

# Inspiring Earth Ethics: Linking Values and Action

2 Day Conference - Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November 2017  
Multicultural Faith Centre, Griffith University, 170 Kessels Rd, Nathan, Brisbane



Join us for a thought provoking two day conference in Brisbane, on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November 2017. This conference will bring together people from a range of fields - including environmental education, ethics, environmental psychology, indigenous knowledge systems, the arts, deep ecology, religion, science, business and law - to address a central question: **how do we inspire and build Earth ethics in Australian society?**

Climate change and the global ecological crisis are forcing human societies to face ever increasing environmental and psychological challenges. We need highly engaged communities if we are to address these challenges and begin to realise new and exciting alternatives to create a sustainable future in a climate changed world. How can we nurture Earth centred ethics and action in present and future generations? After decades of environmental education, are we seeing an increase in eco-literacy among Australian citizens, or do we need to create new pathways to inspire Earth ethics? What role can eco-spirituality, eco-psychology, eco-theology and the arts play in inspiring practical responses to care for the Earth? How can non-indigenous cultures learn from First Nations Peoples laws and culture?

Join us for an important discussion about Earth ethics and the role of the human spirit in building a brighter future.

A major output from the conference will be a published, edited collection of papers aimed at enabling change makers to understand how best to stimulate and support Earth ethics in modern society.

## KEY DATES

- Call for Conference Proposals opens March 2017, closes on 30 June 2017
- Registration opens March 2017
- Conference is hosted Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- Conference Dinner will be held on the evening of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

## WEBSITE

<http://bit.ly/2k6MR7I>

## FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/events/384402698565107/>

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## Call for Conference Proposals Proposals due by 30 June 2017

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We invite all prospective participants to be creative with your proposals and we welcome academic papers, inter-active workshops, discussion groups, experiential activities and other forms of expression or ritual. Although we have invited some speakers in advance, the final program will depend upon what you submit.

The program will be crafted with an eye towards engaged and experiential learning that directly relates to our conference's guiding question: **how do we inspire and build Earth ethics in Australian society?**

The six focus areas of the conference will inform the structure of the plenary and breakout sessions. The focus areas are:

- Perspectives and approaches from First Nations people
- Earth-centred ethics and philosophy
- Environmental education
- Environmental psychology
- Faith, eco-spirituality and eco-theology
- Arts and creative Imagining (Hope and resilience in the Anthropocene)

### **PARTICIPATION OPTIONS**

The following types of participation are invited:

- Academic papers – 15 minutes for presentations, followed by time for questions and discussion (Panel proposals are also welcome – 50 minutes in total will be allocated to panels)
- Discussion groups - 50 minutes in total
- Short performances or interventions – 25 minutes in total
- Mini-workshops or facilitated practices – 25 minutes
- Pecha Kucha or Open Minis (10 minute image collections or PPT presentations on a theme designed to stimulate discussion)
- 'Side' events that could be run on the day/evening before or after the conference
- Any other creative ideas!

### **HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL FOR PARTICIPATION**

Please visit our webpage, download the **Proposal Template** and email us your 300 word proposal + 100 word biography by 30 June 2017. Emails to: [julia@earthlaws.org.au](mailto:julia@earthlaws.org.au)

Conference webpage: <http://www.earthlaws.org.au/our-programs/earth-ethics/inspiring-earth-ethics-linking-values-and-action/>



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