Southgate Institute for Health, Society and Equity &
Flinders Institute of Public Policy and Management

Southgate Theory Club
Children’s rights and interests in an adult world

Wednesday, 22 May 2013, 5:00–7:00pm
Rooms 3.08 / 3.09, Health Sciences Lecture Theatre Complex
Flinders University, Bedford Park

In some parts of the world, research, practice and policy in relation to children is underpinned or influenced by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. In this Theory Club, three senior researchers from different disciplines examine how children’s rights are conceptualised and contextualised in Australia. They critically analyse how a children’s rights approach fits in a world where adults are important in the lives of children, and have the power to make most major decisions concerning children. Discussion is invited about the intersection between the interests and rights of the child and those of society in general.

Chair: TBC
Position, Discipline

Why a children’s rights approach?
A / Prof Colin MacDougall, Discipline of Public Health, Flinders University

How should we interpret children’s right to development?
A / Prof Gerry Redmond, Director, Flinders Institute of Public Policy and Management (FIPPM), School of Social and Policy Studies, Flinders University

Children’s rights: Parents, the law and the state
Prof Elizabeth Handsley, Flinders Law School, Flinders University

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The Southgate Theory Club provides space and opportunities to think, deliberate and debate on the relevance of theories for understanding health and society. It provides an opportunity for debate and interaction between researchers, academics and professionals from diverse fields and with different experiences and encourages cross-disciplinary perspectives.