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# STREET FOOTY AOTEAROA

## Healing Homelessness Through Action / Te Hautu Rongoa Noho Kore

In March 2011 four of the trustees attended the fifth National Homeless Conference in Auckland with the theme of "Healing Homelessness Through Action /Te Hautu Rongoa Noho Kore Kainga".

The conference, organised by the New Zealand Coalition to End Homelessness, included some fascinating key note speakers on homelessness from an indigenous perspective. New Zealand lawyer and Director of Nga Kaiwhakamarama I Nga Ture (the Maori Legal Service) Moana Jackson, Andrew Leach - CEO of the Aboriginal Housing Management Association, Canada and Dr Paul Memmott - Director of the Aboriginal Environments Research Centre, who spoke about homelessness from an Australian perspective.

The key point from all speakers was that *Indigenous people tend to be overrepresented in the homeless population and that the historical treatment of indigenous people impacts on their contemporary community participation and sense of belonging.*

Afternoon's consisted of smaller workshops looking at the issue of homelessness and in particular the loss of connection to whanau and community. Workshops attended included Being Maori and homeless, Family homelessness, the Development of a caravan park community hub, and the Experience of rough sleeping.

These workshops and participation in the wider conference was an excellent opportunity to network and promote the work of the Street Football Aotearoa, particularly emphasising the role of SPORT in supporting community participation and sense of belonging.

Katie Owen, Trustee

### DUNEDIN STREETFOOTY



20-30 participants meet at the Edgar Centre once a week on Thursdays.

Training is run by Jason Whyte (PACT) and 4-7 other volunteers.

Jason says that all is going well and they hope to be able to have two teams at the upcoming National Championship.

*Future issues with take a look at the other venues such as Auckland, Christchurch and the new venues like Napier/Hastings.*

*We will also look at the impact that Street Football Aotearoa and football in general is having on individual lives.*

### WELLINGTON STREETFOOTY



6-10 participants meet at the Basin Reserve once a week on Tuesdays.

Training is run by SportZone, with the help of DJ (DCM) and 2-4 other volunteers.

SportZone also run two IHC groups who meet at the Hutt Rec and Basin Reserve on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Are you passionate about football**, have some time, energy, and desire to see homeless and marginalised people in Aotearoa given the chance to play and participate in local and international Football events? Then please contact the Network Coordinator for more information.