

AACBT Vic Pub discussion

Why can't we just wait and see? Addressing Gender diversity in children and adolescents



Do you want to learn more about gender diversity amongst young people? Come along to this pub discussion to learn more, including the myths and the facts.

GUEST SPEAKERS Dr Zeffie Poulakis & Dr Carmen Pace

In the last 5 years there has been an exponential rise internationally in the rates of children and adolescents seeking professional support in relation to their gender.

In Victoria this has led to a significant injection of funding from the state government to reduce waiting lists.

Whilst the demand for services increases, many members of the community are concerned about the ethical issues surrounding professional intervention - particularly medical and surgical- for children and adolescents with gender issues.

During this pub discussion, you will also learn more about the Royal Children's Hospital Gender Service, what it offers to the patients and their families and how care is being evaluated.

You will also find out what you can do to support young people experiencing difficulties in relation to their gender.

Both Dr Poulakis and Dr Pace are Clinical Psychologists who are part of the Royal Children's Hospital Gender Service team.

Dr Poulakis: Following clinical roles in public child and adolescent services and private practice, Zeffie is now a senior clinical psychologist at the Royal Children's Hospital. She combines her clinical work with child health research and health service management.

Dr Pace currently combines her clinical work with an appointment at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute as a Knowledge Transfer Fellow in the Centre for Research Excellence in Cerebral Palsy, specialising in the transfer of research knowledge into clinical and community settings.

- **When** Wednesday 29 March 2017 @ 6:30-7:30pm
- **Where** Upstairs @ Robert Burns Hotel, 376 Smith St, Collingwood
- **Tickets** AACBT Members **Free** / Non-Members \$10

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