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***** LETTER FROM THE EDITOR*****

Welcome to the eighth issue of Safe Community Weekly News in 2005, the electronic Safe Community Weekly News is edited by the European Safe Community Network, Norwegian Safety Promotion Centre- a WHO CC Affiliated Safe Community Support Centre on behalf of Safe Communities Network.

WHAT IS NEW AT SAFE COMMUNITIES?

In this issue:

COURSE: Master in Safety Promotion, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden.

MEETING: VSCN Quarterly Network Meeting And Practitioner Workshop, Australia.

PROGRAM: The Young Park Community and Lantern Festivals, China.

CONFERENCE: Four Nations One Goal, The Home Safety Challenge, UK.

CONFERENCE: 14th International Conference on Safe Communities, Bergen, Norway

VERY GOOD PERFORMANCE THIS YEAR BY MASTER STUDENTS IN SAFETY PROMOTION AT KAROLINSKA



More than half - almost 3/4 of the second Master training is done in Stockholm by now. Out of 19 students on internet training there are still 18 following the normal speed and only one is behind. Out of the 7 students on location in Stockholm only one is a little behind. So all together - magnificent performance.

We hope that most of the students - including the internet students will do their master dissertation in Stockholm and then go to the Bergen Conference on Safe Communities!

Leif Svanström/Joaquim Soares/Moa Sundström
Course Leaders



VSCN Quarterly Network Meeting And Practitioner Workshop 16th February 2005

Royal Children's Hospital Safety Centre

16th February, 2005 was a big start to another big year for the Royal Children's Hospital Safety Centre and the Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN), with three very important meetings being held at the Hospital, taking up the whole day-

1. Firstly the **VSCN Executive** met early in the morning and reported real progress on its strategic directions, including:
 - q setting the theme for the Quarterly Network Meeting in May as "Youth Homelessness",
 - q noting the inclusion of safety promotion principles and practice in the draft National Injury Prevention Plan - the Plan is expected to be recommended to Ministers for their endorsement in July or August 2005, with detailed action planning to follow that stage;
 - q noting that Community Safety Month will be celebrated nation-wide in October 2005 in 5 of our 8 states – the 9th year of Community Safety Month in Victoria, with many local community safety committees already planning their events for another great month;
 - q setting the date for the 3rd VSCN Annual Conference and Dinner on 17 November 2005.
2. Then the **VSCN Quarterly Network Meeting** "Early Intervention & Multi Effect Actions- New directions in Health and Safety Promotion", was held from mid morning with a light lunch to follow, with around 80 network members including 10 people who had not been along to a network meeting before.

Professor Frank Oberklaid, Director RCH Centre For Community Child Health presented on:
'Developmental trajectory and the life course; increased investment in children as an important evidence-based public policy initiative'

There is now overwhelming research evidence that major challenges faced by Australian society - obesity and its medical associations, mental health problems, aggression and criminality, welfare dependency and illiteracy - have their origins in pathways that begin much earlier in life, often in early childhood. Public policy that focuses on the treatment of entrenched problems is unsustainable - treatment is expensive and efficacy is often poor. There is an accumulating body of research that points to the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of prevention and early intervention programs designed to optimise a child's developmental trajectory and ultimate life course. Increasingly we will see a recognition that an evidence-based policy focused on children to be a sound investment in the country's future prosperity.

Dr. Sarah Lantz, Royal Children's Hospital Adolescent Health presented "Sex Work and Study: the new demands facing young people and their implications for health and wellbeing" – reviewing the additional pressures on young people as they look for pathways to balance working lives with increasingly expensive university training.

Helen Stokes, Melbourne University Youth Research Centre presented on “Youth Economic Participation and Mental Health and Wellbeing: Evaluation and Learnings” – presenting the work of a number of very inclusive community programs for young people

Lesley Hyde and Helen Thomas, Catholic Education Office presented on “ Schools as Core Social Centres Project- Promoting and Developing School/Community Partnerships

The Schools as Core Social Centre project, funded by the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth), is designed to assist leaders to address school wellbeing in a sustained way, with an emphasis on prevention and fostering community partnerships and the development of social capital. It is understood that there are clear links between the promotion of wellbeing and learning and teaching.



