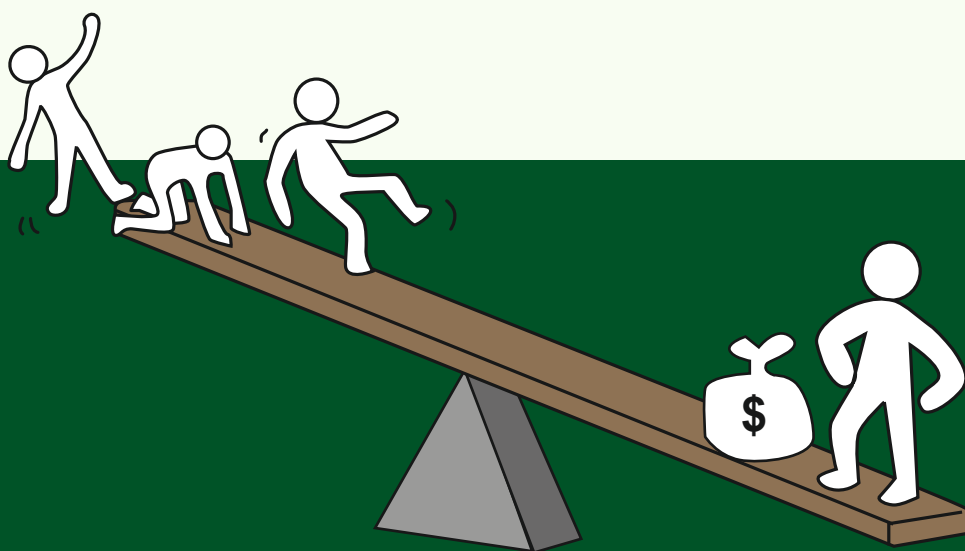


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EXPLORING THE SYSTEMIC CAUSES OF POVERTY & OPTIONS FOR CHANGE

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INTRODUCTION

Aotearoa New Zealand is a country rich in natural, cultural and economic resources. And yet every day in our cities we walk past people deprived of a safe place to live, who sleep on concrete footpaths and shop verandahs.

We rank as a developed economy, and yet 140,000 of our tamariki live without the basic necessities for a decent life – nutritious food, their own bed to sleep in, warm clothes for winter, a couple of pairs of sturdy shoes.

For all of its stresses, we have a modern national health system, and yet preventable diseases of poverty such as acute rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease occur here at rates that are among the highest in the developed world.

We value hard work as a pathway to security, and yet 40—45% of tamariki who live in poverty are in working households.

Our farmers grow food for the world, and yet 12—13% of New Zealanders are forced to turn to charitable food banks to feed their families.

We are a country that speaks of a 'fair go' and 'equal rights', but collectively we have become accustomed to extreme inequality and deprivation.

Poverty is not inevitable, nor is it caused by individual failure. Poverty is the product of economic, social, institutional, legal systems – systems that we, and our forebears, have designed.

Pakukore: Poverty, By Design, is a chance to learn more about how those systems work to create poverty, how they interact and compound to entrench the harms of poverty, and how they can be redesigned. It is a chance to hear from those who are working at the front lines, strengthening communities and innovating for an Aotearoa New Zealand in which all can thrive.

It is a chance for all – researchers, lay people, activists, experts, citizens, politicians – to stand and work together for an Aotearoa New Zealand free of poverty.

TIMETABLE

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER

10.00 am – 10.30 am
Morning Tea – Mezzanine Floor

5.00 pm RHLT1, Rutherford House

Mihi Whakatau Taku Parai, Ngati Toa Rangatira Opening and Introduction

Vice Chancellor Nic Smith
Callum Katene *Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira*

JD Stout Lecture

"Hardship & Hope. Stories of resistance in the fight against poverty in Aotearoa"

Rebecca Macfie,
J D Stout fellow, award winning journalist and author

Session 2

Disruption and Resistance: Voices from the Community

10.30am-11.30am

Relationships, Collaboration and Community Voice.

Jennie Smeaton, *Pou Ratonga, Chief Operations Officer, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira*

Beneficiary rights advocacy in Porirua.

Pat Hanley, *Founder of Poverty Free Aotearoa*

Reinventing the way we do Community.

Murray Edridge, *Wellington City Missioner*

Chair: Stephen Turnock, *Director, Downtown Community Ministry*

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Understanding the systemic causes of poverty

8.30 am
Registration Mezzanine Floor

Session 1

The cost of Poverty

9.00 am-10.00 am RHLT1, Rutherford House

The developmental, cognitive and neurological cost of poverty to children.

Dr Jin Russell, *Consultant developmental paediatrician at Starship Children's Health, and researcher in public health*

The long term fiscal costs of poverty to Aotearoa New Zealand.

Craig Renney, *Economist, Council of Trade Unions*

Chair: Prof Jonathan Boston,
chair, School of Government, Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington

Session 3

The Economics of Poverty

11.30 am-12.30 pm

Lisa and Max will discuss the true state of the government's finances, and options for providing the resources needed to sharply reduce poverty rates.

