



Join in Anti-Poverty Week

15 - 21 October 2017

Anti-Poverty Week in 2017 starts on Sunday 15 October and ends on Saturday 21 October. The UN's International Anti-Poverty Day is 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 600 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.

Official opening activities will be organised on Sunday 15 October. It is suggested that people could organise local anti-poverty forums on Wednesday 18 October, perhaps inviting local MPs and mayors to attend. But activities can be on whatever topics, and whatever days, to suit their organisers.

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 1-300-797-290 or apw@antipovertyweek.org.au

For further details contact Peregrin 0422 857 522

Essentials for Women

Essentials for Women is a campaign that aims to generate donations of underwear, sanitary products and other essential toiletry items to enhance the wellbeing and dignity for women in crisis or in need in our local community.

Essentials for women is collecting the following items:

New women's underwear

(tags still attached) including:

Unopened packets of

sanitary items including:

- BRAS
- TAMPONS
- UNDIES
- PADS
- SOCKS
- LINERS

Other unopened essential toiletry items including:

- SOAPS/BODY WASH
- MOISTURIZER
- DEODORANT
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER
- TOOTHPASTE

Donations can be placed in the **purple box** at the back of the **Church**. During the week donations can be handed into the **Op Shop**.

Donations accepted until **Sunday 29th October**. Collected donations will then be taken to the Bendigo Bank, Mundaring on 31st October. (Official collection point)

All donations greatly appreciated.