Helen Rowan, Manager of the RCH Family Services (centre) and Barbara Minuzzo Safety Centre, Senior Project Coordinator, and VSCN Secretary (right) with the new members of the **Victoria-Wide Safety Centre Network** now increased to 60 centres across the whole of Victoria

At the conclusion of the VSCN Network Meeting, Helen Rowan, Manager of the RCH Family Services, and Barbara Minuzzo Safety Centre, Senior Project Coordinator, and VSCN Secretary, announced 20 new members of the **Victoria wide Safety Centre Satellite Centres Network**, bringing the total network of satellite centres across the state to 60 – each of which has been equipped with a comprehensive set of safety displays, educational materials and product samples. These centres are very significant developments, which will strengthen and embed health and safety and wellbeing networks particularly in regional and local communities all round Victoria. The Safety Centre and the VSCN have agreed to work together to continue to strengthen and grow this metropolitan, regional and rural network of satellite centres.

3. Then, in the afternoon we held a **workshop with safety ambassadors** from the VSCN, the Safety Centre and Monash University Accident Research Centre (affiliate support centres), the Australian Injury Prevention Network (AIPN) and the newly formed Australian Safe Communities Foundation - to explore areas for collaboration and development.

The global, statewide and local community safety networks are continually growing - every day sees another stage in the culture change towards making our communities safer places to live, learn, work, play and travel.

Michael Bourne
Co-Chair, VSCN

The young park community propagates into the lantern show safely



The young park community in Jinan of China advances the safe community to build process actively, it makes the safe idea rooted in the hearts of the people hard to adopt the channels in many aspects. On February 23 , the 15th of the first month of the lunar year of lunar calendar, it is the traditional festival Lantern Festival in China. This day, the red lantern is hung up in every household, in order to show the arrival of festival. In order to improve community residents' security consciousness further, in the young festive lantern this year of park community is shown , change the tradition of " seeing the festive lantern and guessing the lantern riddle ", propagate safe knowledge and incorporate among them , through putting up the safe epigram on the festive lantern, hang the safe caricature picture , has yearned for pedestrian's grants " safe knowledge manual at home " and " propagates the reader against heresy " etc.ing, make the numerous citizens masses strengthen it to safe understanding while seeing the festive lantern, let them spend Lantern Festival of an specific kind.

More than 100 young lights altogether wounded of park community of lantern show, prepare 40 safe caricatures this time, putting up nearly 20 safe epigrams, the content involves the contents in many aspects , such as the traffic safety , security against fire , safeguarding the rights against family's violence , law ,etc.. The beautiful festive lantern has attracted the stopping and watching of many community residents and pedestrian traffic, young park 300 over " safe knowledge manual of the house " staff member of community Take place hand to reach them with nearly 200 " propagate reader against heresy ", make the masses tighten the safe string further while appreciating the festive lantern.

Conference:

Four Nations – One Goal. The Home Safety Challenge

Thursday, March 10, 2005. City Hall, Cardiff, 9am – 3.45pm

This conference has been organised to present the various approaches that are being taken in other countries across the UK and to generate debate and discussion around home safety in Wales.

Speakers from across the UK will be contributing on what is happening in their region and how home safety strategies can be developed UK wide.

Speaker include:

- Dr David Stone, Professor of Paediatric Epidemiology, University of Glasgow
- Liz Towner, Professor in Child Health, University of West of England, Bristol
- Janice Bisp, RoSPA Manager, Ireland,
- Brian Gould and Paul Davies, Housing Directorate, Welsh Assembly Government
- Celia Drew, Regional Osteoporosis Nurse, National Osteoporosis Society

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14th International Conference on Safe Communities

14th International
Conference
on
Safe Communities
June 13-15, 2005
Bergen, Norway



www.safebergen.com

Early registration deadline: 15th March 2005

Main topics:

- Violence prevention
- Traffic Safety
- Home Safety
- School Safety
- Occupational Safety
- Cost/benefit of safety promotion
- The Role of Rescue Services in creating Safe Communities

Special Sessions:

- Community Policing
- National and regional strategies for Safe Community development
- The role of rescue services in Safe Communities
- Transnational and cross-cultural issues in injury research

Special meetings:

- Annual WHO Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre meeting
- Steering board meeting for the International Society for Violence and Injury Prevention.
- 2005 European Safe Community Network meeting
- 2005 Asian Safe Community Network meeting
- The 6th Nordic Safe Community Conference, Planning meeting.
- The 3rd Asian Regional Safe Community Conference, Planning meeting.

Satellite conferences:

International Safe School Conference, Bergen 16th June 2005.

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