Embedding health, wellbeing & equity into organisations

Dunedin’s 30km HIA: learning’s to ensure a smooth ride
Overview

- 30km HIA background & process
- 30km HIA recommendations
- Successes of the HIA and in embedding HIA
- Critical reflection & challenges
- Suggestions for future HIA’s
30km HIA background & process

- Proposal to expand the 30km/hour speed zone in Dunedin’s central city.

- Potential element of wider Central City Strategy.
30km HIA recommendations

1. Recommendations varied
2. Recommendation 1 - HIA gives proposal more validity
3. Recommendation 13 - to assist in embedding HIA
4. Recommendations to external organisations may be more challenging
Critical reflection & challenges

1. Our HIA was bound by geographical boundaries, health is not
2. Lack of recognition & ownership at a political level / decision making level
3. Impact of time/cost of time required for HIA process – influences future HIA’s
4. Selection of policy / plan most suitable for HIA.
5. Forming most appropriate HIA team
Successes

Successes of HIA

- Extra appraisal workshops
- Literature review
- Identifying links between health & traffic speed

Successes of embedding

1. Wide range of knowledge bought to the table
2. Developed strong relationships (MOU)
3. Capacity building for future HIA’s
Suggestions for undertaking HIA

- Mechanism to advise when HIA is most appropriate process to use, before committing to it. Could include:
  a. Checklist of things to consider before embarking on HIA process
  b. HIA mentoring system / question forum
Suggestions for embedding HIA

1. National / local mechanism to
   a. Ensure HIA’s occur when appropriate
   b. Listen to HIA and give weighting to findings

2. FTE allocated to HIA
Overall the HIA is an excellent way to get health on the agenda right from the start and cements relationships between organisations.