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A joint seminar from the Dept of Paediatrics & Child Health and Dept of Public Health

DATE:
Friday 9 October 2015

TIME:
12.30pm to 1.30pm

LOCATION:
Nordmeyer Lecture Theatre

All Welcome!

Is Wellington a child-friendly city?

Are the voices, needs, priorities and rights of children an integral part of planning and policy development in our region? Do we have a good system of local governance for children and young people? What is the value of the Child-friendly Cities Initiative? This seminar will explore the answers to these questions and will discuss how we can create communities in which children are respected as active participants and can thrive.



Mr Brendon Bowkett has been a Paediatric Surgeon at Wellington Children’s Hospital since 1998. Brendon’s paediatric surgical focus is: general, urology, neonatal and laparoscopic surgery and he also travels as part of a surgical team to Timor-Leste every year. Brendon is a former president of the New Zealand Society of Paediatric Surgeons (1999- 2004), a former elected member of CCDHB, and is an advocate for children.



Deborah Morris is the National Advocacy Manager at UNICEF NZ. She has been advocating for children’s rights for the past 11 years, in Plunket, Barnardos and Every Child Counts.



Professor Philippa Howden-Chapman QSO, PhD, Dip Clin Psych, Dip Tchng, FRSNZ is a professor of public health at the University of Otago, Wellington, where she teaches public policy. She is director of He Kainga Oranga/ Housing and Health Research Programme and the NZ Centre for Sustainable Cities. She has received many awards for her work including the Queens Service Order, the Liley Medal and the Dame Joan Metge Medal. In 2014, she and the He Kainga Oranga team were awarded the Prime Minister’s Science Prize. She was a member of the Children’s Commissioner’s Expert Advisory Group on Solutions to Child Poverty and is chair of the WHO Housing and Health International Guideline Development Group.