Call For Papers: Federation of Australasian Philosophy in Schools Associations (FAPSA) 2018 Conference: The Future of Philosophy in Schools

The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle, Western Australia: 9 – 11 July 2018.

What was once called Philosophy for or with Children (P4C) has grown, developed and transformed over the last forty years. Based on the idea of philosophy as praxis, championed by Matthew Lipman at the Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children in the USA, what is now called philosophy in schools incorporates philosophical inquiry in the classroom, reflective education and Socratic dialogue through the use of the Community of Inquiry (CoI) methodology. The biennial FAPSA Conference will be held in beautiful, historic Fremantle, Western Australia in July, 2018. The Conference theme asks: What is the Future of Philosophy in Schools?

Keynotes:

Practitioner Expert Peter Worley CEO & Co-founder The Philosophy Foundation (UK) will demonstrate best practice alongside other facilitators of P4C for early childhood, primary and high school aged students. Peter will run a PD session with teachers at a one-day In Action Day held at a local school on Monday 9 July 2018. Peter is President of SOPHIA, the European Foundation for the Advancement of Philosophy with Children and a Visiting Research Associate at Kings College London (UK).

Academic keynote Professor Michael Hand is Professor of Philosophy of Education at the University of Birmingham (UK). He works in the areas of moral, political, religious and philosophical education. His books include A Theory of Moral Education (Routledge, 2017), Patriotism in Schools (Wiley, 2011), Philosophy in Schools (Bloomsbury, 2008) and Is Religious Education Possible? (Bloomsbury, 2006).

Academic keynote Professor Sandra Lynch is Director of the Institute for Ethics and Society and Professor of Philosophy at The University of Notre Dame Australia (Sydney Campus). Sandy is a moral philosopher, with expertise in applied and professional ethics, ethics and values education, the constitution of the self, friendship, critical thinking, and the intersection of philosophy and literature

CFPs: Email 600-800 word abstracts, author(s), affiliation(s) and short bios to Dr Laura D’Olimpio, conference convener, on laura.dolimpio@nd.edu.au by Monday 29 January 2018. For more information see http://fapsa.org.au/

Authors of accepted conference papers are invited to submit their completed papers for review to FAPSA’s official journal, the Journal of Philosophy in Schools (JPS) ISSN 2204-2482 http://www.ojs.unisa.edu.au/index.php/jps/index which will publish a special conference issue: Vol 6 Issue 1 April/May 2019. The journal welcomes submissions which interrogate theoretical and conceptual understandings as well as those which draw on original empirical research within the field. Queries may be emailed to laura.dolimpio@nd.edu.au.