



CREATING FUTURES 2015 (CF 15)

This is the sixth conference in a series in which the populations of interest are Indigenous peoples from Australia, New Zealand and beyond, the residents of Australia's neighbouring island nations, and people living with and recovering from mental and/or physical illness or disability in remote and tropical areas.

As with previous Creating Futures conferences there will be a focus on evidence and innovation in identifying and addressing the social determinants of mental and physical health and wellbeing. Special areas of interest will include:

- *Creativity;*
- *Addressing social and behavioural determinants of chronic disease;*
- *Impediments to progress in chronic disease management: policy and practice in substance misuse;*
- *Person-valuing and community-building approaches to supporting and empowering people with disability and their carers;*
- *Detained populations (forensic and other);*
- *West Papua – forgotten refugeesand more.*

Building on the success and goodwill generated through the previous six conferences, the first day will be held at the Yarrabah Aboriginal community located 60 km from Cairns and will be hosted by [Gurriny Yealamucka](#), the local Aboriginal health service. The following three days will be in central Cairns at the [Shangri-La Hotel](#). Each morning and afternoon will commence with internationally and nationally recognised plenary speakers with concurrent presentations and workshops following.

CF15 Keynote speakers confirmed to date:

- **Alex Brown** (Aboriginal medical doctor and researcher; Professor at the [South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute](#))
- **Charles Gilks** (international public health specialist and clinical academic; Head of the [School of Population Health, University of Queensland](#))
- **Narayan Gopalkrishnan** (Course Coordinator of [Social Work and Human Services](#) at James Cook University)
- **Helen Herrman** (Professor of Psychiatry and Director of Research at [Orygen Youth Health Research Centre](#) and the [Centre for Youth Mental Health, The University of Melbourne](#), Victoria, Australia; Director of the [WHO Collaborating Centre](#) for Mental Health in Melbourne)
- **Ernest Hunter** (adult and child psychiatrist, and public health physician; Adjunct Professor with [James Cook University](#))
- **Dame Carol Kidu** (former Papua New Guinea Member of Parliament and Minister for Community Development)
- **Jagannath Lamichhane**, (Global Coordinator of the [Movement for Global Mental Health](#) (MGMH))
- **Mark Lawrence** (consultant psychiatrist in the Bay of Plenty, Tauranga, New Zealand)
- **Robyn McDermott** (Professor of Public Health Medicine and Foundation Director of the [Centre for Chronic Disease Prevention](#) (CCDP) at James Cook University in Cairns)
- **Helen Milroy** (descendant of the Palyku people of the Pilbara region of Western Australia; Winthrop Professor and Director of the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health, [The University of Western Australia](#); Commissioner, [Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse](#))
- **Vikram Patel** (Professor of International Mental Health and Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellow in Clinical Science at the [London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine](#) (UK))

- **Michael Spencer** (Associate Dean and Professor of Social Work at the [University of Michigan](#))
- **Graham Thornicroft** (Professor of Community Psychiatry and member of the Health and Population Research Department, [Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London](#))
- **Mark Wenitong** (from Kabi Kabi tribal group of South Queensland; Aboriginal Public Health Medical Officer at [NACCHO](#), and Senior Medical Advisor at [Apunipima Cape York Health Council](#))
- **Harvey Whiteford** (Kratzmann Chair in Psychiatry and Population Health, [University of Queensland](#))

Leadership in Mental Health: Island Nations Course

CF15 is pleased to announce that the Leadership in Mental Health: Island Nations course, auspiced by [Sangath](#) and the [London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine](#), will be held for the first time in Australia coordinated with the conference. Since 2008 this course has inspired workers in the field from low and middle income countries around the world. In 2015 the course will address the particular issues of the island nations of the southern Pacific.

The Leadership in Mental Health course has been designed to meet two key objectives:

1. To equip participants with the methods to develop and scale up interventions for people with mental disorders in low resource settings; and
2. To enhance leadership skills needed to scale up health care programs and promote the human rights of people affected by mental disorders.

This course builds capacity to meet the goals for the [Movement for Global Mental Health](#) and the [Lancet](#) series on Global Mental Health 2007. The course will be locally auspiced by [James Cook University](#) ([The Cairns Institute](#) and the [Australian Institute for Tropical Health and Medicine](#)) in conjunction with the [Queensland Institute for Medical Research - Berghofer Institute](#) and the [University of Queensland](#) ([School of Population Health](#)). It will replicate the structure of the Goa course whose founders, [Vikram Patel](#) and [Graham Thornicroft](#) will present. Participants will be provided with pre-reading and the six days of the course will be a mix of didactic presentations and task-focused group work.

Delegates from Pacific Island nations will be prioritised in registration and course costs will be on a sliding scale (high income vs. low and middle income countries) and there will be a further discount for those delegates who also attend the conference.

More information

If you wish to be included on the CF15 mailing list to receive the call for papers and advance program and registration brochure, please email us (info@conorg.com.au) with “CF15” in the subject line and your postal address in the body of the email.

If you interested in taking part in the Leadership in Mental Health course, please send an expression of interest to us via email (info@conorg.com.au) with “Leadership in Mental Health” in the subject line.

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