

Development Update

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1 CID news

(a) NZAID NGO regional meetings

The date and location of each meeting is:

5th of May
St Francis Retreat Centre
50 Hillsborough Rd
AUCKLAND

7th of May
Centre for Global Action
2nd Floor
James Smith's Building
Corner Cuba and Manners Street
WELLINGTON

9th of May
Christian World Service
4/159 Manchester Street
CHRISTCHURCH

There are two parts to the meeting. The morning focuses on NZAID/NGO matters including a presentation on NZAID's NGO funding windows and a forum on climate change. The afternoon is for PMC matters followed by a meeting for CID members and prospective members.

We encourage you to bring as many staff, board members and volunteers as you like to these meetings.

For more information please contact Nicola Whyte, e-mail: nikki@cid.org.nz

(b) CID Training – Protecting Children in Development

6th May – Auckland – St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Mt Roskill.
8th May – Wellington – CGA Rooms, Level 2 James Smith Building, 49 Cuba Street.

Most development agencies work with children to some degree and understanding the issues of child protection, particularly in emergencies, is a vital component of our development work.

Childfund's senior protection advisor Dr Mike Wessells is a prominent US practitioner and thinker in the area of child protection and development, and particularly helping former child soldiers reintegrate into their communities. His research on children and armed conflict examines child soldiers, psychosocial assistance in emergencies, and post-conflict reconstruction for peace.

He will facilitate two workshops in Auckland and Wellington, aimed at not only those working in child focused agencies, but the wider development community.

Participants can expect to improve their understanding of child protection issues, of how to enable community protection responses in emergencies and more stable settings, and of strategies for measuring impact of programmes.

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2 CID member news

(a) Buyer be Fair – a Dev-zone film evening

Come and learn more about fair trade. This free event, hosted by Dev-Zone as part of the Fair Trade fortnight, involves a screening of the film Buyer be Fair (57 mins). We will meet in the Dev-Zone Library where there will be fair trade tea, coffee and chocolate. The film will begin at 6 pm.

Thursday 8th of May, 2007. 5-30-7.30 pm at the Centre for Global Action Meeting Room, Level 2, James Smith Building, 49-55 Cuba Street, Wellington

<http://www.dev-zone.org/downloads/Buyer%20be%20Fair%20event%20blurb2.pdf>

(b) Buy mum a yak

If you're stumped for pressie ideas this Mother's Day, Save the Children can save you the worry. Choose a week's supply of Plumpy'nut from Save the Children's Wish List and you and your mum will be helping to improve the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable children.

Plumpy'nut is a high-protein, high-energy paste specially developed for severely malnourished children. It's great because it comes fully prepared and can be eaten directly from its foil wrapper. There is no risk of it being contaminated by dirty water and it needs no preparation or special supervision. It can be distributed at home rather than at specialist feeding stations – so mums and babies living in remote areas don't have to walk miles to get it. Its sweet taste means children love it. A week's supply of Plumpy'nut costs just \$18. For a severely malnourished child a week's supply can be crucial – and could mean the difference between life and death.

Plumpy'nut is just one in a range of Wish List gifts that can help change a child's life. Save the Children's Wish List has heaps of other cool gift ideas, including a goat (parents can enrich their children's diet with its milk), toys for a toy library (to help children develop concentration, creativity and speech skills), teacher training or a yak (to provide milk and wool). Invest in any one of these – and you and your mum will be helping those mums and children who need it most.

Donate the gift of your choice and your mum will receive a personalised card and a Wish Certificate. She'll love you for it.

To find out more and order online visit: www.savethechildren.org.nz/wishlist.

(c) UNANZ National Conference – Our Common Future

The purpose of the conference is to address UN and global issues from New Zealand/Aotearoa and South Pacific perspectives and ask the questions:

- ◆ Have human rights moved on from Parihaka and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?
- ◆ How are we addressing issues such as racism and poverty?
- ◆ How are women and children protected?

Workshops will analyse the UN's role and relationship with government, community and the media.

MFAT and NZAID will be represented, and affiliate organizations have been invited. e.g. Oxfam, Amnesty International, Council for International Development, Humanities Council, Refugee Council, NZ Institute of International Affairs, and others. They will discuss their role with the UN in a context of climate of change, the MDGs and conflict resolution in the Pacific region. Interactive concurrent sessions will open up discussion to participants, with panel evaluation of the points discussed.

Dates and places:

Saturday May 31st and Sunday June 1st 2008
Barrycourt Accommodation & Event Centre
10-20 Gladstone Rd, Parnell, Auckland

World Federation of United Nations Associations Workshop on Climate Change and the UN
Monday 2nd June
Quaker Meeting House
115 Mt Eden Road, Mt Eden, Auckland

The conference recognises the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 60th anniversary and the UN International Years of: Planet Earth, The Potato, Sanitation and Languages.

