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Aspirations Matter 2014

Raising student aspirations and educational outcomes in Tasmania will be the focus of a symposium at the University of Tasmania's Newnham campus tomorrow.

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Students) Professor Sue Kilpatrick said Aspirations Matter 2014 would showcase the various community outreach and aspiration raising initiatives that are run throughout the University.

"Education can be truly transformative for communities and individuals," Professor Kilpatrick said.

"It is important that people understand the power of education and strive for it – that is what underpins the work the University does in raising aspirations in communities throughout Tasmania."

Aspirations Matter has been organized by the University's Student Aspiration Raising Community of Practice and the Centre for University Pathways and Partnerships. It will feature a range of presentations covering programs and initiatives from across the University and the state.

Keynote addresses will be delivered throughout the day by Royce Fairbrother, Nick Probert from the Beacon Foundation and Dr Colin Jones, Senior Lecturer in Entrepreneurship in the University's Australian Innovation Research Centre.

"This is an excellent opportunity to discuss raising the aspirations of the community, to learn what the University has accomplished in this area and to speak with members of staff engaged in this work.

The symposium will commence at 10am tomorrow Friday, 5 December, 2014. Visit <http://www.utas.edu.au/centre-for-university-pathways-and-partnerships/aspirations-matter-2014> for the full program. Key filming and interview opportunity is outlined below.

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