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Focus on Global Education at conference this week

The UTAS Faculty of Education and the Global Education Project Tasmania are holding the **Global Education Professional Learning Conference** in Launceston this week.

The Faculty of Education's role in the Global Education Program is primarily to raise awareness, develop and extend knowledge and engage educators, so that they in turn can inspire their students to take a positive and active part in their world.

Global Education is a key area – important to educators and the community as a whole – as we consider that it is vital to develop global citizens who can thrive in the globalised and interdependent 21st century world and contribute positively to the future.

Event highlights

Speakers Professor Cathie Holden (UK) and Professor Rupert Maclean AO (Hong Kong) are both internationally renowned educators; Prof Holden for her work on citizenship and teaching controversial issues and Prof Maclean as an education expert on the work of international agencies, such as UNESCO and the MDGs.

Speakers Professor Damien Kingsbury (Victoria) and Ms Anita Planchon Professor Kingsbury adds his highly regarded expertise on international relations and development in Asia and Ms Planchon brings the important DFAT perspective to the conference.

Film screening of *I am a girl*: Tuesday 14 January 2014, 2pm – 5pm
I am a girl, a feature-length documentary, reveals what it means to grow up female in the 21st century. It takes the audience through a range of diverse cultures and societies around the globe including Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Cameroon, Afghanistan, USA and Australia.

Event details

Who: This event will be of particular interest to educators and Education students and interested members of the public are encouraged to attend.

What: Global Education Professional Learning Conference.

Where: Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre, Newham campus, Launceston.

When: 14-16 January 2014, from 10am to 5pm.

Media opportunity: Media are invited to attend the conference. The best times to interview key speakers are as follows:

Tuesday 1pm

Professor Rupert Maclean
Ester Harding

Wednesday 1pm

Associate Professor Cathie Holden
Ms Karena Menzie, Mr Michael Zeuschner and Mr Chris Gautier
Joelle Stoelwinder

Thursday 1pm

Ms Anita Planchon
Professor Tony Townsend

For further information, please see the attached program or visit:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/education/calendar/events/2014/global-education-conference>

For information about the Global Education Project, please visit:

<http://www.globaleducation.edu.au/>

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