



Children's participation - challenges for research and practice

We warmly invite you to this seminar hosted by:

The Centre for Children and Young People at Southern Cross University in conjunction with the Social Policy Research Centre at UNSW

Presenter: Professor Nigel Thomas, Professor of Childhood and Youth Research at the University of Central Lancashire, and Co-Director of a Centre which supports children and young people to do their own research.

Abstract: In this seminar Nigel Thomas reflects on twenty years of research and practice in children and young people's participation in decision-making, taking in both individual participation in private matters and collective participation in public affairs. Two decades on from the near-universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, it is a good time to consider what has been learned from the experience of implementing Article 12 of the Convention, and how that learning can contribute to an understanding of the place of children and young people in society.

This seminar will be of particular interest to researchers and professionals interested in how to include the voices of children and young people in their work.

Bio: Nigel has researched and taught in child welfare and childhood studies since 1992. Before that he was a social work practitioner, manager and advisor. Before that he was a young person, and before that a child. He is author of *Children*, *Family and the State* (2000, 2002) and *Social Work with Young People in Care* (2005), and co-editor of *A Handbook of Children and Young People's Participation* (2010).

When: Tuesday, 28 February at 4.00pm to 5.30pm
Where: Southern Cross University, Lismore Campus R106

Video Linked to:

• Tweed Riverside Campus L3

• Coffs Harbour campus A120

Cost: No charge

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