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Information: www.unanz.org.nz

(d) **Critical literacy workshop**

This one-day workshop for primary and secondary teachers and teacher educators will explore the links between global education and the new curriculum using tools of critical literacy.

A workshop to enable you to:

- ◆ Find out more about using the tools of critical literacy in the classroom.
- ◆ Use critical literacy to develop the key competencies that are part of the new curriculum.
- ◆ Engage in dialogue and discussion to explore values from a global perspective.

\$25 per day 9:30am – 4:00pm

Wellington: 1st of May, Museum of City & Sea, Queens Wharf.

Christchurch: 16th of July, Canterbury University.

Auckland: 17th of July, Parnell Community Centre, 1st floor, Jubilee Building, 545 Parnell Road.

Facilitated by Dr. Vanessa Andreotti and Cindy Munn. Register your interest at cindy@globaled.org.nz, type 'Thinking it Through' in the subject line.

(e) Reintegration of child soldiers – public talks

World-renowned expert on child protection Dr Mike Wessells is visiting New Zealand in early May. He is a professor at Columbia University, an advisor to the United Nations and governments, and an author of several books. His most recent book, published last year, is *Child Soldiers: From Violence to Protection*.

Dr Wessells is visiting New Zealand in his role as ChildFund's Senior Child Protection Advisor and sharing his expertise, particularly in emergencies, with international aid and development agencies based in this country.

In countries around the world, Dr Wessells helps to develop community-based, culturally grounded programmes that assist children, families, and communities affected by armed conflict and emergencies.

As part of his visit, Dr Wessells is giving two free public talks at lunchtime in Auckland and Wellington. All are welcome to attend and listen to a very compelling speaker.

Dr Wessells will talk about the experiences of child soldiers, the unique challenges of girls who become soldiers, what happens when they return home, and how aid and development agencies are helping with their rehabilitation.

Auckland: Wednesday 7th of May, 12.30pm – 1.30pm.
Aotea Chapel, 370 Queen Street.

Wellington: Friday 9th of May, 12.30pm – 1.30pm.
St John's in the City Hall, Corner Willis & Dixon Street

The talks are free of charge. If you would like to attend, please register online at www.childfund.org.nz/register or call 0800 223 111 to give us an idea of numbers.

3 Employment

- (a) Dev-Zone** has an extensive database of international development-related jobs.

Go to <http://www.dev-zone.org/jobs/> for information.

- (b) Goodworks** also lists jobs in the development and NGO sector.

Go to: <http://www.goodworks.co.nz/home.asp>

Job ads on Goodworks are \$45 + GST.

- (c) Photographic work wanted**

My name is Giora Dan. I am a Christchurch based photographer. I'm an experienced documentary photographer with a significant background in the Asia-Pacific and the Middle East region, photographing for the likes of UNESCO, Red Cross (Geneva headquarters), Smithsonian Magazine and NZ Geographic.

I am available for work and would like to offer my services to your organization. I believe that the 'eye' and talent for cross cultural images I developed working for these NGOs can serve your organization and its publications. My images can cover specific aid involvement (infrastructure, agriculture, social and relief work) to cultural and environmental awareness raising.

I work well within a team (Red Cross, NZ Geographic assignments) and to brief by myself when needed (UNESCO, Smithsonian Magazine.). I would be very keen to illustrate some of the projects that your organization is involved with and would like to discuss the potential for this with you.

For more information and images of my work please contact me:

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4 News and Events from Organisations outside CID

(a) News from NZAID

Currents – Issue 8 out now

Learn about improving maternal and child health in Viet Nam, find out about marine research in Tuvalu and read about a Pacific-wide initiative that is educating the next generation. You'll find all this and more in the latest issue of *Currents*. To receive a free copy of the magazine, please contact Melanie Heaphy on melanie.heaphy@nzaid.govt.nz or visit

<http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/library/publications/currents.html>

Travelling overseas?

Remember to check out the safe travel website www.safetravel.govt.nz and register your travel.

Vacancies

If you are interested in joining the team at NZAID, visit www.nzaid.govt.nz/vacancies for further information.

(b) Peace Movement Aotearoa news and info

PMA is the national networking peace organisation. Information on a range of events around the country can be found on <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/date.htm>

Alternative ANZAC Day commemorations

There is a new web site 'Lest we forget: remembering peacemakers on ANZAC Day' at <http://www.lestweforget.org.nz> which provides information and resources marking the honourable actions of those individuals who believe war is wrong, and who have risked physical harm, their freedom and their reputations, to bring their message to others that war is never right.

