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PPSCN Webinar Series

The webinars are designed to be of particular value to SC coalitions and co-ordinators. The following are upcoming topics to be presented in 2016:

- *Suicide Prevention & Safe Communities (25 May, 1.30pm)*
- *Road Safety & Safe Communities (18 Aug, 1.30pm)*
- *Update from World Safety conference (20 Oct, 1.30pm)*

To view archived webinars (2013-present), see the SCFNZ website.

Upcoming Events

World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference
Turamaramaki Te Ora - Transforming Indigenous Communities
1-3 June 2016
Rotorua, New Zealand

LGNZ Conference and Awards
24-26 July 2016
Dunedin, New Zealand

TheMHS Aotearoa 2016 – People: Authenticity starts in the heart
23-26 August 2016
Auckland, New Zealand

2016 Australasian Road Safety Conference
6-8 September 2016
Canberra, Australia

12th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion - Safety 2016 – WHO co-organized
From research to implementation
18-21 September 2016
Tampere, Finland

Welcome to the autumn edition of our newsletter. We are pleased to report that planning for our National Forum is underway, based on your feedback on last year's forum and the pre-forum survey we sent out earlier this year. Similar to the last 2 years, the forum will be held over 2 days and include community presentations in addition to sessions on topics of interest. There has been some great work reported in your SC Annual Reports and we look forward to giving you the opportunity to share your experiences at the forum. Many thanks to those of you who got your SC Annual Reports in by 31 March. A few Annual Reports are still to come in – we would appreciate these as soon as possible please if we have not made alternative arrangements with you.

Another way to share your SC experiences is to present at one of our quarterly webinars (see panel on left for dates and topics). The 'Family Violence' webinar from March is now available for viewing through the SCFNZ website and includes interesting presentations on the role of urban design in preventing violence against women (Nathan Islip, City of Casey, Australia), social change and community mobilisation approaches to preventing family violence (Sheryl Hann, MSD, NZ) and prevention of gendered violence by emergency responders (Steve O'Malley, Melbourne, Australia).

Reminders:

- **SCFNZ National Forum**, 23 & 24 August 2016, Wellington.
Please save the date - it is important for all accredited communities to have representation. Email earl@scfnz.org to register your interest for email updates.
- **Suicide Prevention webinar**, 1.30pm, 25 May 2016.

WHO Plan for Violence & Injury Prevention

Violence and injuries kill more than one million people each year in the Western Pacific Region. As the leading cause of death among people aged 5-49 years, violence and injuries claim more lives than diabetes, diarrhoeal diseases, HIV/AIDS, malaria, respiratory infections and tuberculosis combined.

To guide Member States in accelerating evidence-based action to prevent violence and injuries, the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific has endorsed the [Regional Action Plan for Violence and Injury Prevention in the Western Pacific \(2016–2020\)](#). The plan aligns prevention efforts with the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and national public health agenda, calling for national actions that are backed by quality data and coordinated across sectors.

Fire Buddy: a New Community-Focused Website

Fire Buddy, a website aimed at facilitating communication between local fire brigades and their communities, has been developed by Mapua volunteer fire fighters Paul Tranter, Jon Tomlinson and Rik Martin.

Highlighted Resources

The Ministry of Health published an updated New Zealand Health Strategy on 18 April 2016.

The Family Violence Death Review Committee has released its 5th report on reducing family violence in NZ.

The new Health and Safety at Work Regulations 2016 came into effect on 4 April 2016.

A report on a groundbreaking framework for understanding the relationship between community trauma and violence has been published by the Prevention Institute in the USA.

Kaupapa Māori mental health and addiction services best practice framework has been published

The Health Committee is calling for submissions on the Substance Addiction (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Bill, which will replace the Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Act 1966, and will enable compulsory assessment and treatment for people who are considered to have a severe substance addiction and do not have the capacity to participate in treatment. Submissions close on 27 April 2016.

Safekids Aotearoa is inviting participation in free home safety workshops, to be held during May to July in 11 District Health Board regions. They aim to empower and engage injury prevention practitioners and community leaders to promote child safety in the home.

Contact Us

If you want to learn more about Safe Communities in New Zealand or want to become a Safe Community, visit our website or e-mail us:

www.safecommunities.org.nz
contact@scfnz.org

SCFNZ is an International Safe Community Support Centre & an Accrediting Centre for the Pan Pacific Safe Community Network.



Originally developed for the Mapua community, the website has been designed for national use. In addition to providing a vehicle for communication between a local community and its fire brigade, the website provides information on new 10-year smoke alarms, emergency preparedness, fire permits and water restrictions, and relevant episodes from Australian science series Catalyst, including one about a fire tornado.

[See the Fire Buddy website for more information.](#)

Alcohol and Communities

The latest issue of AlcoholNZ is themed on 'alcohol and communities' and includes articles on The Safe Communities model and working together locally to prevent alcohol-related harm.

[Click here to see the latest issue of AlcoholNZ.](#)

New Initiatives for Preventing Bullying

New Zealand's first bullying prevention week is planned for 16-20 May. It is themed 'Together we can prevent bullying in Aotearoa', suggesting that whānau and communities need to support schools to provide safe and positive learning environments for children and young people.

Activities during the week will include the launch of an interactive website to help schools and their communities take effective action against bullying. The website is intended to be the go-to place for school leaders, boards, teaching staff and, eventually, the wider school community.

These initiatives have been developed by the Bullying Prevention Advisory Group, which is a collaboration of 17 organisations from the education, health, justice and social sectors, in addition to internet safety and human rights advocacy groups.

[For more information, see the bullyingfree website.](#)

SCFNZ Updates

Welcome to new SC co-ordinators Amy Sutherland (Porirua) and Ravinesh Chetty (Whangarei). We hope you are enjoying your new positions and we look forward to working with you both.

Since our last newsletter, SCFNZ has reaccredited Napier City. The **Safer Napier reaccreditation** application is an excellent example of a community that has undertaken an analysis of data, identified best practice programmes and incorporated appropriate processes to identify key stakeholders to participate in the leadership group. It is an outstanding example of collaborative leadership, involving local authority, central Government agencies and community networks.

2016 is a busy year for Safe Community accreditations and reaccreditations. We look forward to **accrediting Westland and Stratford**, and to **reaccrediting Christchurch, New Plymouth and Whanganui** later this year.

[See the Napier reaccreditation application on the SCFNZ website.](#)