Max Rashbrooke, *Adjunct Senior Research Fellow Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington, and author.*

Prof Lisa Marriott, *Professor of Taxation, Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington, and Extraordinary Professor at the University of Pretoria, South Africa..*

Chair: Jonathan Boston

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm
Lunch – Mezzanine Floor

Options for Change – Lunch with AAAP

A Poverty free Aotearoa NZ is the only way forward for all of us. Join Brooke and Agnes in conversation about what's needed for us to get there.

12.45 pm to 1.30 pm RHMZ03

Brooke Pao Stanley and Agnes Magele,
Co-Convenors of Auckland Action Against Poverty

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Working on Lines of Hope

Session 4

Poverty and Prisons

1.30 pm-3.00 pm

The Youth Court in action: disrupting the trajectory.

Judge Ida Malosi, Principal Youth Court Judge

Tikanga Māori, muru and the criminalisation of a redistributive Māori legal practice: legal effects and modern implications

Māmari Stephens, Reader in Law, Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington

Slow violence, poverty and prisons.

Prof Tracey McIntosh, Professor of Indigenous Studies, University of Auckland

Chair: Carwyn Jones, Pūkenga Matua (Lead Academic) of Ahunga Tikanga (Māori Laws and Philosophy) at Te Wānanga o Raukawa.

3.00 pm – 3.30 pm
Afternoon Tea

Session 5

The State of the Welfare State

3.30 pm-5.00 pm

The impact of poverty by design on indigenous and disability communities in Aotearoa in light of recent cuts.

Dr Huhana Hickey, Lawyer and Disability Advocate, member of the 2018 Welfare Expert Advisory Group.

Welfare Justice: Looking beyond tomorrow.

Sue Bradford, unemployed workers activist, former Green MP, co-founder of Auckland Action Against Poverty, and current co-ordinator with Kōtare Research and Education for Social Change.

Social investment in the field.

Maria English, Chief Executive, Impact Lab

Chair: Max Rashbrooke

Session 6

Work and Wages

9.00 am-9.30 am

Disempowerment by design: What is to be done?

Bill Rosenberg, labour economist, former CTU economist, former Commissioner of the Productivity Commission.

Chair: Gordon Anderson, Victoria University School of Law

Session 7

Housing in Aotearoa New Zealand: a luxury for some or human right for all?

9.30 am-11.00 am

Te Ahuru Mowai – Reflections from a Maori CHP.

James Te Puni, Chief Executive of Te Āhuru Mōwai. Te Ahuru Mowai is New Zealand's largest Māori owned CHP which is 100% owned by Ngāti Toa.

Home on the whenua: papakainga development, Motueka.

Miriana Stephens, Trustee of Te Āwhina Marae and director of Wakatū Incorporation.

Housing, health, and the role of the State.

Philippa Howden-Chapman, Professor, Public Health, Otago University.

The Changing Housing System in New Zealand: Investment or Welfarism.

Dr Kay Saville-Smith, Director, Centre for Research, Evaluation and Social Assessment.

Chair: Paul Gilberd, CEO of Community Housing Aotearoa

11.00 am – 1.30 am Morning Tea

Session 8

Making progress on access, equity and the determinants of health

11.30 am-1.00 pm

Growing the agency of place-based communities to improve health and equity.

A/Prof Anna Matheson, Health Policy, Faculty of Health, Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington.

Poverty and poor health – the drivers, the outcomes and more equitable ways forward.

Prof Nikki Turner, general practitioner, professor in Department of General Practice and Primary Care and Principal Medical Advisor to the Immunisation Advisory Centre, University of Auckland, and health spokesperson for Child Poverty Action Group.

Poverty – what future?

A/Prof Sarah-Jane Paine, Te Kupenga Hauora Māori, and Research Director of the Growing Up in New Zealand study.

Tupu Ola Moui – Growing a prosperous and healthy life.

Tagaloa Dr Junior Ulu, Director Pacific Health for the Ministry of Health.

Chair: Bridget Allan, former Chief Executive Te Awakairangi Health Network

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm Lunch

1.00 pm-2.00 pm RHMZ03

Lunch with The Workshop

How framing can unlock the changes we need to prevent poverty

Dr Jess Berentson-Shaw, Co-Director of the Workshop & Lisa Woods, Campaigns Director Amnesty International Aotearoa New Zealand.

Research shows that the strategic choices we make on how to present the cause, impacts and solution to poverty (our framing) have a powerful influence on how people think and reason about poverty. This includes how they come to understand the policies, practices, laws that either create poverty or prevent it. For everyone who works on poverty issues, knowing the strategic frames that can unlock new ways of seeing the issue can be a practical tool to unlock change, and one that can spark hope in this sometimes relentless work.

Session 9

Education: pathways for thriving tamariki and rangatahi

2.00 pm-3.00 pm

Educational inequity by design.

Dr Hana O'Regan, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive Officer of Tātai Aho Rau Core Education, and member of the Waitangi Tribunal. (Appearing via Zoom from Kaikoura.)

Growing Communities – by design.

Amanda Coulston, CEO of Whānau Manaaki Kindergarten Association.

Chair: Dr Hiria McRae, senior lecture in education, Associate Dean Teacher Education, Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington

Session 10

The Politics of Poverty and a plan for change

3.00 pm-4.30 pm

Panel discussion

Politics, Poverty, and Planning: a Roadmap for Change

Carmel Sepuloni, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party. Spokesperson for Social Development, Pacific Peoples, Child Poverty Reduction.

