

Rethinking welfare for the 21st century

Co-hosted by the University of Auckland's Retirement Policy and Research Centre, Public Policy Group and Departments of Economics and Sociology, and by Child Poverty Action Group

Room OGGB5, Level 0, Owen G Glenn Building, University of Auckland, 12 Grafton Rd

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8.30am Registration

9.00-9.15 Susan St John (Associate Professor, University of Auckland) *Welcome and context*

9.15-9.30 Paula Rebstock (Chair, Welfare Working Group) *Where has the WWG got to?*

9.30-10.20 Paul Smyth (Professorial Fellow, University of Melbourne): *Reframing the social inclusion debate for the 21st century*

10.20-10.50 Morning tea

10.50-11.30 Peter Saunders (Professor, University of New South Wales): *Deprivation as the consequence of welfare reform - international perspectives.*

11.30-12.00 Eve Bodsworth (Research Officer, Brotherhood of St Laurence): *Listening to sole parents - lessons from Australia's 'welfare to work'*

12.00-12.30 Mike O'Brien (Associate Professor, Massey University): *The New Zealand context*

Chair for morning's sessions: Mike O'Brien (Associate Professor, Massey University)

12.30-1.15 Lunch

1.15-1.45 Paul Callister (Associate Professor, Victoria University of Wellington): *General labour market picture in New Zealand*

1.45-2.15 Cindy Kiro (Associate Professor, Massey University): *Issues and implications for Māori in the reform process*

2.15-2.45 Kay Brereton (Advocacy Co-ordinator, Wellington People's Centre): *Reflections from the 'coalface'*

2.45-3.15 Keith Rankin (Lecturer, Unitec): *Changing the way we account for benefits*

3.15-3.40 Open Discussion

Chair for afternoon's sessions: M. Claire Dale (Research Fellow, University of Auckland)

3.40-4.00 Afternoon tea

4.00-5.00 Panel discussion: *Towards welfare solutions:* Louise Humpage (Senior Lecturer, University of Auckland) *Public attitudes and how we should 'frame' the debate;* Sue Bradford (Former MP, Alternative Welfare Working Group) *Political realities and strategies;* Manuka Henare (Associate Dean, Maori and Pacific Development, University of Auckland) *Whanau Ora*

5.00-5.15 Susan St John (Associate Professor, University of Auckland) *Wrap Up*

5.15 Debriefing at Spicers café (level 3, OGGB building)