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Exceptional leaders needed for 21st Century

A leading Australian public educator will make a special address at a University of Tasmania workshop today on the philosophy and ethics of exceptional leadership skills in business.

Renowned management expert and change agent, Wendy McCarthy, will speak at the five-day course for the public and private sectors, students and teachers.

UTAS key note speaker, Dr Natasha Cica, said it was a privilege to have such an eminent Australian participating in the workshop.

“It’s a great opportunity for Tasmanians from a range of backgrounds to share ideas with a leader of her calibre,” Dr Cica said.

Ms McCarthy has held national leadership roles with government, corporations and community organisations across education, health, broadcasting and heritage sectors. Her corporate advisory practice, McCarthy Mentoring, specialises in providing mentors to major corporations and the public sector.

In 2005 she was nominated by the *Sydney Morning Herald* as one of the nation’s top 100 public intellectuals.

The UTAS workshop, held at the School of Art, will focus on developing exceptional leadership skills, effective cooperation and communication strategies.

Head of Philosophy Dr Marcelo Stamm said the Centre for Applied Ethics course had received overwhelming support and enquiries were now being taken for the 2009 schedule.

“Personal leadership is a desire for the individual to take charge of their own life,” Dr Stamm said.

“This highly practical unit falls under the interests of applied philosophy and ethics and provides a context for exploring and understanding the concept of leadership and its implications for individual growth and creative development.”

Ms McCarthy is available for interview between 11.30am and 12.30pm at the workshop, or contact Dr Cica.

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