

Opinion Piece Seminar Guidelines for Presenters

Congratulations – you have been nominated by your employer to participate in the PHAIWA opinion piece seminar series.

This seminar series will be convened by PHAIWA, who believe that Western Australia needs new voices in the public health domain. The public health profession has seen an influx of young people – and we feel you, as a young person, have very firm views about the future of the world in which you live, and how public health can contribute to this.

The PHAIWA series of **opinion pieces** will feature younger public health practitioners who we feel are ideally placed to contribute to the debate around the future of public health and policy. These **opinion piece** seminars will provide a greater diversity of perspectives and ideas, from people who rarely have the opportunity to be heard.

Topics for the opinion piece seminar will be sent to the presenters one month prior. Presentations will be 10 minutes with 5 minutes question time. Each session will feature 3-4 presenters.

The **opinion pieces** can vary in style - some may be a personal story, others could focus on current events or you may want to articulate your personal views about a particular public health issue. You can choose to be entertaining, informative, aim to generate debate or a combination of all three.

The opinion piece is intended to be short and be accompanied by visuals...we do not want to be too prescriptive but strongly encourage you to be innovative in your presentation.

The VicHealth website contains written opinion pieces from their CEO and may provide you with some examples. It can be accessed at:

<http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/en/Resource-Centre/Media-Centre/Opinion-Pieces.aspx?page=3>

Dr Melissa Stoneham will be the facilitator of these seminars. If you have any queries or issues please contact her at m.stoneham@curtin.edu.au.