Ricardo Menéndez March, MP Green Party

Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, Co-leader of Te Pati Māori

Kassie Hartendorp, Convenor of ActionStation

Chair: VUW Vice Chancellor Professor Nic Smith.

4.30 pm

Aotearoa New Zealand – redesigned for equity

Bernard will sum up the conference, and capture areas of consensus for future action for a redesigned Aotearoa New Zealand.

Closing discussion, sampling ideas for change from the audience

Rapporteur: Bernard Hickey, journalist and editor of *The Kaka*, a newsletter and podcast about Aotearoa's political economy.

Closing – Prof Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich

Presenting the action statement.

Poroporoaki – Mana Whenua

CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

Amanda Coulston

Growing communities – by design

Ka whāngaia, ka tupu, ka puāwai
That which is nurtured, grow then blossom

Amanda will discuss the initiatives that Whānau Manaaki Kindergartens have implemented to support diverse communities in their regions. Amanda believes that if the family is not doing well, the children are probably not doing well. She is a passionate advocate, believing that doing what can be done, harnessing family strengths and skills, helping families take achievable steps forward and building on the ties that bind a culturally rich community will achieve positive outcomes for families.

Amanda Coulston is the CEO of Whānau Manaaki Kindergarten Association, which manages 108 kindergartens and one home-based service across the lower half of Te Ika-a-Māui and Te Moana a Toi and South Otago in Te Waipounamu. It is a not-for-profit organisation with a strong commitment to providing quality, affordable, culturally appropriate early childhood education and social support to their diverse communities. Amanda was a primary school principal and national president of NZEI – the largest education union in Aotearoa New Zealand. Amanda lives in Wellington with her partner Andy, her great niece Bryar, her great great Niece Kōwhai and their two dogs Moira & Bruce.



Anna Matheson

Growing the agency of place-based communities to improve health and equity

The evidence in New Zealand (and globally) shows a profound relationship between health outcomes and the places where people live and raise children. Where people access housing, find employment, buy food, go to school, access health and social services, and interact with policy, governance, and political systems. The quality of these determinants of health are inequitably distributed, compounding to create the lived experience of local environments. In some communities, this leads to poorer health outcomes due to constraints on healthy choices and behaviours, political voice and action, and access to resources such as money, time, and knowledge. For those at the hard end of inequality, this diminishing of individual and community agency makes change for the better difficult, raising questions about what effective health and welfare investment strategies need to look like. Is it time for a paradigm shift in how we think about social intervention? What are our homegrown lessons in community-led system change? And what can we learn from the global movement in regenerative systems to inform better ways of organising and acting locally?

Anna Matheson is an Associate Professor of Health Policy in the School of Health, Victoria University of Wellington. Anna has a background in public health and leads the evaluation of Healthy Families NZ, a community health system-change initiative. She is also a Principal Investigator with Te Pūnaha Matatini – Aotearoa New Zealand Centre for Research Excellence (CoRE) in complex systems. Anna's research interests are in social complexity, health inequality, communities and system change.



Avataeao Junior Ulu

Tupu Ola Moui – Growing a prosperous and healthy life

Tupu Ola Moui – The Health of Pacific peoples in Aotearoa New Zealand, is a comprehensive publication compiled in a partnership between Manatū Hauora – Ministry of Health and The Ministry for Pacific Peoples. This session will provide an overview of key health indicators, offering invaluable insights into the current state of health among Pacific communities in Aotearoa New Zealand. Tupu Ola Moui enables the Ministry of Health to support the government to meet their health targets. By establishing baseline data, we create a foundation upon which we can measure progress, identify areas needing investment and improvement, and support the development of targeted interventions to address health disparities.

Tagaloa Dr Junior Ulu is the Director Pacific Health for the Ministry of Health. He is passionate about equitable outcomes for Pacific people. He brings strong Pacific cultural views, insights and knowledge of other Pacific Island countries through personal and professional vā (relationships). He holds a PhD in Development studies, MDS distinction, BA History from VUW and a Diploma Secondary Teaching from UOA.

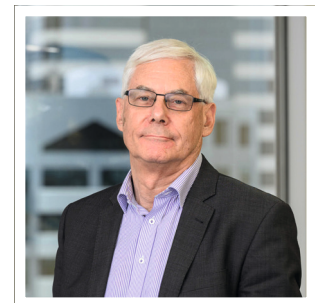


Bill Rosenberg

Work and wages: disempowerment by design. What is to be done?

Accounts of the early 1990s and recent analysis of the share of wages in New Zealand’s national income both show the radical policies introduced in the early 1990s as a decisive turning point in the balance of power between workers and employers. It resulted immediately in rapid deunionisation, splintered industrial relations, a fall in real wages, a shrinking wage share of national income and deteriorating conditions of work. In the longer run the effects have largely continued with weak real wage growth, poor workplace health and safety, and a highly disadvantaged segment of the workforce. Income has been transferred to owners of capital with significant levels of above-normal profits observed in national income. It is perhaps not a coincidence that the New Zealand economy has stagnated, captured in a low productivity rut. What can be done to restore a healthier balance? Similar questions are being asked internationally. The answer must include restoring collective bargaining power to wage and salary workers and transforming an economic structure reliant on low-cost labour to one capable of raising living standards in an environmentally constrained world.

