

Health Impact Assessment Three Day Short Course

5-7 October, 2011



What is HIA?

Health impact assessment (HIA) is a structured process that is used to assess the potential impacts of proposed projects, programs or policies. It seeks to improve decision-making by looking at the broad range of social, environmental, economic and individual factors that influence human health.

What will the training cover?

The training is practical and interactive, covering:

- introduction to HIA
- theory and concepts
- methods and tools
- uses and applications of HIA
- practical issues and case studies
- discussions with practitioners who have done HIAs

At the end of the course participants will be able to:

- determine whether HIA is appropriate
- set out the parameters of the HIA
- collect information to identify the potential health impacts
- critically analyse and make judgements about the information collected
- make decisions to reach a set of final recommendations for acting on the HIA's
- evaluate the processes involved in the HIA and its impact, and follow up the HIA through monitoring and a health impact management plan

Who should attend?

People interested in undertaking HIAs, including:

- planners, private sector developers and consultants, public health and health promotion workers, local government workers, environmental and social impact assessors, environmental health workers, health service planners, community and allied health

Where?

Wesley Conference Centre. Pitt St, Sydney

When?

5- 7 October, 2011

Cost

\$1,200 includes catering , notes & GST

Registration

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More Information on HIA

www.hiaconnect.edu.au

Cancellations

If cancelled within three weeks 50% of the fee will be charged. If cancelled within one week of the training the full fee will be charged.

The course is limited to 24 participants.



Centre for Health Equity
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The Trainers

The Centre for Health Equity Training Research and Evaluation (CHETRE) mission is to provide leadership and focus in training, research and evaluation in the area of health equity, with a particular emphasis on the development and evaluation of interventions to reduce health inequities. The **HIA team** has been involved in more than 50 HIAs, have trained more than 600 people in HIA, and are internationally recognised as leaders in the HIA field.

Patrick Harris has trained people in HIA in Australia and internationally. Patrick has been involved in 27 HIAs of varying depth and on a variety of policy, plan, program and project proposals. As well as doing HIA his interest is in building capacity to undertake HIA and other approaches to consider health in policy and planning. He has published extensively on this work in both academic and policy and practice arenas, including being the main author of 'Health Impact Assessment: A Practical Guide'. His HIA related research interests are the relationship between HIA and healthy public policy and the inclusion of health and wellbeing in environmental assessment.

Dr Elizabeth Harris is nationally and internationally recognised for her work on HIA especially Equity Focused HIA. She has published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles and received a number of awards. She has been a member of the WHO equity research network. Elizabeth's contributions to research in the area of HIA include the development of the Equity Focused Health Impact Assessment Framework, an Australian Government funded and internationally recognised project on the consideration of equity within HIA. Elizabeth led the NSW HIA Project, a multi-stage project to investigate and develop the use of HIA in NSW with funding in excess of \$1.23 million. The project has trained more than 200 workers from health, housing, local government, education, NGOs and private sectors in the use of HIA.

Ben Harris-Roxas has worked for ten years at the UNSW Research Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity. He has supported and conducted more than 25 HIAs, published 19 articles and book chapters on HIA and is an experience HIA trainer. Ben is Health Section Co-Chair of the International Association for Impact Assessment and an associate editor for Environmental Impact Assessment Review and BMC Public Health. He's also a co-founder of the Health Care and Social Media Australia and New Zealand Group (search for HCSMANZ in the iTunes App Store). You can find him at @hiablog on Twitter.

Fiona Haigh is an internationally experienced Health Impact Assessment practitioner, researcher and educator. She has spent the last ten years working in the field of HIA in Germany, United Kingdom and Australia.

Fiona has extensive experience of carrying out HIAs using a range of qualitative and quantitative methods. She has led and been involved in a wide variety of HIAs at project, plan and policy level. Fiona has collaborated in the development of HIA methodology and guidance. Fiona is currently evaluating the effectiveness of HIA in Australia and New Zealand. Fiona's research interests include HIA and health equity, HIA effectiveness, health and human rights and interdisciplinary research and education.

Associate Professor Marilyn Wise has 25 years' experience in the field of health promotion as a practitioner, service director and researcher. Her main fields of current interest are influencing public policy to create conditions for equity and population health, Health Impact Assessment, and contributing to strengthening the capacity of Aboriginal communities to promote health. Marilyn has written more than 50 articles, editorials, book chapters and government reports. She has served as Regional Vice President and Global Vice President (advocacy) of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education. She has also been a Technical Advisor to the World Health Organization in Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Thailand. Marilyn is conducting research to find ways to increase the power of minority populations to set public policy agendas, to frame problems and solutions, and to influence public policy