



Exclusion and Embrace: Disability, Justice and Spirituality

21-23 August 2016

Jasper Hotel, 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne VIC 3000 Australia

CONFERENCE PROGRAM as at 27 July 2016

SUNDAY 21 Aug

Time

- 14:00 Welcome and Opening
- 14:30 Acknowledgement to Country – **Uncle John Baxter**
- 14:45 Multi-faith Disability Panel – Facilitated by **David Pargeter**
- 15:45 Tribute to **Christopher Newell** – Facilitated by Robert Morsillo
- 17:00 Launch of Art Exhibition by **Libby Byrne**. Curated by **Christina Rowntree**.
Canapes/drinks (cash bar available)
- 18:00 Dinner and Speaker: **Sarah Barton, Producer - Fertile Films**.

MONDAY 22 Aug

Time

- 8.45 Welcome
- 9:00 Keynote presentation and Q&A - **David Tacey: 'Contours of Australian Spirituality'**
- 10:00 Interlude
- 10:05 Keynote presentation and Q&A - **Bill Gaventa: 'From Inclusion to Belonging: Challenging both Faith Communities and Service Providers to Practice What We Preach'**
- 11:00 Morning Tea
- 11:30 **STREAMS NUMBER 1**
- 12:30 LUNCH
- 13:30 Personal Story
- 13:35 Keynote presentation - **Lorna Hallahan: Not simply a functional issue: spirituality considered in the NDIS?** Response by **Daniel Leighton, Inclusion Melbourne**
- 14:35 Personal story
- 14:40 Afternoon Tea
- 15:20 **STREAMS NUMBER 2**
- 16:50 Plenary to wrap up the day
Canapes/drinks (cash bar available)
- 18:00 Conference Dinner and Entertainment by **High Street Bells Choir**

TUESDAY 23 August

Time

- 8:45 Welcome and personal story

- 9:00 Keynote presentation and Q&A - **Hans Reinders: *'The Gift of Friendship'***
- 10:00 Personal story
- 10:05 Theological Education – **Sam Kabue**, World Council of Churches and local Panel response/dialogue
- 11:00 Morning Tea
- 11.30 **STREAMS NUMBER 3**
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.35 **Bill Gaventa: *'Diversity Multiplied: Cultural Competence, Disability and Spirituality'***
- 14:30 **STREAMS NUMBER 4**
- 15:30 Afternoon Tea
- 16:00 Plenary – Burning Issues/new directions
- 16:45 **Conference Conclusion and Blessing**

Note: The organisers have made every attempt to ensure the information is correct at time of publishing. The program is subject to change, in regard to both timings and/or speakers, due to logistics requirements or to circumstances beyond our control. Please check the website frequently for updates.