



## Snippets

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Welcome to the second edition of 'Snippets' a monthly round up of links to local, national, European and World Health Organisation news, events, and other on-line resources relating to health, wellbeing, and inequalities.

We hope you find the information useful and welcome your feedback. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact [suzanne@belfasthealthycities.com](mailto:suzanne@belfasthealthycities.com)

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### World Health Organisation Bulletin March 2012

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/3/en/index.html>

### World Health Day 2012

Saturday 7 April

Active ageing is the theme for World Health Day 2012 and will be launched in Copenhagen on 2 April at the Danish Ministry of Health. Activities will not be limited to celebration of the day, but will run throughout the year – 2012 is also the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations of the EU, and in September the WHO Regional Committee will address the WHO Strategy and Action Plan for Healthy Ageing in Europe 2012-2016.

Website: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/who-we-are/whd/world-health-day-2012>

Toolkit for events: <http://www.who.int/world-health-day/2012/en/index.html>

### European Joint Action on Healthy Life Years

The first annual meeting of the European Joint Action on Healthy Life Years will be held in Paris on 19 April 2012 focusing on the topic of "Increasing Active Healthy Ageing: How can monitoring help achieve the EU goal?". The meeting's main aim is to release the new 2010 life expectancy and Healthy Life Years values for the 27 Member States - gaps and trends since 2005 - as well as to discuss the strategies to reach the EU goal of an increase of 2 HLY by 2020.

<http://www.eurohex.eu/>

### European Innovation Partnership on active and healthy ageing

Demographic ageing is one of the most serious challenges facing Europe today. The number of European citizens aged 65 and over will double over the next 50 years. The European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing has been set up to respond to these challenges. Its Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) identifies priority areas and specific actions inviting stakeholder engagement and setting up a marketplace for innovative ideas

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/newsroom/cf/item-detail-dae.cfm?item\\_id=7852](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/item-detail-dae.cfm?item_id=7852)

## **UNESCO Children and Young People Programme**

The Children and Youth Programme (CYP) is a collaboration between the two UNESCO Chairs on the island of Ireland, at NUI Galway and the University of Ulster at Coleraine. Its aim is to 'establish a long-term, independent multidisciplinary programme on the well-being of children and youth in Ireland and Northern Ireland.'

<http://www.childrenandyouthprogramme.info/index.php>

Recent resources from CYP

### **A rights-based approach to monitoring children and young people's well-being**

[http://www.childrenandyouthprogramme.info/pdfs/pdfs\\_cyp\\_publications/2012\\_01\\_30\\_Briefing\\_Paper.pdf](http://www.childrenandyouthprogramme.info/pdfs/pdfs_cyp_publications/2012_01_30_Briefing_Paper.pdf)

### **Understanding policy development and implementation for children and young people**

[http://www.childrenandyouthprogramme.info/pdfs/pdfs\\_cyp\\_publications/2011\\_10\\_24\\_Briefing\\_Paper.pdf](http://www.childrenandyouthprogramme.info/pdfs/pdfs_cyp_publications/2011_10_24_Briefing_Paper.pdf)

## **Men's Sheds Seminar**

Tuesday 13 March

Men's Sheds, founded in Australia, have helped address men's problems with health, their isolation and lack of involvement in the community. This seminar aims to examine how this model can be used and adapted to suit the needs of local men in our own communities. For more information and booking visit <http://www.wea-ni.com/current-news-stories/a-seminar-on-men-s-sheds>

## **Climate Change**

### **Cities and Flooding - A Guide to Integrated Urban Flood Risk Management for the 21st Century 2012;**

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Urban flooding is a serious and growing development challenge. It is a global phenomenon which causes widespread devastation, economic damages and loss of human lives.

Website: <http://bit.ly/yagjW7> Report (PDF) <http://bit.ly/zaECtp>

**Social Justice and the Future of Flood Insurance;** Joseph Rowntree Foundation. In the UK there are concerns that as many as 200,000 homes in the United Kingdom could find themselves effectively uninsurable against the risk of flood.

Report: <http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/vulnerable-households-flood-insurance-summary.pdf>

Climate Change Resources from JRF: <http://www.jrf.org.uk/focus-issue/climate-change>

## **Inequalities**

**Environmental health inequalities in Europe;** World Health Organization. Environmental health inequalities refer to general differences in environmental health conditions. Socioeconomic and demographic inequalities in exposure to environmental hazards exist everywhere and can be expressed in relation to factors that may affect the risk of being exposed, such as income, education, employment, age, sex, race/ethnicity and specific locations or settings.

[http://www.euro.who.int/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/157969/e96194.pdf](http://www.euro.who.int/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/157969/e96194.pdf)

### **European platform against poverty and social exclusion**

With more than 80 million people in the EU at risk of poverty the European Platform against poverty and social exclusion sets out actions to reach the EU target of reducing poverty and social exclusion by at least 20 million by 2020.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=961>

### **European portal for Action on Health Inequalities**

A resource from EuroHealthNet with information on health inequalities in and outside the EU, at national and at regional level; including definitions, data and indicators, and reviews of activities.

<http://www.health-inequalities.eu/>

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### **NHS Evidence**

NHS Evidence is a service that enables access to authoritative clinical and non-clinical evidence and best practice through a web-based portal. It helps people from across the NHS, public health and social care sectors to make better decisions as a result. NHS Evidence is managed by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE). <https://www.evidence.nhs.uk>

### **London School of Economics Wellbeing Programme**

People want to be happy. But do we know what makes us happy, or how society is best organised to promote happiness? The LSE Centre for Economic Performance Wellbeing Programme has a range of writings and seminars on the subject <http://cep.lse.ac.uk/new/research/wellbeing/default.asp>

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