

The 9th Annual CPAG Post Budget Breakfast: Child Poverty – For Better or Worse?

Our annual Post Budget Breakfast is on once again. A fabulous line up of panel speakers will discuss the implications of the 2009 Budget on the poorest of our children and young people in New Zealand. It is exciting to see that so many people have rsvp'd already, it is looking to be our biggest Post Budget Breakfast yet, so make sure you rsvp a seat. We would love to see you there.

When: 7.30am – 8.45am on Friday 29 May

Speakers: Dr Manuka Henare, Dr Steve Poletti, and John Minto, with MC by Prof Innes Asher

Where: School of Population Health

University of Auckland, Tamaki Campus

The cost is \$25 (waged) / \$10 (unwaged). You can pay by cheque, cash on the day, or by direct credit into the Child Poverty Action Group kiwibank account 38-9003-0066858-00.

The Annual PHA Wellington Branch Post-Budget Breakfast

The Public Health Association Wellington Branch is also holding their annual Post Budget Breakfast: *'Health For All when Times are Tough. How well does Budget 2009 reflect the fact that social, cultural and economic factors have a huge impact on health?'*

When: 7.30am – 9.00am on Friday 29 May

Speakers: Peter Conway, Anne Else, Derek Gill, Gabrielle Maxwell

Where: Loaves and Fishes, Hill Street (next to Wellington Cathedral)

The cost is \$10 (PHA members / unwaged) or \$15 (non-PHA members). For more information phone Eileen Brown on 04 802 3812 or email

raeanna@pha.org.nz to RSVP.

National Standards: Supporting Children's Learning or Tolley's Folly?

Article by CPAG Management Committee member Martin Thrupp

Next week the government begins nationwide public consultation around its controversial plans to introduce National Standards into all primary and intermediate schools from 2010. Depending on the form they take and the way they are used, National Standards could be a very damaging development for New Zealand or they could be more useful. The consultation will certainly warrant attention by all concerned with the wellbeing of New Zealand's children and its future prosperity.

Martin's analysis of the National Standards can be found on our website.

Ending Child Poverty in the United Kingdom

Ending child poverty is on the political agenda in the UK. The UK Prime Minister has announced his "intention to enshrine in legislation the Government's pledge to eradicate child poverty in the UK by 2020. A child poverty Bill will be introduced in 2009." This statement comes from the HM Treasury report [Ending Child Poverty: Making It Happen](#)

Child Poverty Action Group UK is in the forefront of campaigning for the rights of children. Their recently released publication [Ending Child Poverty: A Manifesto for Success](#) comprehensively outlines ten steps to reduce inequality and put children first. You can read more about CPAG UK, including their post-budget press releases at www.cpag.org.uk

CPAG NZ also asks the New Zealand Government to address the inequitable policies that adversely affect the lives of the poorest of our children and young people. If you would like to know more about how you could help put child poverty on the political agenda, please contact CPAG at admin@cpag.org.nz. Through working together we can also end child poverty by 2020.

Rankin's appointment alarming, says Child Poverty Action Group

12 May 2009

Child Poverty Action Group is alarmed at the appointment of Christine Rankin to the Families Commission.

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Children's advocates welcome report

5 May 2009

Child Poverty Action group has welcomed the new Families Commission report that emphasises the importance of caring and nurturing required for all children to meet their potential.

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Bennett Reneges

15 April 2009

Beneficiaries look set to miss out on an election promise to raise the limit of how much they earn before abatement from \$80 to \$100 per week. CPAG says this hardly seems like an equitable way to share the pain of the recession.

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Section 59 - again

16 April 2009

Later this year there will be a referendum that attempts to overturn the amendment to Section 59 of the Crimes Act removing the defence of reasonable force for hitting a child. Our children deserve the same legal protection as adults. Here's how you can help.

[More >>](#)

The YesVote Campaign: www.yesvote.org.nz

A Message from Barnardos

Tena koutou katoa

In July/ August voters will receive ballot papers to vote on a confusing question:

"Should a smack as part of good parental correction be a criminal offence in New Zealand?"

Barnardos is part of the YES vote campaign working to ensure voters understand that a YES vote supports the child discipline law and supports the protection of children.

Please check out our new website at: www.yesvote.org.nz and let your friends, family and networks know this is the place to go for information about the referendum.

Individuals and organisations can also sign up as supporters on the site.

A YES vote supports a law that is working well.
A YES vote protects children.

Police are exercising discretion in their administration of the law and parents are not being prosecuted for lightly, or occasionally smacking children. The child discipline law is working well.

Please make sure you understand this, and please help inform your families and networks of the importance of a YES vote later this year.

For further information contact Deborah Morris-Travers, Advocacy Manager
Barnardos New Zealand, Tel: 04 382 6701/ 06 364 5256/ 0274 544 299.

CPAG supports the YesVote campaign.

Recession, Concession, Obsession, Depression – Where are we going and what are new opportunities for Maori Development locally, internationally and globally?

CPAG Management Committee member Dr Lorna Dyall addressed the Alcohol and Drug, Mental Health, Gambling and Other Addictions Connections Conference, He Oranga Pounamu, in Christchurch. Her paper describes the importance of child wellbeing and whanau development in the face of communities dealing with the growing trend of gambling addiction. For copies of the paper please email admin@cpag.org.nz

Upcoming Events

29 May: CPAG 9th Annual Post Budget Breakfast, Auckland

Public Health Association Post Budget Breakfast, Wellington

27 July: CPAG Annual General Meeting

St Columba Centre (40 Vermont St) Ponsonby

Guest speaker: Cathy Rodgers, previous lawyer for the CPAG Case.

7 – 8 October: Ma ō tātau rourou - With Our Small Baskets.

A two day CPAG hui focusing on community activism and working together to end child poverty.

Manurewa Marae, 81 Finlayson St, Manurewa

Let CPAG know about your local child poverty-related events: email Sarah admin@cpag.org.nz

Thanks for your help

CPAG needs ongoing financial support to sustain its research and advocacy programme and to raise awareness of poverty in NZ. Many thanks to those who support us in this important work. Please send donations to Box 56-150 Mt Eden, Auckland or bank directly into our Kiwibank account 38-9003-0066858-00.

CPAG thanks the JR McKenzie Trust and Hostel of the Holy Name Trust for ongoing support. CPAG does not accept funds from the proceeds of gambling.

You have been sent this email because your details appear on a Child Poverty Action Group mailing list of interested people. Please contact Sarah, the administration officer, if you no longer wish to receive CPAG updates and newsletters.

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End child poverty in NZ by 2020: A rich life for all children.