

# ENSURING OUR FUTURE

## The Fabric of Childhood in Australian Society

National Conference

Hilton International Hotel  
ADELAIDE  
15 -17 May, 1991

### PROGRAM

#### Day 1: Wednesday 15 May, 1991

9.30am Registration  
10.30am Official Opening  
11.00am Keynote Address:  
Ms Maalfrid Flekkoy  
*Future options for children*  
1.30pm Keynote Address  
Dr Don Edgar  
*The growth of competence*  
3.00-5.00pm 3 concurrent sessions.  
Dr Jacki Goodnow, Macquarie University  
*Reflections of the family environment*  
Sr Patricia Pak-Poy, Adelaide  
*Learning in a multicultural environment*  
Ms Jan Carter, Brotherhood of St. Lawrence  
*The needs of children and the family*  
Evening: Reception.

#### Day 2: Thursday, 16 May, 1991

9.00am 3 concurrent sessions  
Dr Graham Martin, Flinders University  
*Family and societal values*  
Dr Lois Foster, Bureau Immigration  
Research *Future Australians*  
Prof Richard Chisholm, Univ. of NSW  
*Legislation and children*  
11.30am Keynote Address  
Ms Lois O'Donohue  
*Cultures old and new*  
Afternoon  
Entertainment by Dorinda Hafner  
Poster sessions  
Hyde Park Corner - delegates have their say.  
Evening: Conference Dinner

#### Day 3: Friday, 17 May, 1991

9.00am 3 concurrent sessions  
Mr Garth Boomer, Adelaide  
*Learning for the future*  
Dr Fernando Monckeberg, Chile  
*Urbanisation and the child*  
Prof Lois Bryson, Newcastle  
*Policy making for children*  
11.30am Keynote Address  
Dr Deborah Phillips  
*Children of the future - caring now for tomorrow*  
2.00pm Closing Session  
Ms Maalfrid Flekkoy  
*Future options revisited*  
Closing Address  
Ms Anne Deveson  
*Pulling the threads together, images of childhood*  
Completion and presentation of the wall hanging made by South Australian children.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Ms Maalfrid Flekkoy**  
UNICEF Senior Scholar, International Child Development Centre,  
Florence, Italy.  
Formerly, Norway's first Ombudsman for Children  
**Dr Don Edgar**  
Director, Australian Institute of Family Studies  
Melbourne, Victoria  
**Ms Lois O'Donohue CBE AM**  
Chairperson,  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission,  
Canberra  
**Dr Deborah Phillips**  
Assistant Professor of Psychology  
University of Virginia, Virginia, USA  
**Ms Anne Deveson**  
Journalist, Film Maker, Social Commentator  
Sydney, NSW

### CONFERENCE AIMS

- focus on the family, economic and multicultural environment of the Australian child
- explore the positive and negative aspects of the child's relationship with the physical and human environment
- communicate across disciplines, organisations, people and systems about children and childhood
- highlight and forecast the nature of children's service into the 21st century
- identify those aspects of childhood which contribute positively to growth and development
- hear from children those things they value about their childhood

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