

Welfare Working Group Forum
Victoria University of Wellington, Kelburn Campus
Maclaurin and Alan MacDiarmid Buildings, Gates 6 and 7, Kelburn Parade

Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 June 2010

The forum will examine the future challenges for New Zealand's welfare system, with a particular focus on reducing the extent of long-term dependence on benefits

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE

Registration / Tea and Coffee

8.00am Delegates register Maclaurin Building Foyer

Session 1: Opening Plenary

9.00am Mihi Whakatau Maclaurin MCLT103

9:20am Carol Hirschfeld, Forum Facilitator - Welcome to the Forum

9.25am Paula Rebstock - Opening Comments

9:40am Hon. Paula Bennett, Minister for Social Development and Employment, Minister of Youth Affairs
 "Welfare Reform - A Debate"

Session 2: Plenary Session, facilitated by Carol Hirschfeld Maclaurin MCLT103

10:00am Is New Zealand out of step with other countries?

John Martin (OECD)
 "Welfare reform across the OECD and other countries" (Pre-recorded presentation)

11.00 - 11.20am **Morning Tea** Maclaurin Building Foyer

Session 2 (continued)

11:30.am **Is New Zealand out of step with other countries?** Maclaurin MCLT103

Prof. Peter Whiteford (Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales)
 "Welfare in New Zealand and Australia compared to other OECD countries"

12.30 - 1.05pm **Lunch** Maclaurin Building Foyer

Session 3: Plenary Session, facilitated by Carol Hirschfeld Maclaurin MCLT103

1.15 - 2.05pm Will the benefit system deliver for New Zealand in the future?

Prof. Natalie Jackson (Director of Population Studies Centre, University of Waikato)
 Hon. David Caygill (Chair, Electricity Commission)
 Dame Iritana Tawhiwhirangi (Kohanga Reo National Trust Board)

Session 4: Parallel Sessions

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| 2.15pm | A | The origins of the benefit system
(Chair: Ann Dupuis)
MacDiarmid AM 103 | Margaret McClure (Public Historian)
Prof. Gary Hawke (Victoria University of Wellington) |
| | B | What contributes to long-term benefit receipt?
(Chair: Sharon Wilson-Davis)
Maclaurin MCLT101 | Kay Brereton and Darren Kemp (Wellington People's Resource Centre)
Dr. Donna Matahaere-Atariki (Arai Te Uru Whare Hauora)
Joseph Harawira and Kereama Akuhata (Whakatane) |
| | C | The impact of benefits on economic performance
(Chair: Catherine Isaac)
Maclaurin MCLT103 | Paul Rodway (Treasury)
Dr. Norman Gemmell (Treasury) |
| | D | Is being on a benefit bad for your health?
(Chair: Enid Ratahi Pryor)
MacDiarmid AM 102/104 | Dr. Kevin Morris (ACC)
Dr. David Bratt (Work and Income) |

3.15 - 3.35pm	Afternoon Tea	Maclaurin Building Foyer
Session 5: Parallel Sessions		
3.45 - 4.35pm	E Do employers have a role in reducing long-term benefit dependency? (Chair: Adrian Roberts) MacDiarmid AM 103	Simon Hull (Allied Workforce) Warren Chapman (Mainzeal) Paul Anderson (Kiwi Rail)
	F Long-term benefit receipt and unequal opportunities for children and young people (Chair: Ann Dupuis) Maclaurin MCLT101	Dr. John Angus (Children's Commissioner) Prof. Innes Asher (University of Auckland, School of Medicine) Tahu Potiki (Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu)
	G Focussing services on employment (Chair: Sharon Wilson-Davis) Maclaurin MCLT103	Graham Carters (Australian Department of Human Services) Patricia Reade (DCE, Work and Income) Hon. John Tamihere (CE, Waipareira trust)

Session 6: Plenary Session - Summary of the Day Maclaurin MCLT103
4.45 - 5.00pm Facilitated by Carol Hirschfeld, with Paula Rebstock

