

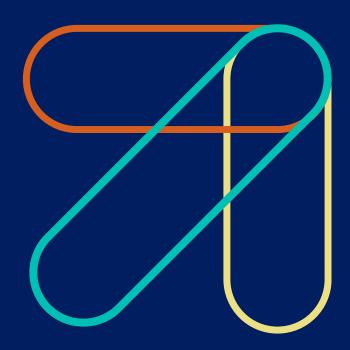




Lead the Way Conference 2025

11-12 August | Melbourne | Rydges

Strengthening Wellbeing and Safety through Collaboration





Keynote Speakers



Meena Singh

Acting Principal Commissioner and Commisioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People



Dr Ross Greene

Clinical Psychologist New York Times Bestselling Author



Prof. Pasi Sahlberg

Professor Educational Leadership University of Melbourne



Prof. Leah Bromfield

Director
Australian Centre for
Child Protection
University of South Australia



Prof. Anne Graham

Director
Centre for Children &
Young People
Southern Cross University



Dr Robyn Miller AM

Chief Executive Officer
MacKillop Family Services









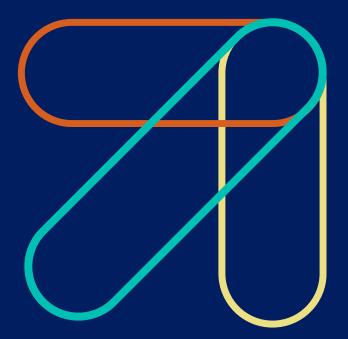




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Join 500+ Leaders Driving Real Change in Safety and Wellbeing. Connect with a powerful network of education, child and family services, community services, and mental health professionals who are shaping the future of safety and wellbeing.

The Lead the Way Conference 2025 brings together world-class speakers, cutting-edge research, and real-world case studies to equip you with the knowledge and tools to lead transformational change. This unique conference brings together leaders from across schools, organisations and services to share insights and practice that build the safety and wellbeing of our children, young people, families and staff.

Across two days of keynotes, panel discussions, research presentations, and hands-on workshops, the conference will explore:

- How collaboration and partnerships across sectors can build safety and wellbeing.
- How evidence-based approaches improve practice.
- What real-world cases look like across sectors.



Inspiring Keynotes

Experts on trauma, culture, safety, wellbeing and collaboration.



Cutting Edge Research

Evidence-base for safer environments.



Real-World Case Studies

Proven strategies transforming schools and organisations.



Networking

Connect with leaders across school, child and family, community sectors.

Explore What Matters to You

Sessions are grouped to match your role, but real impact comes from cross-sector learning. Explore all streams, gain fresh perspectives, and strengthen your practice.

EMPOWERED SCHOOLS: WELLBEING,
SAFETY AND INCLUSION IN
EDUCATION

STRONGER COMMUNITIES: CHILD, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES IN PRACTICE

THRIVING WORKPLACES: CULTURE, LEADERSHIP AND MENTAL HEALTH

Cultivating Cultural Responsiveness

Supporting Identity and Belonging for Young People

Equipping Young People for the Future

Wellbeing, Inclusion and Opportunity through Entrepreneurial Education

Building Emotional and Grief Literacy

Supporting Whole-of-School Communities Following a Suicide or Other Loss Event

The Power of Paws

Animal-Assisted Education Interventions to Support Social Emotional Skills with Students

Supporting Students

Experiencing 'School Can't' to Re-Engage in Learning

We Belong

The Practical Implementation of Collaborative Practice in Schools

Empowering Educators to Have Brave Conversations

Power to Kids in Schools and the Role of Staff in Safeguarding Children

Effective Child Safeguarding Models

Building Bridges in Fractured Spaces

Intercultural Understanding as a Foundation for Safe and Inclusive Communities

Grief Support

Building Capacity to Support the Grief Experiences of Children & Young People Living in Out-of-Home Care

Belonging, Identity & Mental Wellbeing

A Roadmap for Young People

Responding to Harm, Building Safety

Co-Designed Prevention Strategies for Harmful Sexual Behaviour in Child and Youth Services

Suicide Prevention Panel Discussion

Upholding Rights to Children's Cultural Connections

Trauma Informed

Integrating Trauma-Informed Care into Child and Family Services: Strategies for Practitioners

Innovations in Child Protection

Research-Driven Strategies for Preventing Abuse

Ethical Practice with Children in Out-of-Home-Care

Psychosocial Safety at Work

How Organisations Can Assist or Hinder Staff Wellbeing and Mental Health

The Whanaungatanga Program

A New Approach to Mental III Health Prevention in Emergency Workforces

Healing Organisational Systems

From Trauma-Affected to Trauma-Informed Systems

Moral Injury

A New Dimension to Trauma

Contemporary Leadership for the Human Professions

Safe Harbours or Turbulent Seas?

The Invisible Toll

Combatting Vicarious Trauma in Human-Centred Workforces

Designing for Wellbeing

Building Resilience and Positive Psychology in Adult and Adolescent Learners

Building Organisational Cultures of Safety

Truth Telling and Collaboration
Panel Discussion

We offer early bird discounts and flexible booking options.

Registration Type	Early Bird	Standard Rate
Full Conference (2 Days)	\$795	\$895
Single Day Pass (Day 1)	\$445	\$499
Single Day Pass (Day 2)	\$445	\$499

Guest Speakers



A/Prof Lisa McKay-Brown **Associate Professor**

Melbourne



A/Prof Tim Moore **Associate Professor** Diversity & Inclusion University of Institute of Child Protection Studies Australian Catholic University (ACU)



Dr John Molineux Senior Lecturer Deakin Business School **Deakin University**



Annette Schneide CEO **Together for Humanity**



Kano Ravalji **CEO Third Culture,** Victorian Youth **Multicultural Commissioner**



Esmai Manahan National Director, **Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Services**



Jocelyn Bignold OAM **CEO McAuley Community** Services for Women



Jahin Tanvir CEO Australian School of Entrepreneurship



David Burroughs Chief Mental Health Officer Westpac Founder of Australian Psychological



Rabbi Zalman Kastel AM Founder Together for Humanity



Fiona McCallum **General Manager** MacKillop Seasons



Deb Tsorbaris Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare



Dr Beau Hu National School Partnerships Manager Together for Humanity



Dr Gemma McKibbin Senior Research Fellow University of Melbourne



Smeeta Singh National Program Director Power to Kids



Dr Phil Lambert PSM Adjunct Professor University of Sydney



Simangaliso Nyoni **Multicultural Practice Lead** MacKillop Family Services



Justin Roberts National Program Director ReLATE



Allison Wainwright CEO Family Life



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Matthew Spicer Director **Clinical Training Services** The Centre for Positive Behaviour Support (CPBS)



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