Invitation: Blog writing workshop for PNG and Pacific students in Canberra

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Are you a Papua New Guinean or Pacific student studying in Canberra? Have you considered writing for our blog but want further information about what this involves?

Established in September 2010, the Devpolicy Blog (www.devpolicy.org) provides a platform for the best in aid and development analysis, research and policy comment, with a focus on Australia, the Pacific and Papua New Guinea. As of early 2016, Devpolicy has published nearly 1,400 blogs from more than 460 contributors. The blog is run out of the Development Policy Centre housed at Crawford School of Public Policy at The Australian National University.

In recent years, the blog has published posts on a variety of issues in Papua New Guinea and the region, such as: the PNG economy, politics, gender-based violence, education, health, corruption, the private sector, the Australia-PNG relationship, Pacific regionalism, and more.

If you have been thinking about writing for the blog and wish to find out more then we would like to invite you to attend a blog writing workshop at Seminar Room 8, Crawford School of Public Policy, on Thursday 7th April 10.30-12.30.

During this short workshop you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn from staff from the Development Policy Centre about the widely-read Devpolicy Blog. They will talk about the blog, the types of
contributions they are interested in, the blog’s audience, reach and policy impact, and the editorial process.

- Learn where and how you can receive support with writing.
- Hear from other students and staff who have written blogs about their experiences, including the challenges they faced and the opportunities they see.
- Ask any questions you might have about writing a blog post, or pitch an idea and get feedback.

For more details or to register your attendance, please email devpolicy@anu.edu.au.

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