For one idea how about how you can use these resources, see last year's report 'An alternative ANZAC Day commemoration' at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/anzac07.htm>

Prayer vigil at the Waihopai spybase, starts 4pm, Sunday, 27th of April 2008

Christians from around the country will be meeting to pray and reflect on how this installation run by the US government contributes to the suffering of millions. The Waihopai spy base comprises two satellite interception dishes to operate an electronic surveillance system known as 'Echelon'. This system intercepts huge volumes of military, government and private communications (emails, phone calls, faxes and text messages) in NZ and countries all over the Asia-Pacific region for use by the US government. Waihopai is NZ's most significant contribution to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The vigil starts at 4pm on Sunday 27 April, but people are welcome to join whenever they can get there.

To find the base take Highway 6 out of Blenheim (the Nelson road), then turn left onto Highway 63 just before Renwick (the Nelson Lakes Road). Continue for a few kilometres, then turn left down the Waihopai Valley road (there is a winery on corner). The spybase is about 10 kms up the valley - you will see 2 huge white domes, can't miss it! For more information about the vigil, contact email manu@ahi.co.nz.

There is a satellite image / map of Waihopai is at <http://www.3dnewzealand.com/marlborough/waihopai/spy-base.html> - click 'hybrid' (in the map view box, top right corner) to get the clearest picture. More information about Waihopai is available at <http://www.converge.org.nz/abc/waihopai.html>

(c) Colin McCahon lecture

Lloyd Geering will be speaking on the artist Colin McCahon and his work this month at St Andrews on the Terrace, Wellington. Everyone is welcome. Free Lunchtime Lecture 12:15 - 1 pm, April 29th – 'The Later McCahon' second of two lectures (you've missed the first).

(d) Computer support for community groups

Does your community group need computer help? Our roving IT professional provides support and advice about computers in a way people working in community and voluntary organisations can understand. We help you get the most out of your computers and other technology. This not-for-profit service was set-up in October 2007 by Wellington ICT, a charitable trust.

The e-rider shares their knowledge and expertise on a wide range of computer problems and opportunities. Our advice is 100 percent independent and is offered in a friendly and approachable way.

We'll advise and assist you on things such as:

- Virus protection, firewalls, security patches, anti-spyware cleansing, and backing up;
- Routine maintenance, including basic network administration, wireless hubs;
- Developing specifications for a computer system and evaluating proposals.

Contact the e-rider service today: info@e-rider.org.nz www.e-rider.org.nz

To help you budget ahead for IT support and advice we offer four pre-paid packages:

Starter: 3 hours – \$135.

Annual: 15 hours – \$450.

Annual: 22 hours – \$787.50.

Annual: 38 hours – \$1,575.

Casual IT advice and support is available on an hourly basis at the rate of \$65 per hour (or \$50 for groups on packages who have used up guaranteed hours). Some travel fees may apply.

(e) **Call for papers for geography conference**

Please consider submitting and presenting a paper at the New Zealand Geographical Society Conference 2-5th of July 2008 in Wellington, New Zealand: Geography Across the Divide: Inequality, Policy and Sustainability.

Recently, there has been a phenomenal growth in the use and critical reflection on the role of participation and participatory research within human geography and development studies. This session invites papers from researchers engaging with participatory approaches and methods.

It may include attention to:

- ◆ the politics of participatory practice
- ◆ roles of space and place within participatory research
- ◆ the effects of participation's embeddedness within different scales
- ◆ the geographies and spatialities of participatory enquiry
- ◆ the emotional aspects of participation and participatory research
- ◆ the implications for the dissemination of participatory research

Convenor: Sara Kindon sara.kindon@vuw.ac.nz.

For more information, please consult the conference website:

<http://www.vuw.ac.nz/nzgs2008/>

(f) **Solidarity group to support Filipino workers in Wellington**

This group was formed at the beginning of this year to support Filipino workers in Wellington, within their employment and more generally. What has become most urgent is

the case of the Filipino nurses in their struggles with the recruiting agents who bring them here. These businesses charge them excessive fees in the form of high interest loans as well as providing misinformation about the nature of the employment they are entering. Nurses are told they will be working in a hospital in New Zealand. However, on arrival most find they are to be employed in aged care, unable to utilise most of their nursing training and earning significantly less than they had counted on.

They are bonded to these agents, for between two and three years, to pay back their loans. The NZ Nurses Organisation has already defended one case and their magazine *Kaitiaki* has given good publicity to this issue. But these abusive practices are still going on. There is a pressing need to accumulate a body of evidence about these practices, in order to advance the cause and possibly take a case to court.

If there are any Filipino nurses who would be prepared to speak about their experiences and have them documented, please contact kinoywgt@gmail.com. Anonymity assured.

There is also a meeting being held on the 14th of May WEA room 3rd Floor Anvil House, Wakefield Street Wellington at 5.30pm. Non-Filipinos prepared to help in this cause are most welcome also.

