



Media Release

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Symposium on Research with Children and Young People

The Institute of Child Protection Studies (ICPS), Australian Catholic University, will tomorrow convene a symposium of experienced researchers from across Australia who undertake research with children and young people.

The symposium, Seen and Heard: Meaningfully engaging children and young people in research, will include presentations and panel discussions on the theoretical, ethical, methodological and practical issues related to children's participation in research.

"This symposium provides a unique opportunity to bring together these experienced Australian children's researchers to share insights, raise concerns, and consider how the field of children's research might continue to expand and develop in times to come," said Dr Tim Moore, Senior Research Fellow at ICPS. Dr Moore completed his doctoral studies in 2012, which examined the practice of research with children in Australia.

The symposium will include three presentation and panel sessions: *Theory and Practice*, delivered by Prof Jan Mason and Dr Sharon Bessell; *Ethics and Practice*, delivered by Prof Judith Bessant and Prof Deborah Harcourt; and *Participation and Practice*, delivered by ICPS and UnitingCare Children Young People and Families.

ICPS aims to enhance the wellbeing of children, young people and families through quality research, evaluation, training and community education. Since its establishment in 2005, ICPS has undertaken a number of research projects directly with children and young people, and is committed to ensuring that they are provided with opportunities to participate in research about issues affecting their lives.

Symposium Information:

Date: Thursday 28 November 2013

Time: 12.30pm-4.30pm

Venue: Room S3, Signadou Building, Australian Catholic University Canberra campus,

223 Antill St, Watson ACT

See also the attached flyer for more information about the symposium.

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