

# AGM Notice 2016



*The President and Members of the Board of Management of FKA Children's Services Inc. request the pleasure of your company at our 107<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting*

**Thursday 10 November  
4pm – 6pm  
Fitzroy Town Hall  
The Reading Room  
201 Napier Street, Fitzroy VIC 3065**

## **Guest Speaker: Professor Mindy Blaise**

Mindy Blaise is the Discipline Group Leader of Early Childhood Education and Director of Research in the College of Education at Victoria University (VU).

Mindy's scholarship relates to engaging with post-developmentalism and post-empiricism to reconfigure early childhood research, teaching and curriculum.

Mindy is a founding member and principal researcher of the Common World Childhoods Research Collective that promotes inter-disciplinary research focusing upon more-than-human childhood relations and pedagogies.

Mindy publishes across both early childhood education and gender studies. Her book, *Playing it Straight! Uncovering Gender Discourses in the Early Childhood Classroom* (Routledge) brings together feminism, queer theory and early childhood to rethink childhood, teaching and learning. More recently she has co-edited (with Liz Brooker and Susan Edwards) *The SAGE Handbook of Play and Learning* which showcases how post-developmentalism is taken up in early childhood education.

## **Bringing Childhood Studies to Early Childhood Education: Provocations and Possibilities**

Working in early years' services we need to respond inclusively to the lived experiences of children and their families, including the complexities of cultural change, language learning, migration experiences and accessibility of new technologies.

As we look for new ways to understand children's lives, alongside funding and curriculum expectations within the current political landscape, what can childhood studies tell us?

Childhood studies is concerned with the social study of all childhoods and children of all ages in their own right and not just as a means to an end. The primary concern of childhood studies is to extend our knowledge and understanding of childhood and its complexities.

Mindy will provoke us to consider what happens when children's agency and the cultural politics of childhood come together and how do these concepts help us to consider the complexity of children's lives?

*Please note, educators can be provided with a certificate of attendance upon request*

**To RSVP: Please email [fkacs@fka.org.au](mailto:fkacs@fka.org.au) or phone 03 9428 4471 by COB Friday 4 November**



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