

Close the Gap Classroom Resources

Close the Gap in Words

Sick lives cut short (2006), Tom Calma

The Close the Gap campaign Co-Chair and former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner explains the importance of the Close the Gap campaign.

http://www.humanrights.gov.au/social_justice/health/health_oped20061212.html

“Only with the support of all Australians will we see real improvements in indigenous health”

Taking the lead: Nathan Lovett-Murray (2010), Martin Flanagan

A profile piece on the Essendon AFL star where he discusses the personal story behind his commitment to Close the Gap and his determination to bring about change.

<http://www.theage.com.au/afl/afl-news/taking-the-lead-nathan-lovettmurray-20100407-rs5n.html>

“He says there is an Aboriginal health crisis in Australia. Last year, during a two-month period in the football season, he attended eight funerals.”

Close the Gap Interview with Preston Campbell (2010), Oxfam Australia

Transcript of Oxfam Australia interview with NRL star, Preston Campbell where he talks about his life and determination to help his people Close the Gap

<http://www.oxfam.org.au/site-media/pdf/OAus-NRL-CloseTheGap-InterviewPrestonCampbell.pdf>

“If children can see a healthy example from a sporting role model, this can create awareness about eating properly and being active”

Journeys Into Medicine (2009), Australian Indigenous Doctors Association

A collection of personal stories from Indigenous doctors and medical students about their journey into medicine, their challenges and triumphs

<http://www.aida.org.au/pdf/Journeys/Journeys.pdf>

“...as long as you are prepared to put in some hard work you can get through and you can make a real difference”

Rugby League tackles Indigenous health crisis (2010), Tom Calma

The Close the Gap campaign Co-Chair and former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner outlines why the NRL's support for the campaign is so important.

<http://www.oxfam.org.au/site-media/pdf/OAus-NRL-CloseTheGap-TomCalma.pdf>

“We need people to ask the question, “why?”, when they hear or read about Indigenous inequality statistics”

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Closing the Gap: Life Expectancy (2010), Reconciliation Australia

A useful Q&A Factsheet on Closing the Gap and Indigenous life expectancy [web-browser and PDF versions available]

<http://www.reconciliation.org.au/home/reconciliation-resources/facts---figures/q-a-factsheets/closing-the-gap---life-expectancy>

“The cause of the life expectancy gap is deeply embedded in a number of social determinants”

Success Stories in Indigenous Health (2007), Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation

A collection of success stories in Indigenous health, profiling initiatives developed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

<http://www.antar.org.au/sites/default/files/SuccessStories.pdf>

“The Drop-In Centre was really successful at changing kids’ attitudes to healthy food”

When Literacy Can Mean Life (2007), Jeff McMullen

Award winning journalist and author, Jeff McMullen talks about the links between education and health and how literacy can mean life for Aboriginal children

<http://www.ipsha.org.au/literacy/When%20Literacy%20Can%20Mean%20Life.pdf>

“This should give Australians hope that education can help close these critical gaps for Indigenous children. But first we must educate ourselves to understand the issues”

Apology to Australia’s Indigenous Peoples (2008), Hon Kevin Rudd MP

In his apology to the Stolen Generations former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd talked about how important this was to closing the gap

http://www.aph.gov.au/house/rudd_speech.pdf

“A future where we harness the determination of all Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to close the gap that lies between us in life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity.”