

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

17–23 October 2010

YOU can help fight poverty and hardship

Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world more than a billion people are desperately poor.

In Anti-Poverty Week

- Why not organise a display, stall or award?
- Maybe a workshop, lecture or forum?
- How about a fundraiser, fact sheet or petition?

For information and ideas visit the website, or email apw@antipovertyweek.org.au, or call 1300 797 290.

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Anti-Poverty Week in 2010 starts on Sunday 17 October and ends on Saturday 23 October. The UN's International Anti-Poverty Day is Sunday 17 October.

The Week focuses on poverty around the world, especially in the poorest countries but also in wealthier countries such as Australia. Its main aims are to:

- **strengthen public understanding** of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and within Australia;
- **encourage research, discussion and action** to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

Interest has been growing steadily in Australia in recent years and activities such as public lectures, workshops, conferences, debates, concerts, displays, sports days, media briefings and other events have been organised.

Last year, at least 500 organisations around Australia participated in more than 400 activities during the Week, with a total participation of more than 10,000 people.

Some Plans and Suggestions

Everyone who wants to reduce poverty and hardship is encouraged to organise activities during the Week or join in some being organised by other people. The activities can be large or small, and activities at local levels are especially welcome. They can be on whatever topics, and whatever days, suit their organisers.

Official opening activities will be organised on Sunday 17 October and Monday 18 October. It is suggested that people could organise local anti-poverty forums on Wednesday 20 October, perhaps inviting local MPs and mayors to attend.

It would be very helpful if organisers could provide details of their plans for posting on the special website, www.antipovertyweek.org.au, in order to encourage participation and stimulate action by other people.

The website also includes basic fact sheets, promotional material and links to sources of information and ideas about ways of reducing poverty and hardship.

To notify your plans or get further information, contact us at:
1300 797 290 or apw@antipovertyweek.org.au



Some Possible Activities

- Conferences
- Seminars
- Lobbying
- Publications
- Forums
- Workshops
- Public lectures
- Petitions
- Exhibits
- Performances
- Surveys
- Rallies
- Media events
- Debates
- Launches
- Etc etc