



## **Smoking and Disadvantage: Why the concern? What can the NGO sector do?**

**Featuring a presentation by Professor Tony Blakely, University of Otago\***

Smoking rates among many of the client groups of community sector organisations are much higher than for the general community. Because of their higher smoking rates, people who are already vulnerable bear an unfair share of the burden of death, disease and financial stress caused by smoking.

This seminar is jointly organised by NCOSS and The Cancer Council NSW as part of the Tacking Tobacco Program. It aims to inform, engage and encourage action within the community sector about tobacco as a social justice issue.

\* **Tony Blakely** is Research Professor of Public Health at the University of Otago, Wellington. He is an epidemiologist and public health medicine specialist, and has an extensive research background. His main research activity focuses on ethnic and socio-economic disparities and trends in mortality and health, tobacco, neighbourhoods, cancer control, longitudinal studies, healthy eating and health services. He is director of the Health Inequalities Research Programme ([www.wnmeds.ac.nz/HIRP-info.html](http://www.wnmeds.ac.nz/HIRP-info.html)), funded principally by the Health Research Council of New Zealand. Tony is a member of the Cancer Control Council.

**When:** Wednesday July 23, 2008

**Who:** The seminar is aimed at senior staff of community sector organisations that work with disadvantaged groups.

**Venue:** NCOSS, 66 Albion Street, Surry Hills, NSW 2010

**Time:** 9.00 -11.30am

**Cost:** There is no charge to attend the seminar



### Seminar Program

- 9.00 am Arrive - Tea/Coffee
- 9.20 am Introduction  
*Samantha Edmonds, Deputy Director, NCOSS*
- 9.30am Welcome to Country,  
*Representative, Metropolitan Land Council*
- 9.35 am Keynote Address: Smoking, mortality and inequalities in New Zealand.  
What this might mean in Australia and for policy resources?  
*Professor Tony Blakely, University of Otago, Wellington*
- 10.25 am What works: Tackling tobacco with vulnerable groups;  
findings from research  
*Jon O'Brien, Senior Program Coordinator, The Cancer Council NSW*
- 10.40 am Examples from practice: What can be done about tobacco in NGOs  
*Roxanne McMurray, Manager, Leichhardt Women's Community Health Centre*  
*Janet Austin, Co-ordinator of the Healthy, Wealthy & Wise Project, Mission Australia*
- 11.00 am What can we do?: Discussion on implications, issues and actions we can take in response to tobacco  
*Anita Tang, Director Health Strategies, The Cancer Council NSW and*  
*Samantha Edmonds, Deputy Director, NCOSS*
- 11.30 am Seminar closes

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### Seminar Registration

**Name:**

**Position:**

**Organisation:**

**Email:**

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**Special requirements:**

**(dietary, access etc)**

To register, please complete and return this form by **Thursday July 17** to:

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