



Victorian Local Governance
Association

Child Friendly Cities & Communities Network Meeting

Friday 16 August 2019 1pm - 3pm LGPro Offices - Level 3, 58 Lorimer Street Docklands VIC

CFCC Network Purpose: We've come together as a network because we can imagine a world where children are supported and empowered to be active citizens, and individually and collectively, we can make a difference. In our network, we will discover new ways to lead our colleagues and our communities to become child friendly and share with each other examples of good practice.

Agenda

1:00 Welcome and Introductions/ Acknowledge to Country

1:10 Children's Council- Blyth Street Early Learning

60 mins

After exploring the concepts and principles & documentation of the Schools of Reggio Emilia, Simone Myshiw was inspired by the richness of the dialogue between children, the idea of the child as an active participant and citizen in their community and the peer to peer relationships that had formed through shared interests and learning experiences. At its heart, the Children's Council is about respecting the way children think, and the way children and adults can think together.

Artefacts capturing the voices of children

A snapshot of the theory behind developing artefacts is explored to better understand their potential to empower children. Examples of published artefacts that represent the hopes and concerns of children from Banyule and the Inner North LLEN will be presented. Goodbye Primary/ Hello High School focuses on transition into secondary school and Of Bugs and Birds and Magical Things highlights reflects children views on daily life.

Join us to discuss the value of these 'moments in time' representations of children's views and how these artefacts are used to empower children. Bring along examples of your organisation's published works to add to the discussion.

2:10 Discussion – Share your practice

20 mins

This is your opportunity to share with the network your latest child empowerment project. Share informally or bring along a 5 minute presentation. Maybe you'd just like to pose a question to the network. We look forward to hearing from you.

2:30 Advisory Group Update/Discussion

20 mins

- Children's Week- Why should adults listen to children?
- Recent activities of the Advisory Group - VLGA auspice/website, Advisory Group planning, case studies

2:50 Feedback & Wrap Up

- Take away messages from today's meeting
- Next meeting's agenda suggestions

Next meeting: Friday 25 October, 2019

Note: LGPro FY&CS Special Interest Group (SIG) is in the morning starting at 9.30am at the same location as the CFCC Network. All are welcome to attend.