
How does research 'makes a difference' - to practice, to policy, to society? This forum follows on from a meeting held early in 2007 with research and policy officers from a wide range of organisations in the non government sector conducting social research. It will develop themes of concern to researchers “in the field” around accessing research expertise, promoting evidence based research and networking with university-based colleagues. As well as gaining a perspective from Ann Hampshire, Mission Australia, the forum will draw upon insights from leading academics in the Faculty to stimulate a lively exchange of ideas about how we develop and utilise knowledge for social policymaking.

Speakers:

- Professor Raewyn Connell 'Research and Action in Aids prevention: a critical discussion of the impact of research'
- Associate Professor Jenny O’Dea 'Giving the whole story: childhood weight as a social class and ethnicity issue'
- Ann Hampshire, National Manager, Research and Social Policy Mission Australia. 'Research, impact and the non-government'

Social Policy Network Forum

Thursday 25 October 10-1pm

Faculty of Education and Social Work
Room 612

• 10 am Chair's welcome and introduction Dr Sue Goodwin
  Coffee on arrival.
• 10.10 - 11.30 Research and its Impact
• 11.30 - 12.20 Making a Difference? Participant Workshop—sharing research experiences.
• 12.20 - 1pm Plenary Session.
• 1pm Lunch A delicious lunch will be served.

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