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| **Title of Symposium:** Health equity through health activism on racism |
| **Maximum 2500 characters (including spaces but excluding title)****General Objectives**To demonstrate three distinct approaches to addressing racism through health activismThese include i) reorienting health promotion practice to put anti-racism in the centre, ii) being an activist scholar to monitor the government, iii) rangimarie – peace-making and health promotion practice.To debate the edges of ethical health promotion practice. To encourage our peers to think beyond healthy lifestyles, and setting approaches to explore the ethical imperatives of equity, social justice, peace. **Proposed format of the session**This symposium will take the format of story-telling supported by images and song.After whanaungatanga the four presenters will spend 10 minutes each sharing their approach to health activism. We would then do a short Q and A session.The presenters include: Dr. Derek Griffith from Vanderbilt University bringing the perspective of a black man and health equity scholar in the USA, Dr. Heather Came from Auckland University of Technology bring a perspective of a white ally and activist scholar, Kiterangi Cameron a peace-maker with connections to Ngāti Mutunga, NgātiKahungunu, Te Ātiawa and Taranaki iwi and Glenn Bennett from Incedo.With the remaining time we would divide the participants into groups and explore how the participants were dealing with racism as a determinant of health and what aspects of the approaches resonated with them and how these could be incorporated into their practice. **Conference theme and/or subthemes addressed****Health equity**Ensure health equity throughout the life course, within and among countries, making each member of the global society an empowered lifelong learner  |

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| **Title of Presentation** How is racism a determinant of health and what am I supposed to do about it as a public health professional? |
| **Maximum 2500 characters (including spaces but excluding title)****General Objective**In this presentation, I will provide a foundation for exploring racism as a social determinant of health. In addition to briefly discussing how racism operates at national, health system, interpersonal and intrapersonal levels, I will highlight some key findings from our work in the US on training state and local public health practitioners to consider, identify and address racism in their work. This work will integrate global literature that has established that racism is a root cause of unjust differences in population health outcomes with research that has identified a framework for considering how racism operates within public health and medical institutions. A key aspect of this work is helping public health practitioners apply anti-racism concepts, principles and lessons to their unique contexts and job roles. This approach also highlights the importance of collaboration and relationship with colleagues in public health and the people whose health outcomes practitioners are trying to improve. While many jobs in public health can by fairly isolating, it is critical for public health practitioners to remain connected to and gain insights from the populations who bear the burden of poor health due to racism and other factors. **Proposed format of the session**Derek M. Griffith will offer a brief lecture that describes foundational principles, lessons learned and key questions that participants can use in their settings and work. He also will highlight key resources, reports and books that practitioners can use to continue to learn from after the session. **Conference theme and/or subthemes addressed**Ensure health equity throughout the life course, within and among countries, making each member of the global society an empowered lifelong learner  |

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| **Title of Presentation** Being an activist scholar to monitor and STIR the government |
| **Maximum 2500 characters (including spaces but excluding title)****General Objective**Irihapeti Ramsden (the founder of cultural safety) has always argued it is not normal for someone in power to relinquish that power. When injustice is being fought on multiple fronts it can be useful to have allies and a boutique social movement.This session will share stories of how one white activist scholar working though the vehicle of health activist network STIR: Stop Institutional Racism is attempting to step up and monitor the governments’ performance in relation to preventing and eradicating institutional racism. **Proposed format of the session**This crisp how-to session, for those committed to health equity, will be rich in inspiration and short on graphs and hard data. This is the story of what is not written in the academic papers for those ready to mobilise against racism. Dr. Heather Came based at Taupua Waiora Centre for Māori Health Research Auckland University of Technology has been involved in anti-racism activism for thirty years and more recently has become an activist scholar. This session shares some of her stories of pulling together a nationwide survey of public health providers to audit the Crown (government), doing critical policy analysis, awareness raising gigs and writing endless submissions/ reports and papers documenting institutional racism. This mahi has led involvement in supporting health-related Waitangi Tribunal claims and presenting to CERD the United Nations anti-racism committee.**Conference theme and/or subthemes addressed**Ensure health equity throughout the life course, within and among countries, making each member of the global society an empowered lifelong learner  |

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| **Title of Presentation 3** Ignite and reclaim rongomaraeroa (everyday peace) across a community.  |
| **Maximum 2500 characters (including spaces but excluding title)****General Objective***There’s a movement**a movement on the street,* *people movin’, they shuffle to the beat,* *I hear them talkin’* *Theyre talkin’ on the street**Words like “freedom from oppression”**That’s what my people need…*A story of a Māori and a Pākehā who came together to ignite and reclaim rongomaraeroa (everyday peace) across a community. **Proposed format of the session**The session will offer colourful storytelling and images that showcase a process of people engaging in active citizenship activities, and how these offer a range of alternative ways to improve health and behaviours toward many kaupapa including social, environmental and peace based interventions.  Demonstrating that healthy interaction and discussions between two cultures can lead to peaceful happy lives being lived. Kiterangi Cameron and Glen Bennett based in Taranaki are ‘lifers’ of community and whanau centred work.  This session will share their combined story working directly with Mayor Andrew Judd across his three year term.  A period culminating in a number of ground breaking initiatives including the Peace Walk in 2016, a hikoi that attracted over 2000 people from across Aotearoa calling for the Maori Ward legislation to be abolished.**Conference theme and/or subthemes addressed**Ensure health equity throughout the life course, within and among countries, making each member of the global society an empowered lifelong learner  |