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THURSDAY **20/03**

INSPIRE 2025 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

10:30AM - 10:50AM	REGISTRATION - THE ARTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN: WORKING WITH AND ALONGSIDE ABORIGINAL KNOWLEDGES	Museum of Contemporary Art Australia (MCA)
11:00AM - 4:00PM	THE ARTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN: WORKING WITH AND ALONGSIDE ABORIGINAL KNOWLEDGES KEYNOTE - JONATHAN JONES Seperate registration is necessary and only available to conference attendees	Museum of Contemporary Art Australia (MCA)
6:30PM - 8:00PM	INSPIRE WELCOME EVENT	Gallery Foyer, Level 2

7:00AM - 9:00AM	REGISTRATION	Gallery Foyer, Level 2
8:15AM - 9:15AM	MORNING TEA & NETWORKING	Gallery Foyer, Level 2
9:30AM - 10:00AM	Welcome to Country & opening address	Darling Harbour Theatre
10:00AM - 10:50AM	KEYNOTE - JANE VIDEVELOO (AUSTRALIA) Culture, Voice, Justice, Change: A story we all need to hear	Darling Harbour Theatre
11:00AM - 11:50AM	WORKSHOPS	
	WORKSHOP 1 - LOUISE DORRAT & HEATHER BARNES Engaging with the assessment and rating process: Resisting, advocating and challenging!	TBC
	WORKSHOP 2 - JESS HERMAN & RACHEL FLOTTMAN Child as expert — teacher as learner: Flipping the traditional dynamic	TBC
	WORKSHOP 3 - DR GAI LINDSAY Resist the production line! Making children's learning visible through artful advocacy	TBC
	WORKSHOP 4 - SUE BUNTING The pedagogy project: Sharing pedagogical dialogue to improve outcomes for children (it is possible in the long day care setting)	TBC
	WORKSHOP 5 - LISA GODDARD (ITALY) 'If people were willing to do more playing, would their dialogue become more powerful?' The role of practitioner inquiry groups in supporting playful teaching to confront the climate crisis	TBC
	WORKSHOP 6 - ANNA VERES & SHOSHANA GLIKSMAN Inclusive practice: The dilemmas and risks (and the rewards when we get it right)	TBC
	WORKSHOP 7 - MICHELLE PRATT (NZ) Out of clutter, find simplicity; From discord, find harmony: In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity	TBC
	WORKSHOP 8 - ARIEL LIDDICUT Gender expansive education: A case study	TBC
	WORKSHOP 9 - EMMA RATTENBURY Embracing play preferences: All play is valid	TBC
	WORKSHOP 10 - KOREN NAYLOR & TAMARA ABBOTT A centre's journey of practice research, intentionality and educational design	TBC
12:00PM - 12:50PM	LUNCH	The Gallery, Level 2
1:00PM - 1:50PM	WORKSHOPS	
	WORKSHOP 1 - MEG SCOTT Challenging conventions: Advocating for baby's exploration through loose parts	TBC
	WORKSHOP 2 - TASH HUDDY & DEIDRE WILDE Everyone is welcome: The Stories of social justice in the Early Years - queering up the classroom	TBC
	WORKSHOP 3 - JENNA CLOSE & BRON REED Play: A pathway for disruption	TBC
	WORKSHOP 4 - DR ANDI SALAMON Baby-Play: Acknowledging, challenging, and progressing infant play	TBC
	WORKSHOP 5 - ANGELA NGAVAINÉ & MICHELLE BATHGATE Championing the voices of children through a global arts project	TBC
	WORKSHOP 6 - JO MOLONEY Leading transformation: Implementing the RECHARGES model for positive change	TBC
	WORKSHOP 7 - MAREE BISBY The arts as a form of resistance and advocacy: Leading positive change in early childhood education	TBC
	WORKSHOP 8 - ASHLEY ZHOU & STEPHANIE VIDAIC Your ideas, your world: Children's voices at the heart of our learning	TBC
	WORKSHOP 9 - AMANDA BLAKERS Sovereignty is the agency to say 'this is what I want my future to look like	TBC
	WORKSHOP 10 - LINDA HARRISON Picture books as pathways for play	TBC

2:00PM - 2:50PM	WORKSHOPS	
	WORKSHOP 1 – SU GARETT & MELANIE ELDERTON Does the Assessment and Rating encounter silence advocacy?	TBC
	WORKSHOP 2 – CATHERINE LEE & LIBBY FRASER The right to dilly dally: Challenging and resisting the idea of fast and embracing the beauty of slow	TBC
	WORKSHOP 3 – KIRSTY LILJEGREN Creative uprising: Transforming education through the arts	TBC
	WORKSHOP 4 – KARLA WINTLE Can you hear the silence?	TBC
	WORKSHOP 5 – CLARE COMEDOY Pedagogy or Paparazzi? Unpacking the evolving role photography plays in educators' and children's learning	TBC
	WORKSHOP 6 – DAVID GILKES Pedagogy: The ultimate superpower	TBC
	WORKSHOP 7 – DR MELINDA MILLER, AUNTY DENISE PROUD & MONIQUE PROUD Challenging colonial norms of practice through Aboriginal artwork	TBC
	WORKSHOP 8 – DR KATHY DANKO-MCGHEE (USA) Tiny connoisseurs: A Journey of art viewing through baby's eyes	TBC
	WORKSHOP 9 – DR KATE HIGHFIELD Generative AI: should we worry or be excited?	TBC
	WORKSHOP 10 – PHILIP BUTLER Learning to linger: The heart of slow pedagogy	TBC
3:00PM - 3:20PM	AFTERNOON TEA	The Gallery, Level 2
3:30PM - 4:20PM	KEYNOTE – DR BEN MARDEL (USA) Playing with spiders: The uprising must include more than people	Darling Harbour Theatre
4:00PM - 4:30PM	Close Day 1	Darling Harbour Theatre
7:00PM - 12:00AM	INSPIRE CONFERENCE DINNER Separate registration is necessary and only available to conference attendees	Doltone House, Jones Bay Warf

