

Child Friendly Cities & Communities Network



Meeting Minutes

Date: 7.08.2023

Time: 9.30am

Location: Online via Zoom

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.

Meeting Chairs: Carmen Cappello and Lisa Banfield

Meeting theme: Children Voice in Family Violence

Minutes: Carmen Cappello and Lisa Banfield

Presentation One:

Dr Wendy Bunston presented on Family Violence and listening to the voice of infants and children. *Dr Wendy Bunston is an international author, presenter, researcher, and clinician specialising in working therapeutically with infants and their families impacted by family violence.*

- parkas PLUS -The two-day training is happening in October.
- Please see below articles shared by Dr Wendy Brunston
- Two books available for purchase, please see the flyer below. If you contact Cathryn Rich from Woodslane on cathrynri@woodslane.com.au and are ordering multiple copies of the books Wendy informed that she can usually arrange a discount.



parkas plus training flyer Oct 2023.docx



The-Centre-Listening- to-the-voice-of-infant:



BunstonMH&FV2021 Handbook.pdf



ChildrenGroupworkF V2016.pdf



InfantLedChapterBunston2015.pdf



Bunston NBI Oct 2020 (003).pdf

Presentation Two: Ariane Hahn from Anglicare Victoria presented on Beyond the Violence – Listening to Children.

Ariane is a practitioner, research contributor and professional trainer in strengths-based and client-led. Her passion for responding to client voices motivates her current contributions to the work Anglicare Victoria is doing to hear children's voices. Ariane is also a mother, a grandmother and a carer.



Child Voice in FV
presentation 2023.pdf

Break out rooms: To discuss the following questions Was there anything in the presentations that surprised you? Can you imagine the challenges and benefits of a program that is client led? What is the impact of this on whose voice is captured/heard

Points shared in presentation chat and breakout rooms

- Great tips shared for listening to pre-verbal infants
- Dr. Kylie Smith – face to face training on non-verbal participation
- How to discuss children's disclosures with parents
- Innovative ways to capture children's voice

Information and Resource Sharing: Amy Treyvaud: Engaging Children in Decision making: A guide for consulting children (Updated version)



Updated Engaging
children guide Septen

Children's week 2023: "Children have the right to relax, play and to take part in activities they enjoy". The theme is a simplified version of Article 31 of the UNCRC. Participant feedback on activities for children's week.

- CGD have the annual children's forum with primary school students on Wednesday 25th October as well as a Childrens festival.
- Nillumbik Shire councils main event is at the Diamond Valley miniature railway on Wed 25 Oct with other various events happening through out the week.
- Maroondah City Council have a Children's Week Twilight Picnic on Thursday 26th October. For young children and their families, along with other service providers and activities.
- Below is a factsheet including Children's week news and events, resources and training opportunities.