

# SDOHA

## NEWS

2 October 2015

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

Please note the **Annual SDOHA Anti-Poverty Week Oration** details below:

- Wednesday 14 October 2015 – This year’s annual SDOHA Anti-Poverty Week Oration will be delivered by Dr John Falzon, Chief Executive Officer of the St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia, highlighting the relationship between poverty and ill-health. The St Vincent de Paul Society report “*Sick with worry...*” - *Stories from the frontline of inequality, 2015* will be launched in conjunction with the Oration.  
**VENUE:** ACT Legislative Assembly - Reception Room  
**TIME:** 11am – 12pm (Oration) to be followed by light lunch and SDOHA Members AGM commencing at 12:30pm  
Click [here](#) to register – **don’t miss out – registrations close 9 October.**

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

**Masterclass with Dee Madigan, Executive Creative Director of Campaign Edge – ANU, 7 October**  
Dee Madigan is an advertising Creative Director with over 20 years’ experience working in the industry. The masterclass, in Q & A format facilitated by Gabriele Bammer, will cover a variety of topics. Click [here](#) for further information.

**2015 Canberra Conference on Earth System Governance – ANU, 14-16 December**  
This is the 6th Conference on earth system governance. Previous conferences have been held in Amsterdam (2009), Fort Collins (2011), Lund (2012), Tokyo (2013) and Norwich (2014). ‘Democracy and Resilience in the Anthropocene’ is the Conference’s overarching theme. Click [here](#) for the draft program and [here](#) for registration details.

**Worldwide health gap (PM with Mark Colvin - ABC News)**  
The president elect of the World Medical Association, Sir Michael Marmot, has just released a book called *The Health Gap: The Challenge of an Unequal World*. He spoke to Mark Colvin from London a short time ago. Click [here](#) for full article.

**Women’s & Children’s Health Update (Burnet Institute)**  
Burnet’s WCH team shares a quarterly update on global health. Click [here](#) for the update.

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

- [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 \(Canberra\)](#)

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## **News Items of Interest**

Media items of interest over the past week included:

### **1 October 2015**

#### ***National Health Performance Authority data shows huge variations in healthcare (Canberra Times and other sources)***

Australia may have universal healthcare, but whether you can afford to fill a prescription or get in to see your GP might all come down to where you live, new figures reveal. Data from the National Health Performance Authority paint a tale of two Sydneys, with the postcode lottery meaning people in western Sydney are twice as likely to be unable to afford to get their prescription medicine as people living in the leafy northern suburbs. Click [here](#) for full article.

#### ***Steps southern Africa can take to reach the new development goals (The Conversation)***

When the Southern African Development Community (SADC) launched its cross-border HIV/AIDS initiative in 2012, mobile clinics were set up at border posts across the region. Anyone living in these areas or travelling through could freely access the clinics for primary health care. Click [here](#) for full article.

#### ***Call to Action from Indigenous Leaders (Central Midlands & Coastal Advocate)***

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership in Mental Health (NATSILMH) have launched the Gayaa Dhuwi (Proud Spirit) Declaration, a document calling for urgent intervention in regards to mental health in Indigenous communities. 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).