

Snippets

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'Snippets' is a monthly round up of links to UK, European and International/World Health Organisation news, research and resources relating to health, wellbeing, and inequalities.

International and World Health Organization

World Health Organization Bulletin April 2012

Special Theme: Influenza

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/4/en/index.html>

WHO Young People's Health as 'A Whole-Of-Society Response'

This series of publications shows that gender differences and inequalities affect various aspects of illness, health and wellbeing in girls and boys in the European Region.

Featured Research:

Wellbeing: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/health-topics/health-determinants/gender/publications/young-peoples-health-as-a-whole-of-society-response-series/evidence-for-gender-responsive-actions-to-promote-well-being>

Mental Health: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/health-topics/health-determinants/gender/publications/young-peoples-health-as-a-whole-of-society-response-series/evidence-for-gender-responsive-actions-to-promote-mental-health>

Full Series: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/health-topics/health-determinants/gender/publications/young-peoples-health-as-a-whole-of-society-response-series>



The United Nations Environment Programme defines the Green Economy as one 'that results in improved human well-being and social equity' but is there a need for increased understanding? The theme for World Environment Day is Green Economy: Does it include you?

Website: <http://unep.org/wed/about/>

Resources for planning events and participation <http://unep.org/wed/WEDpack/>

Web Resource: The Earth Institute Columbia University

The Earth Institute brings together the people and tools needed to address some of the world's most difficult problems, from climate change and environmental degradation, to poverty, disease and the sustainable use of resources. **Home Page:** <http://www.earth.columbia.edu/articles/view/1791>

Featured Research: United Nations First World Happiness Report

While the happiest countries in the world are all in Northern Europe including Denmark, Norway, Finland, Netherlands and it's not **all** about income. But what are the influencing factors that make the difference. PDF: 7.29MB

<http://www.earth.columbia.edu/sitefiles/file/Sachs%20Writing/2012/World%20Happiness%20Report.pdf>

European

European Commission – Public Health

The EU is required by its founding treaty to ensure that human health is protected as part of all its policies, and to work with the EU countries to improve public health, prevent human illness and eliminate sources of danger to physical and mental health.

Health Programme Factsheet:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_programme/documents/prog_factsheet_en.pdf

Other Key documents including mid-term evaluation of health programme:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/key_documents/index_en.htm

Health-EU Portal Updates

The **Health-EU Portal** is an official web portal of the Health and Consumers Directorate-General that facilitates the access of public-related health information by European Union citizens.

Latest News: http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/index_en.htm

Complementing the wealth of information on the portal itself, the e-newsletter provides a selection of the latest news and activities in the field of public health at both European and international level.

April Edition: Focus 2012 World Health Day

http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/newsletter/88/newsletter_en.htm

Statistics: European Healthy Life Years

Eurostat - the Statistical office of the European Union in connection with the first meeting of the European Joint Action on Healthy Life Years organised within the framework of the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations 2012 have published information on years of healthy life that can be expected at age 65 for the 27 EU member states.

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/3-19042012-AP/EN/3-19042012-AP-EN.PDF

UK

Research: Working in Neighbourhoods

New report demonstrates the value of neighbourhood working to strengthen active citizenship and devolve control to neighbourhoods

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/working-in-neighbourhoods>

Research: *What Makes Us Healthy? The Asset Approach in Practice*

Evidence, action, evaluation by Jane Foot, with a foreword by Professor Sir Michael Marmot will inspire and support those who want to look again at what they are doing to improve health and wellbeing and to tackle health inequalities. It contains specially commissioned articles on the evidence for the beneficial effects of assets such as social relationships and networks on health and wellbeing <http://www.janefoot.co.uk/page3/index.html>

Web Resource: Centre for Mental Health

The Centre for Mental Health aims to help to create a society in which people with mental health problems enjoy equal chances in life to those without. We focus on criminal justice, employment, mental health at work, recovery and children, with supporting work on broader mental health and public policy <http://www.centreformentalhealth.org.uk/>

UK Deaf Awareness Week 2012

Deaf Awareness Week beginning 7 May 2012 will focus on access to healthcare services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing <http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/news-and-events/all-regions/events/deaf-awareness-week-7-to-13-may-2012.aspx>

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