



E-zine National Council of Women of New Zealand



10 April 2013

We encourage our NCWNZ branches and NOS/National Members to circulate the fortnightly E-zine to your members! Its a quick update on events, issues and news. Please email anything you would like to be considered for inclusion to nicksteel@ncwnz.org.nz

Contact details required - organisations/agencies that serve people with disabilities

Dianne Glenn, lead contact for the CEDAW Working Group 'Women with Disabilities' is seeking to make contact with organisations/agencies that serve people with disabilities. Please can you forward names to dglenn@ihug.co.nz preferably with a contact person and email address.

Stand Up for Kids Rallies and Marches

NZEI Te Riu Roa's 'Stand Up for Kids' rallies and marches are taking place across New Zealand this coming Saturday. A full list of the events can be found at <http://www.standupforkids.org.nz/event/stand-up-for-kids-13-april-day-of-action/>

United Nations Association of New Zealand Conference 17-19 May 2013, Wellington

The conference will be two days of activities and talks, with a special session on Friday 17 May at the Beehive Theatre on Human Security. Speakers are Richard Towne (UNHCR Regional rep for Aus, NZ & Pacific) and Mikael Gartner (UNANZ SO for Humanitarian Affairs). For more info go to: <http://unanz.org.nz/>

International Women Entrepreneurs Forum (IWEF) 2 – 4 May 2013, Istanbul, Turkey

For more info: www.iweforum.org

Local Government New Zealand conference 21 - 23 July 2013, Hamilton

The conference theme is 'Transforming communities – building a successful New Zealand.' For more information: <http://www.conference.co.nz/lgnz13/registration> .

Primary Education International Conference 22-24 January 2014, Wellington

NZEI Te Riu Roa announce that registrations are now open for this conference which is focused on how recent changes have affected teaching and our children's education, and the lessons learned from the international experience. Register at www.education2014.org.nz

The 2013 Human Rights Conference 4 May 2013, Auckland

This will be held from 9.45am – 5pm, Building 801, Law School, University of Auckland, 9 - 17 Eden Crescent. Sessions will be held on International justice and the case of Sri Lanka; Human rights & wrongs in the Pacific region; How NZ stacks up as a human rights leader; Whether NZ needs greater protection for economic, social and cultural rights. Cost \$25 (students \$15). Registrations close 26 April. For more information contact: humanrightsconference@amnesty.org.nz

UNICEF and Auckland Council - Forum for Child Friendly Cities 9 May 2013, Auckland

This is an initiative to make a difference for children living in urban environments. The purpose of the event is to: provide information about children in New Zealand urban settings, the global Child Friendly Cities programme, share and generate further ideas about making our towns and cities more liveable for children now and in the future; Showcase Auckland and Whangarei CFC plans and progress; Give youth a voice in progressing CFC agenda; Build and strengthen the global and local CFC network. The Forum will be held in. For more info contact barbara@unicef.org.nz

Subscriptions/Dues for NCWNZ NOS and National Members

Dues forms have been emailed and posted. Please complete and return by 30 April. If you have not received your form, please email ruththomson@ncwnz.org.nz

Reminder - National Executive 2013

NCWNZ's National Executive meeting will be held from Friday 20 to Sunday 22 September 2013 at the Brentwood Hotel, 16 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington (www.brentwoodhotel.co.nz). The event theme is "120 Years of Suffrage" and the official opening session is proposed to begin at 7pm on Friday 20 September 2013. The registration fee has been set at \$230 per person and the deadline for registration is Friday, 30 August.

Remits are now called for and are due at National Office by Friday 12 April 2013. Please email your remit to ncwnz@ncwnz.org.nz with the subject line - Remit: National Executive 2013.

The Circular

Copy for the May Circular will be accepted until Wednesday 17 April.

NCWNZ Website

Below are some intros into interesting stories recently posted. Go to www.ncwnz.org.nz to read these stories in full –

Is this photo grounds for death?

Two weeks ago, a young Tunisian woman known only by the name "Amina" posted political self portraits to Facebook to protest the continued oppression of women in the Arab world's first democracy..... Today, Amina is in a psychiatric hospital, admitted there against her will by family members who've expressed shame over her actions.

Raising Children Who Will Speak Up to Prevent Rape, Not Defend It

As a parent, this case gutted me. "Jane Doe," a 16-year-old girl from West Virginia, had been sexually assaulted while unconscious at a party. The evidence of her rape was photographed and shared via text message and social media by fellow classmates. The more I absorbed about the case, the more questions I had. How did the two teenage boys accused of raping her think that what they did was O.K.? Why did none of the other partygoers stop them? My mind would drift to my own 6-year-old son, and I'd wonder what he would do in 10 years if faced with a similar situation.

New Kansas law ends statute of limitations for rape cases

Gov. Sam Brownback signed a bill into law Monday that eliminates the five-year statute of limitations on rape and aggravated sodomy. It also gives victims of violent sexual abuse 10 years after their 18th birthday to report those crimes.

Women's Refuge has Concerns with Police Stats

The Chief Executive of the National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges has cautiously

welcomed the news that national crime is at a 24 year low. "While I am encouraged to see progress in many areas, including around reducing repeat victimisation, there are still areas of concern," said Ms Henare. "Sexual assaults are up which is disappointing, especially when it is common knowledge that sexual assaults are notoriously under reported. We have no real idea about the extent of sexual crimes in this country so yesterday's statistics do not paint a true picture," she said.

Women urged to run for seats on councils

More women are being urged to consider standing for public office in October's local body elections. With women holding just four of 15 seats on the Palmerston North City Council, the National Council of Women Manawatu Branch is encouraging more women to think about redressing the balance.

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