

SDOHA

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Items for Circulation from Members

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

ACOSS National Conference: Advancing the Common Good – Sydney, 25-26 June

The 2015 ACOSS National Conference theme is *Advancing the Common Good*. This theme has been selected to inform discussion about the way in which civil society can ensure policy reforms address ongoing poverty and rising inequality; and to open the conversation about how economic growth can be fair and inclusive for everyone. Click [here](#) for link.

The Power to Persuade Symposium – Canberra, 17-18 September

The Power to Persuade symposium connects government, academics and the community sector to discuss how to co-create better social policy. This fourth annual symposium will interrogate the arrival of the private (for profit) sector in our midst, from policy advice to policy delivery. Click [here](#) for further information.

2015 National Men's Health Gathering – Terrigal NSW, 20-23 October

Men's health and wellbeing is everyone's business. This is the foundation on which the Australian Men's Health Forum - in conjunction with a consortium of leading agencies on the Central Coast of NSW - will be hosting the 2015 Men's Health Gathering. With the theme of Sharing the Knowledge, the 2015 conference promises you an opportunity to contribute, debate and discuss the successful ways that we can all increase men's health and wellbeing. Click [here](#) for further information.

2015 Vinnies CEO Sleepout

With over 100,000 Australians experiencing homelessness, the Vinnies CEO Sleepout offers just a small glimpse into life on the streets. Vinnies is a member of SDOHA and funds raised not only provide immediate and emergency assistance but pathways to a brighter future. Vinnies CEO John Falzon – along with other SDOHA members like Marketing for Change Managing Director Luke van der Beeke – will be sleeping out this year. You can support Vinnies and those participating in the Sleepout by making a donation via the [website](#).

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. 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

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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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Doctors should lead on population (Medical Observer)

The Reverend Thomas Malthus argued in 1798 that population growth was generally restricted by available resources. At this time one billion people lived on Earth. Click [here](#) for full article.