Dr Bill Rosenberg was the Economist and Policy Director at New Zealand Council of Trade Unions Te Kauae Kaimahi (CTU) 2009-2020, CTU Future of Work Director 2020-2022, and a Commissioner of the Productivity Commission from 2020 until its closure in 2024. Before that he worked in information technology and e-learning in the private sector and at Lincoln and Canterbury Universities. His publications cover topics including labour, income distribution, social support, productivity, overseas investment, international trade and media ownership.



Brooke Pao Stanley & Agnes Magele

Brooke and Agnes are long term volunteers turned coordinators of Auckland Action Against Poverty, a grassroots organisation that knows a poverty free Aotearoa and New Zealand is the only way forward for all of us.

Craig Rennie

The long term fiscal costs of poverty to Aotearoa New Zealand

Craig Renney is the Economist and Director of Policy for the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions. Prior to taking on this role, Craig spent five years working for Grant Robertson (New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance) as his Senior Advisor and worked with Jacinda Ardern as Prime Minister.



Hana O'Regan

Educational inequity by design

The presentation will look at the historical policies and practices that were intentionally designed into the New Zealand education system that contributed to the educational marginalisation of Māori learners over successive generations. We will look at the relationship between the inequities in educational engagement and achievement experienced by many learners today, and their foundational causes, so that we may be better placed to consider how we might intentionally design for more positive and equitable outcomes into the future.

Dr Hana O'Regan is of Kāi Tahu and Pākehā (Irish and Scottish) descent. Raised in Wellington, she moved to Te Waipounamu at 21 as a lecturer at Otago University, and after four years there, shifted to Ōtautahi where she has been based ever since. Hana has worked in the areas of language revitalisation, identity and cultural development, te reo Māori and education for over 30 years. She is a published author and composer and is recognised internationally for her work in indigenous language acquisition and revitalisation. A graduate of Te Panekiretanga – Institute of Excellence in Te Reo Māori, Hana is widely respected for her Māori language contribution, skills and advocacy. Hana's passion for education and community, history and equity has resulted in a career committed to working with organisations, businesses and individuals to support and enhance positive outcomes for learners and whānau. She is one of the founders of the Kāi Tahu tribal language strategy, Kotahi Mano Kāika, Kotahi Mano Wawata, which was launched by the tribe in 2000 and continues to teach te reo, karaka and composition within her Kāi Tahu community. Hana was appointed to the Waitangi Tribunal in 2021 and has held the position of Tumu Whakarae of Tātai Aho Rau Core Education since late 2020.



Huhana Hickey

The impact of poverty by design on indigenous and disability communities in Aotearoa in light of recent cuts

Poverty by design is a systemic issue influenced by colonial, capitalist and discriminatory frameworks. The current socio-economic climate in Aotearoa is proving to be punitive towards those who live with chronic illness, disability and mental health conditions. The recent government cuts to benefits is having a long term impact, especially on those who, without support are struggling with the punitive measure reintroduced around benefits. Huhana will outline the disproportionate impact it is having on Maori/Pacifika and disability communities.

Dr Huhana Hickey (MNZM) of Ngāti Tāhinga, (Waikato) and Ngati Ira (Whakatōhea) descent. Dr Hickey is an academic and disability rights lawyer. She has multiple sclerosis, was the first openly disabled Housing NZ board member and is an unflinching advocate for whānau hauā and all disabled people. Dr Hickey is a member of the New Zealand Human Rights Review Tribunal, Director on the odyssey House board, holds multiple community board, advisory and consultancy roles and became a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2015 for services to people with disabilities.



Judge Ida Malosi

The Youth Court in action: disrupting the trajectory

New Zealand's Youth Court is renowned internationally for its innovation and solution-focused judging. It has been a 'house of innovation' for the wider District Court since it was established 35 years ago and this has never been truer than it is now as practices pioneered in the Youth Court help to shape the District Court's judicially led Te Ao Mārama – Enhancing Justice for All initiative. What is Te Ao Mārama? What are the innovations the Youth Court has led? How do we know they work? And what does the future hold for the court?

Judge Ida Malosi is the Principal Youth Court Judge of the District Court of New Zealand and leads around 70 Youth Court judges who sit in District Court locations throughout the country. In 2002, Judge Malosi was appointed to the District Court with a Family Court warrant, marking the first appointment of a Pasifika woman to the bench in New Zealand. In November 2022, she became the first woman to lead the Youth Court and the first Pasifika person to hold a head of bench role within the New Zealand judiciary. Judge Malosi was also the first woman of Samoan descent appointed as a Supreme Court judge of Samoa when she was seconded there between May 2013 and July 2014 and led the establishment of Samoa's Family Court and Family Violence Court.

Judge Malosi has been involved with young people in the youth justice system, either as a youth advocate or Youth Court judge, for more than 30 years. She is passionate about understanding why young people find themselves before the Youth Court and unlocking their potential.



James Te Puni

Te Ahuru Mowai – Reflections from a Maori CHP

New Zealand's largest Māori-owned Community Housing Provider is Te Ahuru Mowai, established and 100% owned by Ngāti Toa. James will share some of the experiences since launching in late 2020 with more than 900 homes in wider Western Porirua. Te Ahuru Mowai's vision and whanau-centred operating model, influenced by Ngati Toa's Mauriora approach to whanau wellbeing, requires strong relationships at the whanau level and in community. Does a kaupapa Maori housing model mean anything to tenat whanau under day to day pressure? James will also speak to what his team have seen and learnt from the whanau they provide for, many of whom are struggling with financial deprivation and poverty.

