
I N V I T A T I O N

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'Indigenous Wisdom for Future Generations'

Erin Birch is a Melbourne-based Koori woman with traditional links to Cape Barren Island (through her grandmother) and the Tamar Valley of Tasmania (through her grandfather). She commenced her career as a History Teacher where she implemented Aboriginal History education programs. Erin has taught in Melbourne, Sydney and London.

As a recipient of the Young Indigenous Leader Scholarship through the Institute of Public Administration Australia (Victoria), Erin was invited to present at the World Indigenous People's Conference for Education (WIPCE) in Cusco, Peru in August this year and participate in a short study tour in California, United States. Whilst in California Erin met with directors of the Head Start program in the urban setting of Los Angeles and then an American Indian Head Start program in Rincon. Visiting a selection of Head Start sites provided learning's applicable to the Victorian context, particularly in regards to engaging under-represented groups in early childhood education. Erin is interested in consolidating this experience and reflecting on opportunities for growth and enhancement of early childhood programs in Victoria and Australia and their capacity to cater to the needs of Indigenous children.

DATE

Friday 14 October 2011

TIME

1:00pm – 2:30pm

VENUE

**Frank Tate Room Level 9, 100 Leicester Street Carlton
The University of Melbourne**

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