CITY TALKS
URBAN LANDSCAPES SEMINAR SERIES

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA Tasmania) and partners Hobart City Council would like to invite you to the fourth event in the City Talks: Urban Landscapes Seminar Series.

Children in the City Seminar

Date: February 15, 2013
Time: 8:45 AM - 1:30 PM
Where: Menzies Research Inst. Medical Science Bldg Lecture Theatre 105 17 Liverpool Street Hobart, TAS
Cost: $25

Pay & Register: www.aila.org.au/pay/

Includes:
Morning Tea & Light lunch

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Speaker Profiles

Intro:
8:45 Miriam Shevland, Inspiring Place

Speakers:
9:00 Dr. Karen Malone, UNESCO
10:30 Ric McConaghy, Ric McConaghy Pty Ltd
11:15 Fiona Robbé, Fiona Robbé Landscape Architects
12:15 Kate Luckraft, ASPECT Studios

Karen will discuss the theoretical and practical framework that informs her work in child friendly cities and child friendliness monitoring and evaluation, drawing on her extensive international work.

Ric will explore notions of play and playspaces addressing physical, social, and imaginative options with a focus on art, nature and access.

Fiona will offer her insight encompassing public playgrounds in parks (local and state government), as well as play areas in schools, preschools, churches, zoo’s, museums and anywhere children play outside!

Kate will discuss how children perceive dense city areas, what they do and don’t like about city centres, drawing from case studies from around the world.

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Karen Malone is Professor of Education in the Centre for Educational Research at University of Western Sydney. She is a global expert on children’s environments, sustainable cities, children’s participation, child centered research and evaluation, child friendly cities and children’s rights. Dr Malone is founder and Chair of the Child Friendly Asia-Pacific (CFAP) network. She has coordinated three major international research projects including UNESCO Growing up in Cities project, UNICEF Child Friendly Cities project in Asia Pacific and UK Policy Institutes Children’s Independent Mobility multi-site international project.

Ric McConaghy has been a committed advocate and designer in the fields of play and all abilities access since the mid 1980’s. During that time he has specialized in the design of diverse, nature based playspaces throughout Australia, whilst also undertaking scholarships in New York for sculpture and drawing. He is as excited by the challenges presented by the community-based early childhood centre as he is the regional all-abilities playspace. He is also the Strategic Planning Officer for the International Play Association (IPA). The IPA is currently preparing a General Comment regarding Article 31 of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child.

Fiona Robbé has specialised in the design of innovative outdoor children’s environments, and has worked as a landscape architect for 28 years. Her work encompasses public playgrounds in parks (local and state government), as well as play areas in schools, preschools, churches, zoo’s, museums and anywhere children play outside! Fiona’s commitment to design of quality playgrounds includes daily advocacy for the rights of children of all ages, cultures and abilities to play outdoors. Fiona has recently been invited to be an AILA Fellow.

Kate Luckraft is Studio Director of Sydney’s ASPECT Studios and has been involved in many key projects including the award-winning Darling Quarter, which features an interactive water play area and is integrated into the highly urban setting of Sydney’s Darling Harbour. Kate is a firm advocate for the benefits of making our cities more liveable through creation of spaces that are ‘playable’ and engaging for children.

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