DAY 2: THURSDAY 10 JUNE

8.15 - 8.50am	Session 7: Ideas Session Open Forum for delegates chaired by Prof. Jonathan Boston	Maclaurin MCLT101
9.00am	Session 8: Plenary, facilitated by Carol Hirschfeld Has welfare reform in the UK and Australia been successful? Prof. Paul Gregg (University of Bristol) (Video Link from Bristol) "Personalised support in welfare and social services" Prof. Bob Gregory (Australian National University) "Australian welfare reform lessons I have learnt? Shifting beliefs and discovery"	Maclaurin MCLT103
10.30 - 10.50am	Morning Tea	Maclaurin Building Foyer
Session 9: Parallel Session		
11.00am	H Moving from a disability to an ability focus (Chair: Catherine Isaac) Maclaurin MCLT101	Dr. Christopher Prinz (OECD) Pre-record presentation Jessica Brown (CIS) Michael Fletcher (Economic Consultant)
	I Should New Zealand adopt the sole parent benefit policies of other countries? (Chair: Paula Rebstock) Maclaurin MCLT103	Willem Adema (OECD) Pre-record presentation Prof. Peter Whiteford (University of New South Wales) Lindsay Mitchell (Welfare Researcher)
	J Breaking the cycle of intergenerational welfare dependence (Chair: Ann Dupuis) MacDiarmid AM 103	Prof. Tim Maloney (AUT) Prof. Deborah Cobb-Clark (Melbourne Institute)
	K Lessons from the community and philanthropic sector (Chair: Enid Ratahi Pryor) MacDiarmid AM 105	Jennifer Gill (CEO, ASB Community Trust) Taima Fagaloa (City Counsellor, Porirua) Colleen Fakalogotoa (CEO, Manukau Family Start)
	L Curbing the flow of young people onto benefit (Chair: Adrian Roberts) MacDiarmid AM 102/104	Mayor Dale Williams (Rotorohanga District Council) Lisl Prendergast (Principal Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt)
12.15 - 12.50pm	Lunch	Maclaurin Building Foyer
12.25-12.50pm	Video Presentations Screening during Lunch break Michael Mendelson (Caledon Institute of Social Policy) Peter Saunders (Consultant) Charles Waldegrave (The Family Centre)	Maclaurin MCLT101

Session 10:	Parallel Session	
1.00pm	M Moving from a disability to an ability focus (cont) (Chair: Enid Ratahi Pryor) Maclaurin MCLT101	Marge Jackson and Leo McIntyre (Kites Trust) Tyron Pini (Workwise) Mike Gourley (DPA)
	N Pathways off benefits (Chair: Catherine Isaac) MacDiarmid AM 103	Bentham Ohia (CEO, Te Wanaga O Aotearoa) Sonia Hawea (CEO, Taikura Trust) Prof. Dean Hyslop (Victoria University of Wellington)
	O Can we improve services for hard to reach families? (Chair: Ann Dupuis) MacDiarmid AM 105	Dame Lesley Max (Director, Great Potentials Foundation) David Hanna (Wesley Community Action)
	P Lessons from the insurance approach (Chair: Adrian Roberts) MacDiarmid AM 102/104	Denise Cosgrove (GM, Claims, ACC) Michael Mills (Martin Jenkins and Associates) David Wood (Aon)
	Q Future proofing the benefit system (Chair: Paula Rebstock) Maclaurin MCLT103	Rick Boven (NZ Institute) Sue Bradford (Advocate and former MP) Gareth Morgan (Morgan Investments)
2.15 - 2.35pm	Afternoon Tea	Maclaurin Building Foyer
Session 11:	Closing Plenary, facilitated by Carol Hirschfeld	Maclaurin MCLT103
2.45pm	Insights from the Forum	
2.48pm	Feedback from Ideas Session and Suggestion Boxes	Professor Jonathan Boston
3.00pm	Panel	Gerardine Clifford (Taeao Manino Trust) Dr. Bryce Wilkinson (Capital Economics) Dame June Jackson (Manukau Urban Maori Authority)
3.45pm	Next Steps for the Welfare Working Group	Paula Rebstock
4.00pm	Poroporoaki	