Health and Society: Equity, well being and the social and economic determinants of health
How do we manage?

- A Steering Committee guides the work of the ASRI:
  - Leaders: Professor Fran Baum - Public Health and Professor Assoc Prof Colin MacDougall – Public Health
  - Assoc Prof Dr Charmaine Power – Nursing and Midwifery
  - Assoc Prof Lionel Orchard – Political and International Studies
  - Assoc Prof Elizabeth Handsley- EHLT
  - Dr Margaret Robinson – Research Development Manager
What are our broad aims?

- Establish research partnerships: government and other bodies
- Consolidate related research across the university and encourage new interdisciplinary groups and partners
- Promote equitable increase in health and better knowledge of social determinants
- Build on national and local reputation for policy and practice research on social and economic determinants
- Enhance Flinders reputation for social research: focus on public good outcomes and social justice
- Establish a focus for excellence through an Australian Institute of Society and Health
What are our strategies?

- Building research partnerships with industry and government through a two-way flow of ideas and information, and collaborative project development and implementation.

- An explicit networking strategy to encourage exchange of ideas within the University and with key groups/partners. A research meeting, planned to be held 8 times per year, will encourage networking between industry and University members.

- A conference strategy to ensure research students and ‘early career’ researchers are supported to present at conferences eventually under the Australian Institute of Society and Health.
Who are our partners at Flinders?

- Public Health
- Nursing and Midwifery
- General Practice
- Health Services Management
- Injury Studies
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- South Australian Community Health Research Unit
- National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction
- Education
- Law
- Geography, Population and Environmental Management
- Political & International Studies
- National Institute of Labour Studies
- Informatics and Engineering
- Legal Studies
- Social Administration and Social Work
Where will we look for funding?

Negotiating sustainable funding from outside the university is important, and the ASRI will make a determined effort to strengthen existing and form new partnerships that can lead to joint funding arrangements.

- Grants, tenders and international relationships
- Government partnerships
- Ethical business sites
What have we achieved so far?

- Hosted the seminar *Action on the Social Determinants of Health in the Southern Region of Adelaide with Professor Sir Michael Marmot* (Chair, WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health)
- Sponsor of the residency of Dr Ilona Kickbusch under the Adelaide Thinkers in Residence Program;
- A forum on ‘violence’ linking research, field work and industry partners
What is our agenda for the next year?

- Launch of the Australian Institute of Society and Health
- Sponsor and participate in the residency of Dr Ilona Kickbusch
- Short course to be taught by Dr Kickbusch and Professor Fran Baum
To achieve an international reputation as Australia’s premier research institute on how to understand inequities, then develop policies and programs to create societies characterised by health and economic equity, social and economic inclusion and sustainability.
What is the Australian Institute of Society and Health?

Over Health and Society’s first year of operation, the idea of the Australian Institute of Society and Health will be promoted, discussed and developed.

The launch of the Institute will be a key event for the ASRI and will be planned as a whole day seminar with international, national and local speakers. There will be a wide range of industry and community partners and colleagues who will be encouraged to ‘showcase’ their programs.

This will be a flagship event for Flinders and will present a forum for intellectual and community discussions about the structural determinants of health and well-being and strategic as well as practical implementation issues.
FORUM ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

- The Forum will have a broad focus on Family Violence, including domestic violence, violence in Aboriginal families, child to parent violence, elder abuse, child abuse and sexual abuse. The aim is to establish links between policy, practice and research.

- **Speakers:**
  - **Professor Jackie Campbell**
    - Department of Health Policy and Management
    - School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University
  - **Beth Dunning**
    - Executive Director, Families SA
    - Department for Families and Communities
  - **Zell Dodd**
    - Director, Aboriginal Health Services
    - Southern Adelaide Health Service, Department of Health
  - **Sandy Pitcher, Director**
  - **Fiona Mort, Manager: Policy**
    - Office for Women, Department for Families and Communities
  - **Assoc Prof Charmaine Power**
    - School of Nursing and Midwifery, Flinders University
  - **Mary McKenna**
    - Legal Studies, Flinders University
QUESTIONS GENERATED

- Each speaker identified research questions from:
- The perspective of their organisation,
- Arising from previous research,
- Policy needs,
- Practice needs
FOLLOW-UP WORKSHOP

- Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} December 3pm in the Banskia Room, Function Centre
- Everybody interested in family violence research is welcome
How can researchers and practitioners become involved?

If you would like to become a member of Health and Society, contact:

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