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PPSCN Webinar Series

The webinars are designed to be of particular value to SC coalitions and co-ordinators. The last webinar to be presented in 2016 is:

- *Update from World Safety conference (date to be advised)*
- To view archived webinars (2013-present), see the SCFNZ website.*

Upcoming Events

Mental Health Awareness Week
10-16 October 2016
Nationwide in NZ

European Seminar on the Use of Injury Data
9 November 2016
Vienna, Austria

19th International Conference on Injury Prevention and Health Promotion
7-8 February 2017
Mumbai, India

8th Australasian Drug & Alcohol Strategy Conference
2-5 May 2017
Wellington, NZ

23rd International Safe Communities Conference
10-12 October 2017
Novi Sad, Serbia

Highlighted Resources

New from the Ministry of Social Development:

- * Community Strategy Update 2016.
- * 'It's not OK' Local Government Toolkit

ACC and WorkSafe NZ have published 'Reducing Harm in New Zealand Workplaces Action Plan (2016-2019)'.

Welcome to the spring edition of our newsletter. As we start counting down the weeks to Christmas and the holiday season, it's time to plan and promote safety initiatives inherent in the new season to ensure our communities are safer places to live, work and play.

Since our last newsletter, there has been plenty to celebrate with the accreditation of Stratford District as a Safe Community (SC), awards acknowledging SC leadership and support, and a WHO award for Safer Napier. Read more about these in this newsletter. Also, the NZ SC movement has been profiled in several social media channels by the [International Centre for the Prevention of Crime](#) (ICPC).

Our last quarterly webinar for the year is [an update from the World Safety Conference](#), held in Tampere, Finland, in September (date of webinar to be advised). 'Road Safety', the last webinar (August 2016), is now available for viewing through the SCFNZ website and includes presentations from Dr Bridie Scott-Parker (Adolescent Risk Research Unit, University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia), Catherine Pulford (Road Safety Co-ordinator, Upper Hutt City Council) and Susan Medica (Counselling Co-ordinator/Psychologist, Road Trauma Support Western Australia).

If you would like to **share your SC experiences** at one of our quarterly webinars, do let us know. We are planning the webinar series for next year, so would welcome your feedback on topics of interest and offers to present. For more information on presenting in a webinar contact Tracey (earl@scfnz.org).

SCFNZ National Forum 2016

The Safe Communities Foundation NZ (SCFNZ) National Forum was held in Wellington on 23rd and 24th August 2016. It was attended by 50 participants covering 31 Territorial Local Authorities and three facilitators. A further 8 speakers from Government agencies and non-government organisations attended part of the forum.

Presentations included SC highlights from the previous year, what it means to be a Safe Community, data evaluation and outcomes frameworks, the new NZ Fire Service (FENZ), the Fire Awareness & Intervention Programme (FAIP), mobilising communities around family violence, effective use of social media in the community setting, community operations and the Department of Internal Affairs, Rural Crime Prevention (NZ Police), and Injury Strategy and National Falls Prevention in Older Persons programme (ACC). In addition, there were community sharing sessions and opportunities for networking and discussion throughout the forum.



The SunSmart website has been updated.

NZ Police has published a new policy for external researchers seeking Police data and is making more data available online

Child Rich Communities: Aotearoa NZ's "Bright Spots" explores local places and community initiatives that are making a positive difference to children and families.

The Hub is a one-stop-shop from Superu for NZ social science government research on education, health and wellbeing, crime and justice, families, children and young people.

The depression.org.nz website has been refreshed and includes useful self-help resources.

The Ministry of CDEM has launched the "Never happens? Happens" website as part of a campaign as about emergency preparedness.

The Lancet Public Health, a monthly open access online-only journal, has been launched.

The 2nd edition of the Guide to Effective and Safe Practice in Youth Mentoring, Aotearoa New Zealand has been launched by The New Zealand Youth Mentoring Network.

Developing a response to family violence in primary health care: the New Zealand experience has been published in BioMed Central

An evaluation of the "Reducing Harm from Falls" programme has been published by the Health Quality & Safety Commission.

A progress report on the National Drug Policy 2015 to 2020 is now available.

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According to National Forum survey analysis, almost all satisfaction ratings were positive (97% of respondents), and 93% of respondents learnt something new relevant to their Safe Community work. Community sharing was a popular feature of the forum again this year, giving communities an opportunity to learn from others' experiences, and facilitating opportunities for networking and discussion.

Many thanks to all our participants who made this year's forum so successful.

SC Leadership and Support Acknowledged

Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand annually provides two awards to recognise the contribution and leadership shown by individuals who are committed to furthering the objectives and goals of the organisation and the Safe Community movement within NZ. These were announced at the SC annual National Forum. Congratulations to:

* **Henry Stechman** (NZ Fire Service) who was presented The Carolyn Coggan Safe Community Award in recognition of his outstanding leadership and support for SCs at the national level.

* **Christine Renata** (Central Hawkes Bay) who was presented the SCFNZ Safe Community Award in recognition of her outstanding leadership and support for Safe Communities at the regional and local levels.

We are proud to work with both of you and look forward to your continued involvement in the New Zealand SC network.



Congratulations Safer Napier

SCFNZ congratulates **Safer Napier** as recipient of the World Health Organization Western Pacific Regional Office Healthy Cities Recognition for Violence and Injury Prevention (Safe Cities).

Biannually since 2004, the Conference and General Assembly of the Alliance for Healthy Cities and WHO Western Pacific Regional Office has recognised outstanding work in selected areas. This aims to encourage cities in the Western Pacific Region to continue to innovate and demonstrate effective and efficient ways of promoting and protecting health and safety of urban populations.

Overall, 83 submissions were received this year from 30 cities across 7 countries.

Welcome Stratford District SC

SCFNZ had the pleasure of accrediting **Stratford District** in July and congratulates all those who have contributed to making Stratford a Safe Community.

Stratford District is a good example of a community that has undertaken data analysis, determined best practice programmes, and identified key participants in the leadership group. It has focused on priority areas, and demonstrated collaborative projects, a community development approach and the commitment of key stakeholders. This SC shows strong regional collaboration, commitment from senior positions within key stakeholder's organisations and the inclusion of SCs in Council's long term plan.

[Click here to view Stratford District's SC application.](#)