



Role Title: Committee Member, CPAG Research Sub Committees.

Time commitment: Volunteer zoom induction and training session of 45 minutes each (mandatory).

Attend Sub Committee zoom meetings these are currently bimonthly or on an adhoc basis depending on committee. Current Subcommittees are Incomes and Tax, Health and Disability, Housing and Education. Other subcommittees may be added if there is interest.

Meetings are usually zoom but there can be in person meetings on projects and action points.

The Committee's Purpose

The CPAG RC Research Interest Group subcommittees are based around a major work stream of the Research Committee. They are working group of experts or others who have a particular interest in the area.

They support and promote effective, quality CPAG research activity, relevant to children in poverty in Aotearoa and the area of interest, staying true to CPAG Kaupapa. To also support CPAG staff in leveraging research to achieve effective exposure amongst key audiences and stakeholder groups.

Role Description

The roles include contributing to the following:

- being a member of the think tank on an area of interest.
- propose evidence-based policy change to the CPAG Research Committee.
- propose research projects to the CPAG Research Committee with template
- lead submissions on relevant government reviews, policy or law changes etc
- give guidance on CPAG responses to unexpected government announcements
- Contribute to updating CPAG policy briefs. Which are a sharply focussed one pager with bullet points for the website on topic-related CPAG policy requests, which are regularly updated as needed. Each group may have more than one topic.
- inform the content of election-related CPAG documents (area-focussed) "Election priorities" and following election "briefings to ministers on topics"
 - Assisting with the production of drafting policy positions for CPAG in response to government and other relevant organisations' positions/statements.
 - Drafting CPAG submissions on relevant legislation
 - Assisting CPAG Communications Officer with preparation of media statements and other material
 - Editing and reviewing research submitted by other researchers.

- Undertaking such research work as may be required

The Subcommittee interest groups and their current convenors:

Income, social security, child support – Mike O’Brien

Housing – Alan Johnson

Education - John O’Neill

Health and Disability – Jin Russell

Members of the groups:

- The convenor
- The CPAG researcher
- Members of the Research Committee and Management Committee who have particular topic expertise or interest
- Māori researchers
- Pacific Researchers
- Emerging researchers
- And anyone else appropriate

People can be on more than one sub-committee group.

The role requires the following skills and attributes:

- A strong commitment to eliminating child poverty in New Zealand, compatible with CPAG’s mission.
- A commitment to Te Ao Māori and Te Reo.
- A high degree of personal integrity.
- Demonstrable knowledge of an area of interest such as Health, Housing, Social Development, Economics, Public Health, Education, Community Development, Disability, Food insecurity or a similar area.
- Strong communication skills with the ability to share complex ideas desirable.

CPAG acknowledges that tamariki Māori and whānau have unique rights as tangata whenua, affirmed within He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The significant inequities in well-being outcomes and child poverty for tamariki Māori are the result of ongoing colonisation, systemic racism and neglect. Reducing child poverty in Aotearoa requires we address the inequitable distribution of power and resources that prevents Māori from flourishing.