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Young and Old: Connecting Generations

AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference

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The 2011 AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference will consider key issues for the younger and older generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, whether living in urban, regional or remote areas of Australia. In 2008, almost half of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population were aged under 20 years while 3% were aged 65 years or over. What are the key issues for people today and in the future? As well as research and projects associated specifically with the young or older generations, the conference will also focus on the connections between the two.

The conference brings together multi-disciplinary expertise from across the Indigenous Studies sector, including researchers, policy makers, community members, academics, representative organisations, consultants, traditional owners and service providers. Whether your interest in the conference topic is from the perspective of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education, health, cultural heritage, arts, policy, sport, economics, language, anthropology, archives, IT or other equally relevant sectors, the conference presents a unique opportunity to communicate information about your research, projects and programs with a wide audience and to benefit from discussion around shared areas of interest.

PAPER SUBMISSIONS

Please submit your paper title, abstract and biographical details (200 words) by the **25 May 2011**. Information and pro-forma available at www.aiatsis.gov.au.

SESSION ORGANISERS

If you would like to convene a session, please ensure that the session abstract, as well as abstracts and biographical details from each of your participants, are submitted by **25 May 2011**. Sessions can be in a variety of formats including presentations, panels, round table discussions or workshops. Information and pro-forma available at www.aiatsis.gov.au.

ASSESSMENT

All abstracts for papers and sessions will be reviewed by the conference committee, and decisions regarding acceptance will be made by 30th May 2011.

FUNDING

If you require funding to attend the conference please send a grant application form with your abstract submission by **25 May 2011**. Funds will only be available to those whose abstracts are accepted. Application forms available at www.aiatsis.gov.au.

ENQUIRIES

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SUGGESTED STREAMS AND SESSION TOPICS MIGHT INCLUDE:

Age demographics, society, policy and economy. Research on trends in population growth and its social and economic implications; the education, health and wellbeing status of children, young people and the older generations; implications for government policy and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service providers; the policy arena: government, youth and the older generations; family responsibilities and the social and economic contribution of the over 50s.

Education and employment. Education across the ages — supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learning and achievement from early childhood to mature age learners; literature and literacy for younger and older generations; bi-lingual education; training and career development; Indigenous representation at doctoral and post-doctoral level; connections between education and health; education, training and employment; small and medium Indigenous business development; entrepreneurship, innovation and business enterprise.

Leadership. Voices of experience/new approaches: eldership, youth and emerging leaders; leadership programs for young people; gender and leadership.

Inter-generational connections. Inter-generational links; learning and communication across the generations; language; cultural transmission.

The Digital Generation. Innovation and IT; IT and young people; implications of IT for employment, training and engagement with the digital economy; IT and creative media; Digital archives; IT and cultural transmission.

Health and wellbeing. Health and the unborn child; health care and services: what are the key issues for the younger and older generations and how are they being addressed; diet and nutrition; physical and mental health promotion; justice health; suicide prevention; child protection; supporting the mental and physical health of the elderly; carers and cared for: supporting the young and old in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; the impact of race relations on health care; education and public health programs; ageism and racism; impacts on health, education and wellbeing.

Representation, culture and identity. Youth culture across Australia; how are the younger and older generations represented in the sites of public information (e.g. by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organizations and the media, government policy, curricula, and cultural performance and institutions)? Perceptions surrounding identity and their role and impact; representation of the young and old in sport, festivals and carnivals; new developments in art, music and dance.

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