



2nd ISEPICH Forum

on

Health, Equity and Sustainability

Taking action to address key challenges of our time

22 February 2012

9.00 am – 1.00 pm (Morning tea provided)

Council Chamber, St Kilda Town Hall,
Cnr Brighton Road and Carlisle St, St Kilda

In the first forum on 23 November 2011, we identified principles for addressing equity and sustainability, and explored how these could be brought together.

In this forum, we will use principles established at the first forum to identify actions we can take, as individuals, organisations and partnerships.

For more information about the forum, please see the reverse of this flyer.

RSVP to Kathryn Ryan, ISEPICH Business Support Officer email kryan@portphillip.vic.gov.au or Ph: 9209 6610 by **16 February 2012**. **RSVPs essential.**

Contact for information about the forum: Val Kay, ISEPICH Health Promotion Coordinator, Ph: 9209 6394 or email vkay@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Getting there:

The St Kilda Town Hall is located on the corner of Brighton Rd and Carlisle St, St Kilda. The entrance and reception area is on Carlisle St. Ask at the front desk for directions to the Council Chamber.

The area is well served by public transport, while parking is limited, so for yourself as well as the environment, you may prefer to use public transport!

Public transport: The No. 3 and No. 16 trams stop on Carlisle St near the Town Hall entrance, while the No 67 tram stops on the corner of Carlisle St and Brighton Rd. The nearest train station is Balaclava on the Sandringham line, five minutes walk from the Town Hall west on Carlisle St (or you can catch the 3 or 16 tram along Carlisle St). For more public transport information visit www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au

Car parking: Parking on Carlisle St is mainly one hour or less. There is some two hour parking off Chapel St nearby. Unrestricted parking is available on Brighton Rd or some streets to the west of Brighton Rd (towards the beach). There will be a break in the forum during which you can move your car if needed.

For people with limited mobility: ISEPICH staff can assist in organising transport for community members if needed. Contact Val Kay or Kathryn Ryan as above.

About the forum

Background

'Social inclusion and health equity' and 'Affordable and sustainable living and environments' are two of ISEPICH's four key priorities in our current 2009-2012 Strategic Plan and great partnership work is being undertaken to address these priorities.

The February forum is the second stage in an ISEPICH project aiming to develop an integrated approach to health, equity and environmental sustainability.

The overall aim is to strengthen the focus in ISEPICH on equity and environmental sustainability in health promotion and primary health care. In the longer term this should contribute to improvements in population health.

Speakers at the first forum presented evidence that inequity and environmental degradation (including climate change) have significant implications for health. Participants identified some principles for addressing equity and environmental sustainability at the local level, and looked at how these principles could be brought together. A report, including presentations, is available at http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/ISEPICH_forum_report_23Nov2011.pdf

The second forum will move from principles to actions. Drawing on the principles established at the first forum, participants will be invited to identify actions that can be taken to improve equity and environmental sustainability in our local area.

We will also explore how to evaluate our work and how to communicate with each other and the broader local community.

Who can take part?

The forum is open to all ISEPICH and community members. Participants from the first forum, however, are particularly welcome. If they are not available, another representative of their organisation or community group might wish to attend.

In this case, it would be beneficial if the person who took part in the first forum could brief their colleague about the first forum and what happened there.

The research project

There is an ongoing research component to this project, which will track and evaluate it as participatory action research. Participants are welcome to take part in this but need to complete consent forms. For more information contact Val Kay on vkay@portphillip.vic.gov.au or 9209 6394.

Aims of the February forum

Using the principles established at the November forum:

- to identify actions we can take to increase equity and environmental sustainability in our local area;
- to set up processes for evaluation and communication with each other and the broader community

A program will be available prior to the forum.

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