



# Join in Anti-Poverty Week

12 – 18 October 2008

**Anti-Poverty Week in 2008 starts on Sunday 12 October and ends on Saturday 18 October. The UN's International Anti-Poverty Day is Friday 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, hundreds of organisations were involved in activities, with a total participation of about 10,000 people around the country and more than 400 media references.

## 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. They can be on whatever topics, and whatever days, suit their organisers.

Official opening activities will be organised on Sunday 12 October and Monday 13 October. It is suggested that people could organise local anti-poverty forums on Wednesday 15 October, perhaps inviting local MPs and mayors to attend.

It would be very helpful if organisers could provide details of their plans for posting on the special website, [www.antipovertyweek.org.au](http://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:

**1300 797 290 or [apw@antipovertyweek.org.au](mailto:apw@antipovertyweek.org.au)**

### Some Possible Activities

» Conferences	» Seminars	» Lobbying	» Publications
» Forums	» Workshops	» Public lectures	» Petitions
» Exhibits	» Performances	» Surveys	» Rallies
» Media events	» Debates	» Launches	» Etc etc