

Invitation: CPAG Annual General Meeting

4 Jul 2008

Haere mai tatou CPAG invites you to our AGM on 28th July in Auckland 7pm, with special presentation by UK guest Dr Tess Ridge, University of Bath: "Children's experiences of poverty and exclusion." Thanks to those of you who have sent apologies already. For those attending there is no need to RSVP.

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Other news

- CPAG's legal case has been presented to the Human Rights Review Tribunal. We now await the Tribunal's decision, which we expect will take some time. Keep an eye on our website www.cpag.org.nz for updates. Read more about the [progress of the case](#).

[Legal case addresses hole in safety net for poorest children – CPAG media release](#)

3 Jun 2008

The CPAG legal case alleges the In-Work Tax Credit discriminates against 220 000 children, on the basis of work status. This discrimination leaves around 150 000 of them in severe or significant hardship by denying their families at least \$60 per week in support for children.

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- ***Articles, presentations and submissions: All titles are links, when underlined in colour. Note Prof Asher's presentation below is new to website though dated June.***

[Policy developers breached children's rights - research](#)

10 Jul 2008

CPAG welcomes new University of Otago research showing the government failed to consider children's rights in the initial development of Working for Families.

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St John: Children still left behind

8 Jul 2008

CPAG's Dr Susan St John writes in the Herald this week that Working for Families has reduced the proportion of children below the relative poverty line from 28 per cent to 22 per cent. But it leaves about 220,000 children behind.

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Working for Families breaches international law - policy research

4 Jul 2008

Policy research from the University of Otago Wellington has found that in the initial development of Working for Families the Government failed to consider children's rights, including their right to health, breaching binding international law.

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New child poverty figures in the right direction but...

3 Jul 2008

Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) says government figures released today confirm the expected improvements in child poverty from Working for Families (WFF). Extra money in families' pockets makes all the difference. But CPAG urges the government to look behind the figures. Children in families who do not meet the WFF work hours requirement and/or are on benefits have been left behind.

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Income splitting proposals

4 Jul 2008

For reasons of equity Child Poverty Action Group does not support proposals to introduce income splitting as a means of assisting families with the costs of raising children. With the greatest benefits going to those on the highest incomes CPAG believes income splitting's cost and complexity cannot be justified.

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Asher: Preventable illnesses in NZ children - we can do better

24 Jun 2008

This is the text of Prof Asher's talk to the Speakers Science Forum about preventable injuries and infectious diseases in children. The presentation gives comparisons between NZ and OECD countries and within NZ by deprivation and ethnicity and trends over time. Prof Asher then looks at factors causing these diseases and evidence-based solutions. Please also download accompanying slides.

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[Left Behind: How social and income inequalities damage NZ children](#)

28 Apr 2008

Edited by Dr Susan St John and Donna Wynd, and written by a range of experts this report outlines how increasing inequalities are harmful to children and society at large - and what to do about it. Download the executive summary here, or write to admin@cpag.org.nz to request a copy of the full report (~180pages). Suggested purchase price is \$25 - for those able to afford it. Most important however is that our information gets to where it needs to go! We welcome requests for complimentary copies for unwaged people and students.

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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.

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