

# SDOHA

## NEWS

14 August 2015

### **2015 SDOHA Public Forum and Member Meeting dates**

Please note the previously advertised AGM in August will now coincide with the Anti-Poverty Week Address.

- October 2015 – Anti Poverty Week Address (Public Forum) – date and venue TBA

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

#### ***Joint ACFID-ACOSS Civil Society Forum: “The role of Australian civil society in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals”: 25 August 2015***

ACOSS, in partnership with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), would like to invite you to a forum on **Tuesday 25th August, in Melbourne**, to discuss the role of Australian civil society in implementing and achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Click [here](#) for further information.

#### ***Just words.....what we talk about when we talk about health: 21 August 2015***

Please see attached [invitation](#) to the presentation on the findings of a study into what Tasmanians from all walks of life think about health, the factors that impact upon it and the language we use. The study was undertaken by the Social Determinants of Health Advocacy Network (Tasmania).

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

- [Fundamentals of Writing a Policy Brief \(Menzies Centre for Health Policy\): 12 August 2015](#)
- [Catholic Health Australia 2015 National Conference: 24-26 August 2015](#)
- [Population Health Congress 2015: 6 – 9 September 2015 \(Hobart\)](#)
- [The Power to Persuade Symposium: 17-18 September 2015](#)
- [National Indigenous Men’s & Women’s Network Conference: 28-30 September 2015](#)
- [Anti- Poverty Week: 11-17 October 2015](#)
- [2015 National Men’s Health Gathering: 20-23 October 2015](#)
- [National Primary Health Care Conference: 2 – 4 November 2015 \(Canberra\)](#)
- [2nd National Complex Needs Conference: 17-18 November 2015](#)
- [Dropping off the Edge Report \(DOTE\) – State Briefing Dates](#)

### **News Items of Interest**

Media items of interest over the past week included:

#### **14 August 2015**

##### ***Scientists should take a leaf out of wellness bloggers’ books (the Drum)***

How can we distinguish credible wellness information from unfounded pseudoscience? And why is it that wellness gurus are often taken more seriously than scientists? Jackie Randles writes. Click [here](#) for full article.

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### **11 August 2015**

#### ***An event to mark International Day, Ban urges better healthcare for world's indigenous peoples (Herald Globe)***

10 August 2015 -- Indigenous peoples must not be left out of the global community's unfolding sustainable development agenda, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon affirmed today as he marked the 2015 edition of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples with a focus on their lagging access to health care services around the world. Click [here](#) for full article.

### **7 August 2015**

#### ***Two Indian-Americans honoured with health innovator fellowship (Herald Globe & 1 other source)***

Two Indian Americans are among 20 healthcare leaders named for participation in the inaugural class of a US fellowship programme aimed at transforming the healthcare system. Click [here](#) for full article.

### **4 August 2015**

#### ***Rethinking a contemporary social justice in government (The Mandarin)***

The Victorian government has signalled a time of 'mega-departments', of service integration, and of radical innovation in our policy approaches.

The new Department of Health and Human Services sits across service systems that on many metrics rival Toyota in size. 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).