



FREE SEMINAR SERIES

Unhealthy Societies: Problems and Possibilities



Crossroads Church
220 Church Street, Palmerston North
Wednesdays 2.15 – 4.00pm

This seminar series, organised by U3A Manawatu, is funded by Eastern & Central Community Trust, and is open to the public.

Health in society is more than just health care. This series considers health from a broad social perspective.

October 7th: A Pathologist's Reflections on Covid-19. The Past, The Present and The Future.

Cynric Temple-Camp, CEO Medlab Central

The Covid-19 pandemic has probably caused the world to change forever. There are still more questions than answers. What was done right and what were the problems, locally and more widely? How does this virus differ from others? Where did it come from and where will it go to? This will be a pathologist's personal view of these questions and others.

October 14th: First we shape the buildings and then they shape us

Nigel Fitzpatrick, Health Promotion Adviser, MidCentral Health

Your environment affects your health – often more than your doctor does. As we can see by the sudden increase in obesity; the environment is very influential but very complicated. Take for example how transport both extends and limits our lives; and with the other impacts of ageing can create loneliness which adds further difficulties to ageing. Perhaps we need to re-shape our environment.

October 21st: A shrinking world? Social and spatial and geographies of ageing

Associate Professor Juliana Mansvelt, Geography Programme, School of People, Environment and Planning, Massey University

Geographers have been fascinated by the notion of a shrinking world associated with globalisation, the growth in ICT and changes in transportation. Scholarly writing on ageing also tends to depict older people's worlds shrinking as they age. This presentation which draws on Juliana's qualitative research with older people, examines this notion, and asks "Are older people's worlds really shrinking?"

October 28th: Prevention through Design in the Workplace

Associate Professor Ian Laird, School of Health Sciences, Massey University

Workplace hazards and risk are a major concern. Prevention through Design (PtD) is a process of integration of hazard analysis and risk assessment methods and subsequently taking the actions necessary so that risks of injury or damage are prevented. It is a transdisciplinary process and a concerted effort is needed to achieve broad implementation. This presentation examines case studies of workplace hazards such as noise exposure and noise induced hearing loss (NIHL) and opportunities to use PtD principles in the future.

Admission Free: Gold coin for tea/coffee and biscuits.

Crossroads Church is situated opposite the Railway Land close to the Church Street-Cook Street corner. There is ample parking alongside the church, and in Church Street.