## INSIGHTS TO ACTION







## Welcome to Insights to Action, the inaugural conference of the WA Social Research Network.

We have ambitious goals for the next two days. We hope to highlight the breadth and depth of social research in WA, learn from one another, and translate research findings into social policy and community services. This won't be easy, but we're up to the task, and we think having all of you here to share your personal and professional expertise will make it possible.

Insights to Action aims to bring together the rigour of academic research with the creativity and flexibility of Human Centred Design. Throughout the conference, we'll be drawing on research findings and people's lived experiences as a launch pad for creative solutions. Thank you for joining us, and contributing to social change in WA.

Sincerely,

Shae Garwood & Katrina Stratton Co-chairs, WA Social Research Network

#### Acknowledgement of Country

WA Social Research Network acknowledges the Whadjuk Noongar peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet. We are privileged to work with and alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities and pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, past and present.

## Day One - Tuesday, 29 October 2019

9:00-10:45	Plenary Session, Sponsored by Wans	
Welcome to Country, Marie	Taylor	

Introduction to Human Centred Design, Jethro Sercombe & Katie Stubley Keynote, Dr Michael Wright, Faculty of Health Sciences, Curtin University

10:45-11:15

11:15-11:55

Banquet Hall

100 Families WA, Rebecca

Lyle, CentreCare; Kit Scott

and Renna Gavde. 100

Families WA Community

Advisory Group; Paul Flatau,

UWA; Susan Young, UWA

12:05-12:45

Banquet Hall

Kids First Midland. Sarah Murthy, Telethon Kids

Institute & we the people

WA Child Development

data on child health,

Atlas: Geo-spatially mapping

education, development &

Rebecca Glauert, David Ansell.

well-being, Emma Fuller,

Megan Bell, Scott Sims,

Telethon Kids Institute

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Early Years Initiative, Rae

12:45-1:00

Markham and David Ansell.

**Morning Tea** 

Seminar Room 1

**Grandparent Carers**, David

University: Katrina Stratton.

Seminar Room 1

The Health After Release

Craig Cumming, UWA

From Prison (HARP) Study.

**Reconvene in Banquet Hall** 

Coall, Edith Cowan

Wanslea and Curtin

University

Research In-depth (Session 1)

Research In-depth (Session 2)

Case Study Room (upstairs)

Navigating through Life,

Curtin University

Melissa O'Donnell, Telethon

Kids Institute: Donna Chung.

Case Study Room (upstairs)

**Evaluating Strategically and** Researching Robustly: An

Operating Impactfully,

analysis of evaluation

lens of "Choices" an

Flena Petrici, Phoebe

Using Photovoice to

Farida Fozdar, UWA

partnerships through the

innovative health and justice

intervention, Ellie Tighe,

Wilson, Ruah Community

Services: Lisa Wood, UWA

engage refugee communities,

1:00-1:45	Lunch , Sponsored by UnitingCare West			
1:45-2:30	Research In-depth (Session 3)			
Banquet Hall	Seminar Room 1	Case Study Room (upstairs)		
Homelessness Research Roundup, Paul Flatau, UWA	Reducing the Rate of Stillbirth in Migrant Women, Maryam	Working together for an effective and connected		

Mozooni, UWA; David Preen.

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Centre for Social Impact A Complexity Science Approach to Homelessness **Evaluation.** Paul Flatau. Western Australian Alliance to Fnd Homelessness and UWA; Ali Mollinger-Sahba, UWA Centre for Social **Impact** 

2:40-3:30

Banquet Hall

Improving the mental

young people, Penelope

health of LGBTIOA+

WACOSS

UWA: Craig Pennell, University of Newcastle Mothers and infants involved in child protection processes,

Melissa O'Donnell, Telethon Kids Institute & UWA: Samantha Burrow, Telethon Kids Institute: Rhonda Marriott. Murdoch University: Stephanie Taplin, Australian

Catholic University Seminar Room 1 Using linked population data to investigate the

Strauss, Telethon Kids Institute & UWA Collaborating to address food insecurity in WA, Christina Pollard, East Metropolitan Health Service: Leela James. Women's Economic Move Forward After

hospitalisations of children exposed to family and domestic violence. Carol Orr. UWA & Telethon Kids Institute: Colleen Fisher. David Preen. Jocelyn Jones, UWA; Rebecca Glauert. Melissa O'Donnell.

