

**A Professional Development Workshop
hosted by
The Australian Psychological Society
College of Community Psychologists
Psychologists for Peace Interest Group and
Psychologists in Schools Interest Group**

**Talking Culture:
*Building on the challenges and successes of
culturally diverse schools***

7.00-9.00 pm, Tuesday 11 September 2012

Treacy Conference Centre
126 The Avenue, Parkville

\$10 students/concession

\$20 members of Community College or Psychologists for Peace/ Psychologists in Schools Interest Groups

\$25 all others

About this workshop:

Cultural diversity can create significant challenges in communities including conflict, race- and culture-based discrimination and reduced social cohesion. Schools are one environment in which both the benefits and challenges of cultural diversity are experienced, and dealt with, on a daily basis.

This session will focus on recent research in Victorian primary schools in economically disadvantaged areas exploring ways of developing intercultural understanding, and encouraging socially just approaches to diversity. The Enhancing Relationships in School Communities (ERIS) project, founded by Psychologists for Peace, is an initiative supporting schools to develop these processes and exploring schools' experiences in these areas.

Five standpoints on cultural diversity will be described including how these standpoints have been used to help schools to expand their views of approaching diversity beyond a 'tourism' approach to one that is truly transformative. Positive approaches to cultural diversity currently being applied in schools will also be discussed, based on parent, teacher and student focus groups with culturally diverse schools.

The research is a collaboration of the University of Melbourne and La Trobe University with support from Uniting Care Sunshine and Broadmeadows

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or you can register online via the APS Events Calendar until Friday 7 September at <http://www.psychology.org.au/Events/EventView.aspx?ID=10678> Registration and payment will also be accepted on the night, subject to availability of places.