(g) Transport sustainability workshop

Energy, Transport and Sustainability: Discovering Pathways to 2040 is a two-day collaborative effort between NERI and the IPS. It aims to bring together research, policy, business, local government and community representatives to identify and explore the ways by which New Zealand can move toward sustainability in transport energy and achieve a 50 percent reduction in per capita transport emissions by 2040.

Day One (26th of June) provides an opportunity to hear some of New Zealand's leading transport energy researchers present their work and to discuss the implications of their findings for New Zealand's major challenges in transport, energy, climate change and sustainability.

Day Two (27th of June) builds on last November's successful one-day event *Transforming Transport* (see http://ips.ac.nz/events/previous_events-2007.html). It will feature leading international speakers plus opportunities for dialogue and in-depth workshops on critical energy and sustainability issues around transport and climate change. A key goal is to identify policy and research questions that will help us discover the pathways to 2040.

Venue: Rutherford House, Victoria University of Wellington

Thanks to generous support, Energy, Transport and Sustainability: Discovering Pathways to 2040 is a free event. Early registration is essential. To register, please e-mail: ips@vuw.ac.nz, or phone 04 463 5307.

(h) Human rights film festival coming up

Wellington – Paramount Theatre
May 8th – 16th

Auckland – Rialto Newmarket
May 15th – 23rd

Christchurch – Regent on Worcester
May 22nd – 30th

Dunedin – Rialto Dunedin
May 29th – June 6th

See website at <http://www.humanrightsfilmfest.net.nz/> for details

5 Editorial

I'm not particularly fond of the blogosphere, though I indulge on occasions, rather as I indulge in the odd meat pie, with a feeling of being unsure whether it's really worth it.

Particularly galling is the rise of the American blogger habit of reducing debates to the level of accusing one's political opponents of being idiots or on drugs, which is why I was so pleased to be on the receiving end of this little gem from an anonymous commentator a long while back:

“Buchanan is a typical liberal “pinko” unwittingly supporting socially destructive pro-ethnic nationalist doctrines that originated with Communists.”

Wrong, but wrong in a much more interesting way than usual. However, for a real experience of what blogging can be, one needs to turn to Iranian.com and Guive Mirfendereski author of *A Diplomatic History of the Caspian Sea* and a craftsperson producing [wine racks](#) from New England lobster traps under the pseudonym Guy vanDeresk (presumably an Iranian name is a handicap in the US non-traditional New England crafts market).

Mirfendereski blogs on his final opportunity to consult a borrowed 50-volume encyclopaedia of the Farsi language before returning it to its owner:

“the word *ghand* is the Arabicized form of the Hindi-origin *kand*, which was *kahanda* in Sanskrit, an Indo-Iranian language. The word sugar, too, is Indo-Iranian. In Sanskrit it was *sarkara*, in Greek became *sakxaron*, in Pahlavi version of Persian it became *shaker*. The *sh* sound still present in the Farsi *shekar* echoes in the English *sugar*.”

This comes from an interesting discussion of the origins of the Iranian habit of drinking tea with a sugar lump in the mouth (known by the Turkish word *dishlameh*, or *ghand pahlou* in Farsi) the lump coming from a *kaleh-ghand* (cone of sugar) broken with a *ghand-shekan* (a sort of miniature pick) which is a subject I'd always been interested in. Mirfendereski reckons the cone sugar came from France via Russia during the Qajar dynasty – but thinks Iranians drank their tea this way before that as another traditional form of sugar available in Iran, bunches of translucent clusters of crystals formed around twine, take ages to dissolve in even hot water.

I read somewhere the dishlameh style of tea drinking was traditional in Russia as well, so who knows who came up with it first. The demise of imported sugar cones now means Iranians make granulated sugar into cones then break them up into lumps again. You can use sugar cubes, but they dissolve too quickly to work well.

Well I thought it was interesting. And there's a few words you can drop into conversation at a dinner party sometime...

6 Calendars

(a) CID training programme

To view the 2008 training calendar as a PDF go to <http://www.cid.org.nz/training/> and click the link.

(b) Meeting dates and deadlines for 2008

KOHA-PICD deadlines for 2008

14th of May

9th of July

3rd of September

29th of October

Block Grant NGOs only: Friday 4th of July – AM&E report; annual notifications
Monday 21st of July – financial reports; BG application

KOHA-PICD meetings for 2008

4/5th of June (including HAF)

29/30/31st of July

24/25th of September (including HAF)

19/20th of November

7 Contacts

Development Update is a fortnightly update on government and NGO activities related to international development in NZ and abroad. If you have any information that you would like to add to future updates, please forward it to sam@cid.org.nz. Something in plain text in MS Word format is easiest for us (we hate PDFs), but feel free to send anything.

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