Economic Abuse. Donna

Jowle, Financial Counsellors

Association of WA

Telethon Kids Institute **Empowerment Project:** Working in Partnership to

Chung, Curtin University: Bev

Ears2Learn: collective

for children under 5. Sharlene Hindmarsh. Connecting Community for Kids: Lara Shur, Farbus Foundation of WA

impact improving learning and development outcomes

Tirmazi. Doha Institute for

Graduate Research

The Experience of Muslim Parents in West Australia. Nada Eltaiba, UWA; M Tagi

Research In-depth (Session 4) Case Study Room (upstairs)

and Detainees (CARAD)

Esther Deng, Centre for Asylum Seekers, Refugees

welfare support, Caroline Fleay, Curtin University:

Living in Limbo and Facing

approach to justice, Sophie Stewart, Social

Reinvestment WA

Destitution: People seeking asylum without access to

# 3:30-3:45 Afternoon Tea Banquet Hall

3:45 - 4:00 Emerging Themes

4:00 - 5:00 Panel Discussion: Translating Social Research into Policy and Practice

5:00-6:00

3:15-4:00

Panel members:
Donna Chung, Donna Cross, Alex Hughes, Glenda Kickett & Jan Standen

Sundowner, Sponsored by

MC: Jessica Strutt, journalist and presenter of ABC Radio Perth's Focus program

**University of Western Australia** 

Ground Floor Terrace, Uniclub

# Day 2 - Wednesday, 30 October 2019 Designing Community Solutions

All sessions in the Banquet Hall				
9:00 - 10:30	Exploring Themes & Defining Priorities, Sponsored by Anglicare WA			
10:30-11:00	Morning Tea			

10:30-11:00 Morning Tea

11:00-12:15 Developing an Insight Driven Brief

12:15-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:45 Prototyping Action with Potential

2:45-3:15 Afternoon tea

Wrap Up and Next Steps

#### **Keynote Speaker**



#### Dr Michael Wright

Michael Wright is a Yuat Nyoongar man whose family are from the Moora and New Norcia area of Western Australia; he is an Associate Professor at Curtin University in the Faculty of Health Sciences. Associate Professor Wright's experience, understandings, and expertise are highly regarded and recognised in the Aboriginal community, with Government and non-Government agencies, and

policy-makers. Through several large research projects—focused on changing service delivery and their responsiveness—he has worked in partnership with Nyoongar (Aboriginal) Elders, community members (including young people) and service staff to address the disconnect between Nyoongar peoples and mental health services in Metropolitan Perth. Associate Professor Wright received funding for a five year Medical Research Future Fund (Million Minds Mission) project which will see Elders, youth and service providers come together to build relationships, evaluate current services, develop new service models and evaluate changes to practice. His projects are embedded and grounded in Aboriginal ways of being, knowing and doing.

#### **Panelists**



#### Dr Donna Chung

Donna Chung is Professor of Social Work and Social Policy at Curtin University. Donna has been involved in social work education and social research for over 20 years undertaking various teaching, research and management roles within higher education. Donna previously held the positions of Winthrop Professor of Social Work and Social Policy at UWA, Associate Professor of Social Work and

the Director of the Centre for the Study of Safety and Wellbeing at the University of Warwick and Senior Lecturer at the University of South Australia. Her research interests are primarily the areas of male violence against women, homelessness, gender and sexuality and social policy.



#### **Dr Donna Cross**

Donna Cross is a Professor with the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Western Australia and Head of the Health Promotion and Education Research team and Director of the Early Childhood Development and Learning Collaboration at the Telethon Kids Institute. Since 1999 Donna has been awarded over \$31m in competitive grants addressing child and adolescent health and wellbeing. Over the past 25 years she has led

over 60 applied school and adolescent community-based research intervention projects investigating ways to enhance the social and emotional development and reduce bullying (including cyberbullying) and other anti-social behaviour among children and adolescents.

#### **Panelists**



#### Mr Alex Hughes

Alex Hughes is the Manager for 100 Families WA and works across all areas of the project. He holds over twelve years' experience working within the social service sector, across both government and with not-for profit organisations. Following the completion of a Masters of Public Health and a ten year employment to the Department of Child Protection, Alex undertook a management role for a research

project on homelessness and disadvantage. Alex is focused on ensuring that 100 Families WA is participatory and practical, creating findings that are accessible and leads to real change in people's lives.



#### Dr Glenda Kickett

Glenda Kickett is the Manager, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership and Engagement; and Aboriginal Children and Families Therapeutic Services at the Australian Childhood Foundation. She is Whadjuk and Ballardong from the Bibbulman Noongar Nation. She has over 20 years' experience as a social worker managing programs in out-of-home care and support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and families.

She holds a Masters degree in Indigenous Research and Development from Curtin University and a PhD in Social Work from UWA, and is a director on Wungening Aboriginal Corporation board.



#### Ms Jan Standen

Jan Standen is the President of Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren WA (GRG WA), a peer support organisation offering support to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren full time. GRG WA is a liaison between grandparent carers and government departments and other service providers. It offers information and resources, and holds regular social support groups, respite and social outings. Jan has been a long-standing member of the

Grandparent Carer Research Advisory Group, and has played an active role in the "Fairer Future for Grandchildren" advocacy campaign that has arisen from the most recent research led by Wanslea, ECU, and Curtin University. Jan is raising two of her grandchildren on a full-time basis.

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