James Te Puni is the Chief Executive of Te Āhuru Mōwai, New Zealand's largest Māori owned CHP which is 100% owned by Ngāti Toa. James has held senior leadership roles in commercial, social services, and the cultural/sporting sectors. These include CEO of the Hurricanes, General Manager Māori at Te Papa, Marketing Director (Enterprises) for New Zealand Post, and National Retail Manager for Hallensteins. James recently stepped down after 8 years as Chairman for Aotearoa's largest childrens charity, Barnardos Aotearoa. He sits on the Governing Council of Victoria University Te Herenga Waka, and is a Director of property services company Switched On Group. James holds an MBA (with distinction) from Victoria University. His primary iwi affiliation is Ngāti Porou.



Jess Berentson-Shaw

How framing can unlock the changes we need to prevent poverty

Research shows that the strategic choices we make on how to present the cause, impacts and solution to poverty (our framing) have a powerful influence on how people think and reason about poverty. This includes how they come to understand the policies, practices, laws that either create poverty or prevent it. For everyone who works on poverty issues, knowing the strategic frames that can unlock new ways of seeing the issue can be a practical tool to unlock change, and one that can spark hope in this sometimes relentless work.

Jess is the co-founder and director at The Workshop, a not for profit organisation based in Wellington. Jess researches how people think about big issues, and helps organisations frame their communications to deepen public understanding and build public support for action. Jess is a social scientist by training, with a PhD from Victoria University. Throughout her career she has worked across government, business and not for profit sectors, advocating for the use of best knowledge to achieve more inclusive, healthy and connected communities. Jess and her colleagues have completed research and produced guidance on how to talk about welfare and poverty prevention. Jess is author of *Pennies from Heaven: Why Cash Works Best to Ensure All Children Thrive* (2017) and *A Matter of Fact: Talking Truth in a Post-truth World* (2018).



Jennie Smeaton

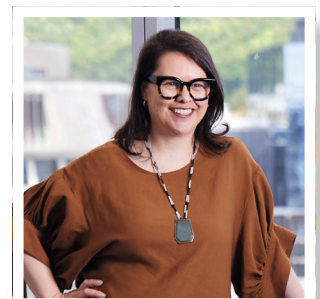
Relationships, Collaboration and Community Voice

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira has been on a journey to re-indigenise our workspace in a contemporary setting and how guided by the values and tikanga of the Mauriora Framework we can deliver the best level of support and care to Ngāti Toa and the wider hapori. Much of the focus of the mahi has been on the value placed on working in a relational way between each other and partners across the rohe. A key part in driving forward in unsettled times and through the challenges of COVID-19 the value of collaboration and ensuring community and whānau voice informs our mahi has become a priority in the way that we operate and deliver our services.

Jennie Smeaton (Ngāti Toa, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Mutunga) is the Chief Operating Officer for Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira. She has held executive leadership positions in the public and iwi sectors specialising in Māori Development. In her current role she is focussed on lifting the mauriora (wellbeing) of whanau through the services offered through the Rūnanga which include health, social services, education and employment. Jennie has a background in communications and environmental management and has held local and regional positions on governance boards and committees focussed in the environmental, wellbeing and local government space.

Jennie is a member of the Institute of Directors and holds a number of Directorships including with the Ora Toa Primary Health Organisation, Switched On Group and Juice Contracting Ltd.

Jennie is one of the co-authors of a book titled, *Imagining Decolonisation*. She holds an Executive Master of Business Administration at Victoria University.



Jin Russell

The developmental, cognitive and neurological cost of poverty to children

Just over 12 per cent of the one million children growing up in Aotearoa New Zealand are estimated to be in material hardship. What does this mean for their development and health? The connection between poverty and children's developmental capabilities such as cognitive, socio-emotional, and behavioural skills is well-established. In this session, Dr Jin Russell will discuss the findings of her PhD exploring socioeconomic inequities in children's developmental health in the first 2000 days, and how early experiences shape children's brain devel-

opment and later life health. The session will highlight how alleviating poverty is critical to enabling our future citizenry to reach their highest developmental potential.

Dr Jin Russell MBChB DipPaed FRACP PhD is a Developmental Paediatrician at Starship Child Health, a Community Paediatrician in the Population Health Gain team within Te Whatu Ora, Health New Zealand, and the incoming Clinical Chief Advisor for Child and Youth health at the Ministry of Health. Jin's PhD research investigated developmental health trajectories and their socioeconomic predictors within the Growing Up in NZ study. She is married to Matheson, has two delightful boys, and is trying to live as close to TimeOut Bookstore in Mount Eden as she can.



Kassie Hartendorp

Kassie Hartendorp (Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Tūwharetoa) is the Director for people-powered campaigning organisation, ActionStation which has worked on a number of anti-poverty and economic justice campaigns. Formerly a frontline youth worker, she now focuses on upstream change through community organising and movement building.



