Did you miss a copy?

#### World Health Organisation (WHO) Commission on Social Determinants of Health Report

##### *Closing the Gaps in a Generation*

Before Xmas the HPF mailed out copies of the Executive Summary from this report. It has come to our notice that some people received only the wrap around cover. If you missed out or would like more copies of the Executive Summary please email Helene at [reception@hauora.co.nz](mailto:reception@hauora.co.nz) and ensure that we have your correct contact details.

Workshops are planned for May to explore how to 'unpack' the report. Meetings will be held in Christchurch, New Plymouth and Whangarei see the [events section](#) for more details.

#### It's *More Than Talk* - Opportunity for input

Now you can share your thoughts about how government can improve engagement with community and voluntary organisations and citizens. The *It's More Than Talk* discussion paper from the Building Better Government Engagement (BBGE) reference group has been publicly available for formal consultation since before Christmas. Written submissions are due by **31 March 2009**. With online discussion you can put an idea out there for others to respond to, whereas any formal submissions will not be made public until after consultation closes. So please go to [www.bangthetable.com/BBGE](http://www.bangthetable.com/BBGE) and have your say.

#### Whanau Ora Tool

This is a practical guide to developing health programmes where whanau, hapu, iwi and Māori communities play a leading role in achieving whanau ora. The tool is primarily aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of health and disability services to positively contribute towards improving Māori health outcomes. A training package is being developed with the roll out planned for July this year. Copies are easiest obtained by ringing Wickliffe Press on phone: 0800 226 440 or email: [moh@wickliffe.co.nz](mailto:moh@wickliffe.co.nz)

## **A Global Response to a Global Crises – Eradicate Poverty**

The Halifax Initiative is a Canadian coalition of development, environment, faith-based, human rights and labour Groups. Their goal is to fundamentally transform the international financial system and its institutions,..... and by doing so they hope to achieve poverty eradication, environmental sustainability and the full realization of human rights. For more information about what they do, what they have achieved and what action we can take see their web site <http://www.halifaxinitiative.org>

## **Aotearoa Working Together on Line**

**Community Central** is an online space for people working in tangata whenua. Community and voluntary organisations, public health workers, advocates and others in Aotearoa New Zealand. Not itself an organisation it is run by five founding partner organisations: ANGOA (Association of Non-Governmental Organisations of Aotearoa), (New Zealand Council of Social Services) NCOSS, NZ Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations (NZFVWO), SHORE (Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation), Volunteering NZ. Visit the [Community Central](#) website to find out what they offer and link to the five founding partners.

**Mana Mahi** The Autumn edition of ManaMahi, the Workplace Wellbeing panui, is packed with stories and photos from the Workplace Wellbeing project, as well as news from the sector and beyond.

It is available now on [Community Central](#) web site or to order your copy, email [manamahi.orders@gmail.com](mailto:manamahi.orders@gmail.com) or ring Jill Turquet at NZCOSS on (04) 472 3364.

This edition covers

“Working for Effective Employment Relationships” workshop itinerary for 2009

The new 90 Day 'trial period' law: what does it mean for our sector?

Rest and Meal Breaks and Breastfeeding at Work: new rules

Strategic Pay NfP Sector Remuneration Survey now underway

Employment news and information from within our sector and elsewhere”

## **Public Health Perspectives**

A newsletter from the MoH that provides a key source of information and commentary on public health issues.

The March 2009 edition is now on line [Volume 12 No. 3 March 2009](#) or to go on the mailing list contact Visaka Fernando, phone: (04) 816 4499, or email: [visaka\\_fernando@moh.govt.nz](mailto:visaka_fernando@moh.govt.nz)

## **Rethinking Urban Environments**

In its quest to cast new light on an old public health concern, the Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) commissioned five ‘think-pieces’ that collectively provide fresh insight into the links between urban environments and health/wellbeing in contemporary Aotearoa/New Zealand. These commentaries were intended to be provocative and encourage the reader to think ‘outside the square’ through building on scientific evidence. It is the hope of PHAC that this material will provide a springboard for discussion, critical reflection and further research. <http://www.phac.health.govt.nz>

## **Rural Bulletin**

Rural Bulletin was designed and developed in partnership with rural community groups who identified a specific information gap and sought unencumbered (not agenda-driven), topical and timely information. The Bulletin’s aim is to build rural community capacity and social capital by providing people with an opportunity for informed decision making when issues and proposed changes affect them. Published by Rural Women New Zealand the March edition reads like a list of social determinants of health. It includes education, health and welfare, environment, crime, economy, Treaty matters, fishing, community, parliament, housing and more.

[Rural Bulletin March 2009](#)

## **General Comment Indigenous children and their rights under the Convention on the Rights Of The Child**

On Friday 30 January 2009 the Committee adopted the *General Comment on Indigenous Child Rights*. This Comment urges State Parties to adopt a rights-based approach to indigenous children based on the Convention

“Empowerment of indigenous children and the effective exercise of their rights to culture, religion and language provide an essential foundation of a culturally diverse State in harmony and compliance with its human rights obligations.” The General Comment can be found on the [HPF web site](#)

The Committee on the Rights of the Child monitors implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New Zealand ratified the Convention in 1993.

