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WHERE TO FOR WELFARE? RECENT AND PROPOSED WELFARE REFORMS IN NEW ZEALAND

DATE

9am - 4.30pm. March 21, 2007

VENUE

Conference Centre Lecture Theatre,
Rm 342, 22 Symonds St
The University of Auckland

SPEAKERS

Louise Humpage, UoA; Neil Lunt, University of York; Gerry Cotterell, UoA; Donna Wynd, UoA; Wendi Wicks, Assembly of People with Disabilities; Lesley Patterson, Massey Uni; Kay Brereton, Wellington People's Centre; Susan St. John, UoA; Maureen Baker, UoA; Tapio Salonen, Växjö University, Sweden; Greg Marston, University of Queensland.

PANEL DISCUSSANTS

Sue Bradford, MP; Judith Collins, MP; Alan Johnson, CPAG; David Craig, UoA.

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Registration is free but essential.
Morning and afternoon tea provided,
lunch is self-catering.



An all-day forum which will present research on and debate recent and proposed reforms to New Zealand's social support system. These include:

- Changes to hardship provisions, including the phasing out of the Special Benefit;
- The introduction of the Working for Families family assistance package;
- The proposed 'work-first' approach which extends employment-focused assistance to clients regardless of their benefit type;
- The proposed replacement of existing working age benefits with a single benefit designed around outcomes.

Invited speakers will place these changes in an historical and international context, as well as provide evidence of their actual or likely impact upon low income families, lone parents and people with disabilities.

A panel discussion at the end of the day will allow for broader debate about the future of welfare in Zealand.