Kay Saville-Smith

The Changing Housing System in New Zealand: Investment or Welfarism

This presentation will look at the changing approaches to housing and the Government's role in the housing system from the post-war period. It focuses on what might be referred to as the first wave of social investment, followed by the reforms of the 1990s, and the subsequent housing problems emerging from those reforms in the 21st century. It looks at significant structural changes in stock ownership in New Zealand, the populations that were particularly affected by the 1990s reforms and why they were affected, and New Zealand's housing futures.

Kay Saville-Smith is trained in sociology (MA Hons) and history (Phd). She is the Director of the Centre for Research, Evaluation and Social Assessment and acts as the Chief Science Advisor for the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development. For over thirty years she has undertaken and led research programmes on housing, the building sector and towns and cities which are solution-directed, cross-disciplinary, and cross-organisational to assist decision-makers and practitioners across central/local government, community and industry sectors.



Lisa Woods

Lisa has been with Amnesty International since 2020 and is the Movement Building and Advocacy Director. She is a graduate of Law and Arts from Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington. While her experience spans the public and private sectors, most of her experience has been working with NGOs and community groups. Lisa has a particular interest in transformational change and community-led development. Māmari Stephens

Māmari Stephens

Tikanga Māori, muru and the criminalisation of a redistributive Māori legal practice: legal effects and modern implications

In early 19th century Aotearoa New Zealand, some of the recently arrived missionaries, traders, whalers and settlers were mystified and in many cases outraged by the practice of muru they experienced first hand for severe, and sometimes minor infractions they had committed against Māori legal norms of the time. The legal practice of muru was quickly and often misinterpreted in terms of English criminal liability. Subsequently, accounts of the practice drop away sharply by the 20th century, and the larger, more ritualised muru events declined. An examination of conceptual clashes in legal thought and the economic importance of such practices offer some insights in understanding very early roots of today's criminal and welfare legal systems, and some possibilities for future thinking.

Māmari Stephens (Te Rarawa) joined the Faculty of Law at Victoria University of Wellington in January 2006, Māmari ran the Legal Māori Project between 2008-2015, which produced *He Papakupu Reo Ture A Dictionary of Māori Legal Terms* (LexisNexis 2013). Her primary research interests are law and language, Māori and the New Zealand legal system, and social security law. She wrote *Social Security and Welfare Law in Aotearoa New Zealand* (Thomson Reuters, 2019). Her current Borrin Foundation-funded research involves researching, designing and building a digital resource for learning about tikanga Māori and its interface with the New Zealand legal system (Te Rauhi I te Tikanga). Māmari is married to Maynard Gilgen and they have three tamariki. Māmari is also a university chaplain and ordained priest in the Anglican Church.



Maria English

Social investment in the field

The powerful idea at the heart of New Zealand's social sector is that every person has the right to form hopes and goals for their life, and to go after them. Social investment is an approach to investing in improving lives to help achieve this. In this session, Maria will discuss what problem social investment aims to solve and the core principles of the social investment approach. She will focus particularly on the role of data feedback loops in supporting improved decision making throughout the system, from central policymaking through to frontline teams working with whanau. Maria will draw on ImpactLab's learning working with hundreds of community organisations to explore both the opportunities and challenges of social impact measurement.

Maria is the CEO of ImpactLab. ImpactLab connects decisionmakers in the social sector with data they can trust, use and learn from to do good, better for their communities. Since launching in 2019, ImpactLab has estimated the long-term Social Return on Investment (SROI) of over 250 social interventions reaching 300,000 New Zealanders across diverse sectors including youth development, housing, whanau ora and financial wellbeing. Maria has a BA in Politics, Psychology and Sociology from Cambridge University, an MBA from Stanford University and was New Zealand's Hi Tech Young Achiever of the Year in 2021

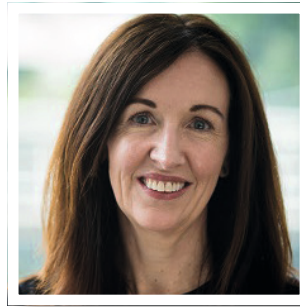


Max Rashbrooke and Lisa Marriott

The economics of poverty

We're constantly told that the government's finances are too constrained to allow major new social programmes: we can't afford to tackle poverty, in other words. But what if those constraints are an ideological creation rather than a practical reality? What is the true state of the government's finances, and what options are there for providing the resources needed to sharply reduce poverty rates? In this session, Prof Lisa Marriott and Max Rashbrooke look at New Zealand's spending, taxation and macro-economic settings, as they relate to the drive to address hardship.

Lisa Marriott is Professor of Taxation at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington and Extraordinary Professor at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. Her research interests include the intersection of taxation and politics, and social justice.



Max Rashbrooke is an adjunct Senior Research Fellow at Victoria University, and a widely published author on economic and democratic issues. He writes regularly for the Post, the Spinoff and the Guardian, and has recently launched an independent think-tank, the Institute for Democratic and Economic Analysis (IDEA).

Miriana Stephens

If service is beneath you, then leadership is beyond you.

Te Āwhina Marae is the home and place for the hapū and whānau of Ngāti Rārua and Te Ātiawa ki Motueka. Our papakāinga development is an intergenerational opportunity to reconnect our whānau to their whenua, to each other, to their marae and our wider community. We will share some of the learnings and aspirations that we have experienced, noting that there is still much to do!

