

AIIP CONFERENCE 2026

Empowering generations/strengthening communities

Friday 20 FEBRUARY 08:30 for 09:00 start		
08:30	Registration BYO coffee	
09:00	Acknowledgement of Country	Chair – Emeritus Professor Anneke Fitzgerald
	Associate Professor Clare Littleton	Welcome on behalf of Torrens University Thanks to all our sponsors!
09:15	Opening Plenary	Chair – A/Prof Clare Littleton
	Dr. Stephanie Ward	The Opportunity Before Us: Empowering Generations Through Intergenerational Practice
10:00	Launch of 2026 Global Intergenerational Week	Chair – Dr Xanthe Golenko/Kristy Fox/Karen Verney/Lysha Lee
10:30	MORNING TEA	POSTERS
10:50	Research stream	Chair – A/Prof Clare Littleton
10:50	Richard Wright& Eugene Hwang	(talking about) My Generation: Evaluating the expectation and experiences of Aucklanders engaged in the Tūhono Tāngata pilot programme.
11:10	Sarah Young & Lisa Murray	Intergenerational Engagement and Social Network Formation: Analysing Interaction Patterns Between Children and Older Adults
11:30	Louise Townsin et al	PlayForever: an exploration of participation in intergenerational playgroups in diverse South Australian communities
11:50	Lois Peach & Lisa Kervin	Intergenerational Play: A right for all generations
12:10	AGM and Award Ceremony	sponsored by BUPA, BESTMED and Griffith University
12:45	LUNCH	POSTERS
13:30	Stories	Chair – Ms Barbara Langford
13:30	Sophie Robinson (on line)	Marra Elders Playgroup: Empowering Generations, Strengthening Communities
13:45	Wendy Lawrence	Scaling Intergenerational Impact: Bupa’s Community-Building Approach Across 58 Care Homes
14:00	Amanda Treanor	Supporting Intergenerational Playgroups to Become Sustainable
14:15	Wendy Hall	Empowering Generations and Strengthening Communities: The Role of Dementia Doulas in Intergenerational Practice
14:30	Paul Wilson & David Symons	The Laughter Care program
14:45	Samantha Heron	The Power of Collaborative Impact: Stories from the Field
15:00	AFTERNOON TEA	POSTERS
15:30	Research	Chair – A/Pof Katrina Radford
15:30	Rebecca Stewart (Online)	Travelling Together: Intergenerational Learning and Empathy Building through Virtual Reality
15:50	Geraldine Burke, Nikki Browne, Bidjara, Melissa Bedford, Megan Adams, Laura Alfrey, Aislinn Lalor	Living Legacies: Sharing the impact of Intergenerational Practice through Art-Based and Non-Traditional Research Outputs (NTROs).
16:10	Clare Littleton	Working across sectors to do research focused on intergenerational housing – lessons learned
16:30	Fiona Maria	Sing High, Sing Low
16:50	Anne Keary	Intergenerational Family Play and Language Learning: An Australian Study
17:10	Amy Sparks	Child voice in intergenerational research – understanding the perspectives of preschool-aged children who have participated in intergenerational programs
17:30	Lorraine George (online)	Lessons learnt from Creating Intergenerational Communities (CIC) programme
18:00	Welcome Reception and Networking	Made possible by the TLC Venue: Keg and Brew Hotel, Level 1, 26 Foveaux St, Surry Hills NSW

DAY 2 Saturday 21 February

Saturday 21 FEBRUARY 08:30		
08:30	Registrations - BYO coffee	
09:00	Day 2 Conference Key Note	Chair – Anneke Fitzgerald
0900	Robert Fitzgerald, AM	Age Discrimination commissioner. Australian Human Rights Commission
0940	Stories	Chair - Lysha Lee
09:40	Rebecca Stewart (Online)	Jenny – A 360° Immersive Photo-Narrative Film for Intergenerational Storytelling
09:55	Neelam Dobhal & Sherry Cameron	Digital Skills, Human Connections: Stories from the Young Mentor Program
10:10	Gina Haebich	Yasu Ti Kaneis: Growing cross-cultural friendships from 4 - 96
10:25	Emma Bredenhann & David Helmers	Building bridges across generations through intergenerational mentoring in Men’s Sheds
10:40	MORNING TEA	POSTERS
11:10	Stories	Chair – Ms Barbara Langford
11:10	Mel Knuckey	Generations Connect: Tech Together
11:25	Casey Baldwin	Virtual Voyagers VR: Bridging Generations through the Joy of Virtual Travel
11:40	Helen Pentecost	Building Bridges Across Generations: Vacation Care Meets Mindful Dementia Care,
11:55	Jessica Langford	Montessori for Life
12:10	Annie Harvey	The F.U.N. Formula
12:25	Rosemary Dax	Intergenerational Practice – A School Nurse's Vision in Action
12:40	Anna Huxley	BUPA University and its integration in Intergenerational Practice
12:55	LUNCH	POSTERS
13:40	Research	Chair – Prof Jennifer Cartmel
13:40	Katherine Steele	Intergen Care: A Preventative Intergenerational Care Model
14:00	Rachelle Scott et al	From Policy to Practice: Creating Child Safe Environments through Intergenerational Connection
14:20	Katrina Radford	Unpacking the Intergenerational worker
14:40	AFTERNOON TEA	Pop up laughter Yoga
15:10	Panel Discussion	Facilitator: Assoc Prof Clare Littleton
	Mr Chris Collett	Attorney General’s Department – confirmed
	Ms Jessica Langford	Echoes Montessori Early Childhood
	Mr Gohar Yazdabadi	COTA NSW
	Prof Tricia Eadie	Faculty of Education, Director REEaCH Centre, University of Melbourne
16:20	Concluding remarks	Hon Dr Kay Patterson AO, Patron AIIP
16:30	Close	Emeritus Professor Anneke Fitzgerald