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Invitation: Child Poverty Action Group Art Exhibition + Auction

CPAG invites you to an art exhibition and auction, at the Auckland Botanic Garden Visitor's Centre, 102 Hill Road, Manurewa, Auckland, beginning at 7pm.

It promises to be a great evening with entertainment by the students and some stunning artwork on sale by past and present award-winning students: Wiremu Kawiti, Seilala Sini, Waimirirangi Marino and Samuela Tukuafu, who are being heralded as some of New Zealand's most promising young artists. Refreshments will be provided.

Please see the invitation at the link below. We'd be delighted if you could join us and invite any other of your friends and networks who may be interested in attending.

Entry is by koha. Proceeds will support the students and CPAG research. To download the official invitation (1MB) go to <http://www.cpag.org.nz/news/events/nr1189654428.pdf>

RSVP by Oct 7th please, to CPAG: admin@cpag.org.nz or (09) 303 9260.

News and articles:

Rebuilding the Kiwi Dream

Subtitled "a proposal for affordable housing in New Zealand," this is a new report by CPAG's Alan Johnson for the Salvation Army's policy unit. It explains that there is

opportunity now to fundamentally reshape New Zealand's housing structure over the next decade, at an affordable price. See also the Army's backgrounder about the report.

Community action against pokies: parasites on poverty

Global Peace and Justice Auckland has proposed direct community action against pokie machines, which suck money out of our most disadvantaged areas. Read the proposal and meeting details (Akl, Oct 1st) here. Read more >>

Special Issue on Child Poverty

Recently added to CPAG's website: International experts discuss child poverty in countries.

In a Special Issue of the European Journal of Social Security, CPAG's Dr Susan John and others show the ways in which policy can protect populations against child poverty. "The idea that child poverty is unacceptable enjoys strong support, yet progress is at best slow if there is any at all," the Journal finds. Read the introduction by Sinfield and Pedersen here: more >> Order copies of the Journal, V.8 #3 Sept 2006, from www.intersentia.com - check the journal cover on CPAG's site for a list of contributors: more >>

Watch this space!

CPAG is preparing a **major new publication** for launch soon. It will follow on from *Our Children: The Priority for Policy* and *Cut Price Kids: Does the Working for Families Budget work for children?*, in presenting up-to-date evidence about the widening inequality facing our country's poorest children, as well as presenting solutions. CPAG's major publications are available from <http://www.cpag.org.nz/resources/publications/>

We are also hard at work preparing for our **case proceeding to the Human Rights Review Tribunal**, regarding discrimination against NZ's poorest children in family assistance tax credits since 1997. The case will be heard in 2008. You can read about the case's progress to date, since its beginnings under new human rights legislation in 2002, at http://www.cpag.org.nz/campaigns/Child_Tax_Credit_IWP.html. The case centers around discrimination introduced by successive governments on the basis of parental work status, in the Child Tax Credit (1997) and the In-Work Payment (2004).

Greeting cards: Young artists support CPAG

Child Poverty Action Group now has beautiful greeting cards available featuring designs by talented young artists. They can be ordered from admin@cpag.org.nz and cost \$15 for a pack of 12 + \$5 postage and packaging. More >> info.

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. If you no longer wish to receive information from us, you need only reply to this address with "unsubscribe" in the subject line, and your details will be removed.

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