

Media Release

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Education for global citizenship, peace and sustainability

How best to prepare students for life in an increasingly connected world will be the focus of the Global Education Professional Learning Conference, which begins tomorrow.

Hosted by the University of Tasmania's Faculty of Education, the conference brings presenters from around the world to Launceston for three days of workshops, forums and speeches.

Associate Dean (Internationalisation) and conference convener Associate Professor Marion Myhill said global education was vitally important in our present world.

"It is essential that we develop global citizens who can thrive in the challenging and interdependent 21st Century world and who will contribute positively to all our futures," Associate Professor Myhill said.

"To do that, we need to support our teachers and schools as they work to ensure our children grow up with an awareness of our region and an understanding of how we live together.

"This conference brings together a highly expert group of international, national and local presenters to provide excellent opportunities for thinking, learning, discussing, interacting and reflecting on the many important global issues we'll raise."

Dean of Education John Williamson said the need for global education in today's world was stark.

"The media presently carries many stories about fighting and conflict, poverty, natural disasters, and a lack of international trust – these are all themes that highlight the importance of a conference such as this."

A free public forum called '*Peace in our time?... How far have we got in 100 years?*' will be held at **6pm on Wednesday evening**. Education for Global Citizenship, Peace and Sustainability is the theme of the conference.

The conference will run from 9.30am tomorrow morning until Thursday afternoon and will be held in the Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre at the Newnham campus.

Conference highlights:

Tuesday, 13 January

12pm: 'Global Education Teaching: Tips for Success', presented by Alison Jales, Glen Dhu Primary School and Chris Haas, Mount Stuart Primary School.

2pm: Official welcome and conference opening by Mrs Frances Underwood.

2.15pm: 'Peace and Conflict in our Region', presented by Professor Damien Kingsbury from Deakin University.

3.15pm: 'Understanding Indonesia through Culture: Gamelan Music'.

Wednesday, 14 January

10am: 'Global Social Justice in the Classroom', presented by Kate Andrea from Caritas Australia.

12pm: 'The Rules of War and Role of Red Cross in Situations of Armed Conflict', presented by Kasia Kremzer-Kozłowska, International Humanitarian Law Officer, Red Cross.

2pm: 'What We Can Learn from Measuring Peace', presented by Philippa Lysaght from the Institute for Economics and Peace.

5.30pm for 6pm: 'Peace in Our Time?... How far have we got in 100 years?' A free public forum moderated by Dean of Education Professor John Williamson, Professor Rupert Maclean AO from the Hong Kong Institute of Education, Professor Damien Kingsbury for Deakin University, Philippa Lysaght from the Institute for Economics and Peace, 'Alopi Latukefu from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Mark Baker, Editor of The Examiner.

Thursday, 15 January

12pm: 'Supporting Teacher Training in Tanzania', presented by Jon and Margaret Hosford from the Christopher Strong Education Trust.

2pm: 'Peace Building and Poverty Reduction: What Can Education Achieve?', presented by Professor Rupert Maclean AO from the Hong Kong Institute of Education.

3.15pm: 'Principals' Roundtable: Whole School Approaches to Global Citizenship and Sustainability Education' featuring three Queensland principals Michael Zueschner from Bulimba State School, Clayton Carnes from Hermit Park Primary School and Brett Shackleton from Ferny Grove State School.

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