

Short Biography

Philippa Howden-Chapman is a Distinguished Professor at the University of Otago, Wellington, Aotearoa New Zealand. She is co-director of He Kāinga Oranga/ Housing and Health Research Programme, the WHO Collaborating Centre on Housing and Wellbeing, and director of the NZ Centre for Sustainable Cities. She conducts randomised community housing trials in partnership with local communities; and longitudinal and institutional studies, which have had a major influence on housing, urban policy and health. Her work focuses on reducing inequalities in the determinants of health and wellbeing.

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