Miriana belongs to the tribal groups of Ngāti Rārua (Motueka), Ngāi Te Rangi and Ngāti Ranginui (Tauranga Moana). She has four children and was awarded the 2016 Aotearoa NZ Māori Woman Business Leader award in recognition of outstanding success and excellence in business. Miriana is a trustee of Te Āwhina Marae and the Chair of the Marae Redevelopment Team who have recently completed the build of their papakāinga. Reconnecting whānau (families) to their whenua (land) and each other as well as the marae is one of the many outcomes of this intergenerational project. She also holds a number of directorships and trusteeships such as Wakatū Incorporation, AGMARDT, Leafit Proteins Research, the Riddet Institute, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua and currently leads the Mātauranga Māori, science and innovation programme for Wakatū Incorporation.



Murray Edridge

Reinventing the way we do Community

If we do things the way we always have, we are likely to get what we have always got! In 2024, the Wellington City Mission celebrates 120 years of serving the people and communities of the Wellington region. Studying the Wellington City Mission's history, the most notable theme is the way the Mission over time has changed what it has done, and how it has done it, to reflect the changing needs of the communities it serves. Relevance to our communities requires constant reflection on what we do and how we work. The core principles of the Wellington City Mission are to treat all people with Dignity, Respect, and Without Judgement, and these have defined both what we do, and the way we do what we do.

In October 2024, the Wellington City Mission opened Whakamaru, a five-year development that will hopefully change Wellington forever, as we seek to create a community where there "is no us and them". Whakamaru and what it offers has been designed to facilitate the community learning how to care for itself. Murray will focus on what Whakamaru is and what it is designed to do.

Reverend Murray Edridge has been the Wellington City Missioner since 2018. He has a commercial background as a chartered accountant, initially working in energy distribution and retail, media, and education. Murray has worked with children and families throughout New Zealand for over 20 years; including eight years as the Chief



Executive of Barnardos New Zealand, five years as a Deputy Chief Executive in the Ministry of Social Development and being the inaugural Chief Executive of Genesis Youth Trust. Murray has had governance and leadership roles in a range of business, community, church, and sporting organisations for many years.

Nikki Turner

Poverty and poor health – the drivers, the outcomes and more equitable ways forward

Poverty makes us sick in so many ways! The effects of poverty on health are usually beyond the health sector, the health response is often the ambulance patching up the damage created by the broader determinants of growing up in poverty. The systemic issues creating inequitable health outcomes arise from economic poverty, driven to a large extent around taxation and social policies that fail to more fairly distribute the pie. The big upstream drivers for poor health are particularly housing and nutrition, alongside health literacy and both physical and emotional disconnection from the health system. What do I see currently in the health sector? – a historically under resourced, overloaded system but still with lots of heart and soul.

We can do better, both with upstream factors, but also with our health responses for our communities. Recognise the enormity of the issue: Living in poverty profoundly affects health outcomes, starting in pregnancy and early children. Then respond: Taking a poverty lens on all the levels of our responsiveness from front line through to policy. There is a compelling case for action – for our current and future generations!

Nikki is an academic General Practitioner, a Professor in the Department of General Practice and Primary Care and the Principle Medical Advisor to the Immunisation Advisory Centre, University of Auckland. Nikki's interests are in immunisation, equity, child poverty and primary health care. She lives in Wellington and works part time as a General Practitioner at NUHS Broadway Clinic in Wellington and is a health spokesperson for the Child Poverty Action Group.

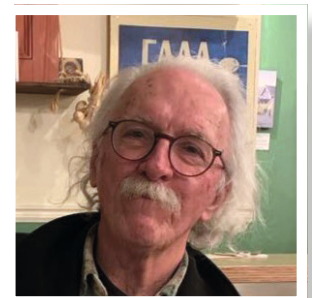


Pat Hanley

Benefit Rights Advocacy in Porirua

Poverty Free Aotearoa has been providing advocacy support in Porirua for four years based at Oasis Café and Community Hub. Assistance is provided to 300 to 350 people/year who are on a benefit or eligible for a benefit. Advocacy is vital because thousands of people experiencing sustained hardship are not receiving the support to which they are entitled as of right. This presentation will highlight the importance of a rights based approach to advocacy. We will also highlight the significance of Oasis as a venue for advocacy, promoting as it does a deep sense of solidarity and belonging. This presentation will also provide insight into how specific provisions of the Social Security Act engender insecurity, undermine people's legitimate rights and maintain the ideology of the deserving and undeserving poor.

Poverty Free Aotearoa was established by Pat Hanley in 2017 to promote Rights Based Advocacy support and training. Pat Hanley has over 50 years experience in community development, social planning and research in Canada and New Zealand. He and his partner have lived in Porirua for 30 years. He has presented numerous papers on social welfare and related issues in Aotearoa, Australia, Hong Kong and Canada.



