



# Safe Community Network News

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## PPSCN Webinar Series

The webinars are designed to be of particular value to SC coalitions and co-ordinators. The following topics will be presented in 2017:

- **Governance/Collaboration (31 Aug, 1.30pm)**
- **Family Violence & Alcohol as a Trigger (26 Oct, 1.30pm)**

To view 2013-2017 archived webinars, see the SCFNZ website.

Welcome to the winter edition of our newsletter.

There is less than a month to go to our National Forum and we are looking forward to 2 days of what we hope will be an enlightening and interactive programme which will equip you with new ideas and contacts to incorporate into your Safe Communities (SCs) work. The community presentations are perfect for this and remain a popular part of our programme. In addition, we are delighted to have Jonathon Passmore, Technical Lead Violence and Injury Prevention from the Western Pacific Region Office of WHO, participating this year. Jonathon will be presenting on Sustainable Development Goals, particularly the WHO Regional Action Plan for Violence and Injury Prevention in the Western Pacific and how this links to Safe Communities.

Other ways of improving your knowledge and awareness in the SC context is by viewing our webinars and following our Facebook posts (use button below). The webinar programme for the rest of 2017 is in the blue column on left of this page. Webinars from previous years and earlier this year can be viewed through the [Safe Communities Foundation NZ website](#).

Connect with us on Facebook to stay current with news, funding opportunities, global and national campaigns and other events of interest to Safe Communities.

## Share, Learn, Activate! with Safer Christchurch

Safer Christchurch's annual showcase *Share, Learn, Activate!*, which celebrates the diverse work in safety and harm minimisation in Christchurch, was held on 22 June. Approximately 60 people attended the day and heard about:



- **Off the Wall**, a volunteer-based graffiti removal programme with the goals of reducing the crime rate and encouraging active citizenship (Belinda Barrett-Walker, Christchurch City Council)
- **The role of the New Zealand Drug Foundation**; educating, advising and standing up for healthy approaches to alcohol and other drugs, and working towards evolving drug policy developments in NZ (Gilbert Taurua)
- **The Integrated Safety Response (ISR) to Family Violence**, a part of the Government's family violence and sexual violence work programme (Leanne McSkimming)
- **Canterbury Neighbourhood Support's Gets Ready system**; a purpose built web system where residents can securely record their contact details and any special needs, resources and skills they want to share, to help their local community look after each other in an emergency (Dave Wilkinson)
- **Otautahi Creative Spaces**, Neighbourhood Creation Stations which cultivates social connection and resilience (Kim Morton)

## Resources

WHO has published an implementation guide to preventing drowning.

Preventing adolescent relationship abuse and promoting healthy relationships is an issues paper published by Family Violence Clearing House.

A new report analyzing data on family violence deaths has been released by the Family Violence Death Review Committee.

Toot toot, a new anti-bullying app, has been launched in NZ. It allows students to report issues anonymously which are then sent to the school.

The Mental Health Foundation has launched *Take The Load Off*, an online *Like Minds, Like Mind* campaign to reduced the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness.

Sparklers, an online toolkit supporting the mental health and well being of children, has been launched by Allright?, a programme from the Mental Health Foundation and Canterbury DHB.

Shot Bro – Confessions of A Depressed Bullet is a 1-man show which uses dance, mime, puppetry and stand-up comedy to provide people with a safe way to discuss mental health, particularly depression.

- **Fill Their Lunchbox**, an initiative which provides free school lunches to disadvantaged children to give them the opportunity to learn, be successful and break the poverty cycle (Ben Atkinson).

The main learning from the day was that there is a significant enthusiasm for collaborative work to take place between agencies/groups. Feedback also indicated that people liked to learn about what was going on within their sector.

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## Focus on Alcohol: Recent HPA Publications

In June, the Health Promotion Agency (HPA) published:

### *Supply of Alcohol to Young people Aged Under 18 years*

Descriptive results of 3 HPA surveys focussed on attitudes and behaviour about the supply of alcohol to people aged under 18 years are provided in this report. Key findings included:

- Greater proportions of young people who are 'risky drinkers' receive alcohol from friends aged > 18 years or reported drinking alcohol without their parents' knowledge, compared with 'non-risky' drinkers
- A greater proportion of 'non-risky' drinkers are given alcohol by their parents, compare with 'risk' drinkers
- 43% of parents reported allowing their 16-year-old child to drink alcohol under their supervision or that of another parent or caregiver in the previous 4 weeks
- 74% of people agreed that parental permission must be given before providing a 16-year-old with alcohol
- On average, surveyed adults said that people should be 17 years old to drink under parental supervision at home or in a restaurant and 19 years old to drink at licensed premises.

### *Attitudes to drinking in pregnancy*

This report provides descriptive results about attitudes to drinking alcohol during pregnancy in NZ from the Attitudes and Behaviour towards Alcohol Survey.

The majority of respondents disagreed that 'during pregnancy drinking small amounts of alcohol is OK' and agreed that they would encourage a friend or family member to stop drinking completely if she was pregnant or thought there was a chance she was pregnant. In addition, more than 90% of women of child-bearing aged (18-44 years) agreed that they would stop drinking if they knew they were pregnant or thought there was a chance of them being pregnant.

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## Community Action & Global Campaigns

As part of our wider engagement in the Pan Pacific Safe Communities Network (PPSCN) and with WHO, we would like to thank the SCs which joined in the global action with the UN Road Safety Week and April Falls Day campaigns. Plans are underway to advise communities of other global campaigns and we look forward to SCs participation in these. Upcoming campaigns your community may like to participate in include:

- [World Suicide Prevention Day 'take a minute, change a life'](#) (10 September)
  - [International Day of Non Violence](#) (2 October)
  - [World Mental Health Day](#) (10 Oct)
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## 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:

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## New Director-General for WHO

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is the new Director General of the World Health Organization. In his first address, he said: "WHO's work is about serving people, about serving humanity. It's about serving people regardless of where they live, be it in developing or developed countries, small islands or big nations, urban or rural settings. It's about serving people regardless of who they are. Poor or rich, displaced or disabled, elderly or the youth. Most importantly, it's about fighting to ensure the health of people as a basic human right."

Dr Ghebreyesus's 5 top priorities are:

- Ensure [universal health coverage](#) for all people without impoverishment
- Respond quickly and efficiently to [public health emergencies](#)
- Secure the health, dignity and rights of [women, children and adolescents](#)
- Decrease the health impacts of [climate and environmental change](#)
- [Transform WHO](#) into a more effective, transparent and accountable agency.

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## Share Your Safe Community News

If there is any news from your Safe Community that you would like to share in this newsletter, Tracey would love to hear from you ([earl@scfnz.org](mailto:earl@scfnz.org)). The next newsletter will be published in September.

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