## **RISE**

A quarterly newsletter from the MSD [Issue 6 March 2009](#). This edition features Human Rights Commissioner Robyn Hunt and the Minister for Social Development and Employment, Paula Bennett. The magazine is filled with inspirational “stories that show when we work together we can make a real difference.” Peter Hughes Chief Executive.

**Puao Te Ata Tu (Daybreak)** is now available on line “An in depth-snapshot of New Zealand in 1986 from a Māori perspective. This report is well worth a read just for the historical breakdown of how New Zealand ended up with a society where Māori account for almost 50% of Prisoners.” The link given in RISE may not work but a pdf file can be found [here](#).

## **Charities Commission Update**

February 2009 on line now. Go to <http://www.charities.govt.nz>

## **E-newsletter from the Office for the Community & Voluntary Sector**

Issue 22 ~ 11 February 2009 on online now at the [OCVS website](#)

## **People on the move**

**Ieti Lima** who is a HRC Postdoctoral Fellow at Massey University, School of Social & Cultural Studies, will join the HPF for 6 months part time, as a Health Promotion Strategist with the Pacific portfolio.

**Fiona Pimm** presently the Executive Director at He Oranga Pounamu will soon move on to a new role in the Canterbury DHB. Fiona’s new title will be Project Facilitator.

**Sue Turner**, well known in health promotion and mental health sectors has recently taken up the position as Public Health Manager at Community and Public Health. Sue can be contacted by phone at (03)378 6753 or email [Sue.Turner@cdhb.govt.nz](mailto:Sue.Turner@cdhb.govt.nz)

## **Free job advertisements**

The Public Health Workforce website [www.publichealthworkforce.org.nz](http://www.publichealthworkforce.org.nz) continues to grow and covers information about public health workforce development, competencies, careers, training and more. It has a [job vacancy](#) page where *Public Health sector jobs* can be advertised at no charge. A brief job description can also be included.

Early listing will increase the chance for the right people to see and respond to the vacancy.

To list a vacancy contact email to: [publichealthworkforce@moh.govt.nz](mailto:publichealthworkforce@moh.govt.nz) or use the [online form](#)

## **Events**

### **HPF Symposium 2009: Rethinking Health Promotion**

15 - 16 July 09, Wellington

The programme will include Professors Mason Durie and Philippa Howden-Chapman, as well as interactive workshops. Please diary and be prepared. Watch the HPF web site [www.hauora.co.nz](http://www.hauora.co.nz) for more details.

## HPF Seminars

***The Social Determinants of Health*** 10am – 3pm

12 May, Christchurch,  
20 May New Plymouth  
26 May Whangarei

This workshop will discuss the recent report of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health and consider the implications for health promotion practice in this country. Cost \$67.50 includes gst and a light lunch. Check the HPF web site for other seminars, and workshops, [www.Hauora.co.nz](http://www.Hauora.co.nz)

## The Inaugural National Māori Mens Health Conference

**“Tāne Tū, Tāne Kaha, Tāne Ora”**

17th-19th June 2009. Blenheim at the Marlborough Conference Centre

The theme of the conference will be addressing "Ko Wai Au" so be part of the solutions and join us in addressing Tane Ora. View more details at <http://www.taneora.co.nz/index.htm> and mark this date into your diaries now.

## PHA Conference 2009: The Underpinnings of Public Health Practice: Research and Values

2 - 4 September Dunedin/Otepoti - enjoy three springtime days in lovely Dunedin

The most important public health event in 2009, Registration details will be available soon on the PHA website or contact Richard Egan, [richard.egan@stonebow.otago.ac.nz](mailto:richard.egan@stonebow.otago.ac.nz).

## Training Opportunities

### Te Uru Kahikatea Annual Workplan 2009

Te Uru Kahikatea is the national strategy to guide public health workforce development in Aotearoa. Expanding workplace and professional infrastructure and training are “building block” priorities for public health workforce development. The workplan outlines the work for 2009 and is managed by the Public health Group in the Ministry of Health. Workplans are available on [www.publichealthworkforce.org.nz](http://www.publichealthworkforce.org.nz)

### Calling for Applications for Hauora Maori Scholarships 2009

“Having a competent Maori health workforce is essential, if we are to make a genuine difference in achieving better health outcomes for Maori.” Associate Health Minister, Tariana Turia. Read the full [press release](#) here. On line applications for Hauora Maori Scholarships 2009 need to be submitted by **5pm Friday 10 April 2009** <http://www.maorihealth.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexma/hauora-maori-scholarships>

### Postgraduate study at the School of Population Health (SoPH) at Auckland Uni.

Thinking about second semester study?

SoPH offer a wide range of postgraduate options including health promotion, Māori health, public health, youth health and many other related subjects. For more details visit the [website](#) and click on your choice in the subject list and follow the links to submit an expression of interest.

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