Philippa Howden-Chapman

Housing, health and the role of the State

People spend most of their time inside their homes, so the quality of the indoor environment and access to a thriving neighbourhood community is critical for health and well-being. Randomised trials of possible home interventions, such as retrofitted insulation and fixed heating, have shown the clear co-benefits of these interventions, which have subsequently been rolled out nationally by successive governments. Most of these evidence-based policies have now been implemented in legislation and regulations – the one exception being the lack of action following the demonstrable effectiveness in a trial of reducing slips and falls in houses through structural measures. The Healthy Homes Standards require landlords to retrofit existing rental properties, which are usually properties in poorer conditions, with higher rates of dampness and mould than owner-occupied housing. However, the post-war consensus that the state needs to provide the bulk of funding for public and affordable housing, through financing large-scale construction of high-quality state housing and through low-interest loans for first home buyers in neighbourhoods with amenities, has now spectacularly broken down. Community housing providers are supposed to step into the breach. The percentage of the housing stock which is affordable rental housing is again declining and the inevitable rise in homelessness is again evident in our cities.

Philippa Howden-Chapman, QSM, CNZM, FRSNZ is a Distinguished Professor at the University of Otago, Wellington. She is Co-Director of He Kāinga Oranga/Housing & Health Research Programme, Director of the NZ Centre for Sustainable Cities and a former board member of Kainga Ora, a Crown Entity. Her work focuses on reducing inequalities in the determinants of health and wellbeing, particularly through housing and urban planning. She and her team work in research partnerships with local communities, which have had major policy influence. They have been awarded the Prime Minister’s Science Team Prize and the Royal Society of NZ Rutherford Medal.



Rebecca Macfie

‘Hardship & Hope: Stories of resistance in the fight against poverty in Aotearoa’

is the title of my project at the Stout Research Centre. This is a collection of journalism that I have been building since 2022 that tells stories of community-led action and innovation to disrupt the systems that cause deprivation. It has been deeply confronting work, and deeply rewarding. These are not saccharine stories of people pulling themselves up by their bootstraps: they are stories of healing and setbacks, empowerment and disappointment, collective action and a refusal to tolerate deep inequality and poverty in Aotearoa New Zealand. I believe they can help inform and guide us in the struggle for an equitable future for all.

Rebecca Macfie is the JD Stout Research Fellow for 2024. She has been a journalist for over 35 years, and has written for publications including the *New Zealand Herald*, *North&South*, *Newsroom*, *Unlimited*, *Safeguard*, *National Business Review* and *The Independent Business Weekly*. She was a senior staff writer at the *NZ Listener* for 11 years until 2018. She has been the recipient of multiple journalism awards including the 2017 Wolfson Press Fellowship to Cambridge University. She is the author of two books of non-fiction: *Tragedy at Pike River Mine: How and why 29 men died* (Awa Press 2013) and *Helen Kelly: Her Life* (Awa Press 2021).



Sarah-Jane Paine

Poverty – what future?

Sarah-Jane (Tūhoe) is an Associate Professor in Māori Health at Te Kupenga Hauora Maori, and the Research Director of the Growing Up in New Zealand study. In this presentation she will bring examples from her research documenting unfair and unjust inequities in health and the determinants of health experienced by tamariki and rangatahi Māori, and reflect on what these data mean for our health futures in Aotearoa.

Sarah-Jane (Tuhoē) is an Associate Professor in Māori Health at Te Kupenga Hauora Maori and the Research Director for Growing Up in New Zealand - the largest contemporary longitudinal study of child and youth wellbeing in Aotearoa New Zealand. She holds Science degrees from the University of Otago and a PhD in Public Health from Massey University. Sarah-Jane is an experienced Kaupapa Māori epidemiologist with a range of projects investigating ethnic inequities in health and the determinants of health across the life-course. Sarah-Jane teaches Māori Health and Kaupapa Māori research methods across a number of undergraduate and postgraduate courses at the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.



Sue Bradford

Welfare justice: Looking beyond tomorrow

Unemployed people and beneficiaries are once again living with a brutal new wash of punitive welfare reforms in a time of deliberately imposed austerity. The same cycle repeats over decades, intensifying each time a National-led government is in power. ACT's ascendancy poses even deeper threats. Nor has any Labour-led government in recent decades had the will to undertake the transformational change necessary. What are some of the ideas and strategies we might collectively consider to break the logjam and strengthen the struggle for true welfare justice in Aotearoa?

Sue Bradford was an activist in the unemployed workers' movement 1983-1999. She became a Green MP for 10 years (1999-2009) with portfolios including welfare, employment, housing and children. In 2010 she was part of the group which established Auckland Action Against Poverty, and she remained active with AAAP until 2016. She currently works for Kōtare Research and Education for Social Change.



Tracey McIntosh

Slow violence, poverty and prisons.

The concept of slow violence can be useful in looking at global problems, such as environmental degradation and climate change, but is also useful in understanding the impact of the violence of poverty, incarceration, and other entrenched social issues. Slow violence is accumulative, and the damage that is done at the collective level creates ongoing states of dislocation and deprivation, forms of marginalisation that are fundamentally predicated on dispossession. The experience of dispossession is a fundamental feature of the experience of those who are incarcerated and will be the focus of this presentation.

Professor Tracey McIntosh, MNZM, is Ngāi Tūhoe and is Professor of Indigenous Studies in Te Wānanga o Waipapa (School of Māori Studies and Pacific Studies) at the University of Auckland. She is the Chief Science Advisor for the Ministry of Social Development and a Commissioner of Te Kāhui Tātari Ture: Criminal Cases Review Commission. She was the former Co-Director of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga New Zealand's Māori Centre of Research Excellence.

