



## **The Centre**

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### **Seminar Series 2014: Children and Social Justice, part 2**

**Tuesday 8 April 2014  
3 - 4.30pm, Greenbank Building Room 357**

**Finding Our Way: What one Child-Led Research program is doing  
for children, citizenship and service provision.**

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In 2011, an Australian non-government organisation providing welfare services to children living in disadvantaged communities took a risk and ran the first Child-Led Research program. The program was independently evaluated as highly successful. This led us to raise questions about the place, potential and purpose of children's contribution to knowledge. It set in motion the desire to pursue the genuine citizenship of children and young people in welfare services. This presentation will briefly outline the Child-Led Research program that led UnitingCare Children and Young People and Families (UCCYPF), to begin developing its practice and work towards children leading their own wellbeing.

Samia Michail undertakes research at the Social Justice Unit of UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families. She has academic and field experience in research for, with and by children, young people and their families. She has particular interest in strategies that recognise children and young people's lived experience, and those that facilitate their contribution to knowledge. Samia has published on research methods with young carers, and students with challenging behaviours in relation to school suspension. In 2011 she implemented the first child-led research program in Australia with children and young people living in disadvantaged communities. Samia continues to work on developing approaches that promote children's genuine citizenship, especially within welfare service provision.

The seminar is free and refreshments are provided. Seminars usually finish by 5.30pm and are followed by an informal meeting of The Centre, at which all are welcome. To reserve a place go to [EventBrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-centre-seminar-finding-our-way-tickets-10892496751>](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-centre-seminar-finding-our-way-tickets-10892496751); this will assist with ordering refreshments and notifying you of late changes.