

# UTS COSMOPOLITAN CIVIL SOCIETIES RESEARCH CENTRE

## CCS Seminar 2010

# Young Social Entrepreneurs - Identity and Action

### When

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 4pm - 6pm

### Where

Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre, UTS City Campus  
Level 3, Mary Ann House, 645 Harris Street, Sydney  
(a short walk from Central Railway Station)

## PROGRAMME

*Dr Hilary Yerbury and Dr Nina Burridge*  
*Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences*  
*University of Technology, Sydney*

*With two young social entrepreneurs, Donnie Maclurcan and Wenee Yap*

*Discussant: Prof Jenny Onyx*

## ABSTRACT

How do you recognize a social entrepreneur? There is much contestation on whether social entrepreneurs exhibit particular characteristics. This seminar reports on a small scale study conducted in Sydney, which reported on how three young social entrepreneurs and others involved in the development of entrepreneurial projects aimed at positive social change conceptualise the social entrepreneur.

The seminar will provide personal insights into how young social entrepreneurs perceive themselves through the projects that they have undertaken and the motivations that have given impetus to their actions.

Discussion will centre on the commonalities in the experience of being a social entrepreneur, including the importance placed on key champions in recognizing the skills and capabilities of the individual, the capacity for these young people to 'do things differently', to display drive and commitment to a social mission and the significance of the support of friends and family and of others.

## BIOGRAPHIES

**Dr Hilary Yerbury** is currently with the Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre at UTS. She has a longstanding interest in the ways people share knowledge and information and use it to make decisions in their everyday lives. She has recently completed a major study of the ways young people engaged in civil society online create a sense of community.

**Dr Nina Burridge** is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Technology, Sydney. Her main research interests and publications centre on issues related to building civil societies such as educating for human rights; Indigenous education and approaches to cultural diversity in schools and community settings. She sees herself as an academic whose involvement in community organizations and social action groups informs her professional work in Education.

*Presentations will be followed by wider discussion. Refreshments will be provided.*

## REGISTRATION

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