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9:00AM - 9:45AM	MORNING TEA & NETWORKING	Gallery Foyer, Level 2
9:45AM - 10:00AM	Welcome back and Day 1 re-cap	Darling Harbour Theatre
10:00AM - 10:50AM	KEYNOTE – DR ANGELA MOLLOY MURPHY (USA) What world is knocking? Responding to the world with care, repair, and audacious resistance	Darling Harbour Theatre
11:00AM - 11:50AM	WORKSHOPS	
	WORKSHOP 1 – ELLA DE LA MOTTE 'Nobody puts baby in a corner': Challenging our thinking on where learning takes place	TBC
	WORKSHOP 2 – JOSH ALLEN (NZ) How do we empower children?	TBC
	WORKSHOP 3 – FLICK RASHEED Inclusive practices in preschool: When are they not and how can we make them so?	TBC
	WORKSHOP 4 – REBECCA WAINGOLD & MELISSA DANN Wicket the therapy dog goes to kindergarten	TBC
	WORKSHOP 5 – DR DEBORAH HARCOURT Children's rights are everybody's business: Make it yours	TBC
	WORKSHOP 6 – REBECCA HAND, EMMA FORSYTH, KATHRYN MAIN & DR RED RUBY SCARLET 'Pedaration' in the office: Place based worldmaking	TBC
	WORKSHOP 7 – DR KAREN SZYDLIK & DR ARIEL MOY Radical relationality as resistance: Uprising through arts inquiry, presence and emotional holding	TBC
	WORKSHOP 8 – TONI CHRISTIE (NZ) Leading with heart and soul	TBC
	WORKSHOP 9 – TARRYN HOLLAND & JAMES JENNER Working with (dis)abilities: A conversation about supporting educators with diverse needs	TBC
	WORKSHOP 10 – STEPHEN GALLEN Lines of flight and fight: Pedagogy, practice and purposeless play as modes of resistance	TBC
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1:00PM - 1:50PM	WORKSHOPS	
	WORKSHOP 1 – LISA BAKER & LOUISE DORRAT Children are first but you are 'firster': Prioritising educator wellbeing	TBC
	WORKSHOP 2 – JENNIFER ORLANDO The atelier: A space for empowerment	TBC
	WORKSHOP 3 – ADAM CHRISTIE & JESSICA DUBOIS Finding the ways: Nurturing a professional culture of documentation	TBC
	WORKSHOP 4 – NATALIE YOUD & ROSAN ORGAN The kindness kaleidoscope	TBC
	WORKSHOP 5 – JARRYD BRADFORD & GEMMA GOODYEAR Anything worthwhile should leave a trace	TBC
	WORKSHOP 6 – JESSICA HORNE-KENNEDY Exploring the edges of inquiry: Dwelling in the spaces of merging boundaries through a/r/tography	TBC
	WORKSHOP 7 – MARNIE OMERAGIC & SONJA WIEDENMAIER Empowering children to express their rights and voice in becoming active and involved citizens	TBC
	WORKSHOP 8 – LEANNE LOGAN Storytelling in the early years: A tool for radical change	TBC
	WORKSHOP 9 – LISA BRYANT Agree, argue, advocate?	TBC
	WORKSHOP 10 – LUCIA STACCHIOTTI & FRANCES FORSHLAGER Empowerment of rituals and slowness	TBC

2:00PM - 2:50PM	WORKSHOPS	
	WORKSHOP 1 – RACHEL FLOTTMAN Neuro affirming education for all: A call to action	TBC
	WORKSHOP 2 – DR KAREN GRUBB A short story with a long ending: Connecting for change alongside first nations people	TBC
	WORKSHOP 3 – DR CLARE BRITT, AMANDA PALMER, WENDY SHEPHERD, JANET ROBERTSON & DR BELINDA DAVIS Art & wonder: Young children and contemporary art. Care-full attunement towards young children's curiosities as an act of advocacy	TBC
	WORKSHOP 4 – SUSAN FRANCO & MONICA BARBA Awakening the heart: Exploring poetry with young children	TBC
	WORKSHOP 5 – WENDY LEE Wisdom in the making: Revisiting learning stories to empower young minds	TBC
	WORKSHOP 6 – COURTNEY ROSSETTI Attunement before attainment: Resisting the urge to 'attain' that exceeding rating	TBC
	WORKSHOP 7 – CHRISSY LEPPER (NZ) We can get together: Rethinking the way we meet and gather	TBC
	WORKSHOP 8 – DR ALMA FLEET & MELISSA COMMON Tired of themes? Try transformation!	TBC
	WORKSHOP 9 – EMILY JACOBSEN (NZ) Berating the bubble wrap boundaries	TBC
	WORKSHOP 10 – DR KATHY COLOGON 'But Marley can't play up here!' Children designing inclusive and accessible playspaces through practitioner research	TBC
3:00PM - 3:50PM	KEYNOTE – KELLY GOODSIR (AUSTRALIA) Hopes tapestry: Weaving stories of transformation through challenging times	Darling Harbour Theatre
3:50PM - 4:30PM	Conference closing ceremony	Darling Harbour Theatre