

**Presenter** Ass Professor Mike O'Brien

**Title** Poverty, Need and Disability

**Abstract**

This presentation will review what is known about poverty and disability in New Zealand and internationally and explore the implications for the delivery and development of services for this group

**Biography**

Mike O'Brien has been involved in social work and social policy education since 1980. He has written extensively on child poverty, inequality, welfare reform and social services in New Zealand and internationally and has recently completed a series of papers on welfare changes in this country. In 2009 he was the Astrid Lindgren Visiting Professor in Children's Studies at Vaxjö University, Sweden. He Chaired the Alternative Welfare Working Group in 2010 and has just completed three years as Convenor of the Child Poverty Action Group.