

# Program

## ChangeFest 2018

19-23 November 2018 • Logan Entertainment Centre

### Monday 19 Nov, 2018

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**9:30AM**

#### **Welcome Morning Tea**

It's the start of what will be an unforgettable week! Take some time to mingle and mix with the like-minded and passionate people you'll be spending the day with!

**10:00AM**

#### **OC Connect - Breakout Room 1**

This year's OC Connect Building Sustainability will be an interactive day where Opportunity Child and its partners work together on wicked problems in early childhood disadvantage.

The event will focus on five key areas of sustainability; capital, results and measurement, policy & decision makers, engagement & effort and leadership. Participants will be assisted by renowned content experts such as Dr Michael McAfee, President and CEO of PolicyLink.

This is a closed, invitation only event. Please contact Joyce Teo at [joyce.teo@opportunitychild.com.au](mailto:joyce.teo@opportunitychild.com.au) for more information.

**11:00AM**

#### **ChangeFest Unboxed**

The program for our Community Members Forum is being finalised. This will be an amazing opportunity for citizens across communities which are looking at place-based change to come together and learn from those who are also on this journey.

**3:30PM**

#### **Afternoon Tea**

**4:00PM**

#### **ChangeFest Jargon Busting Foundation Session - Main Auditorium**

The work we do can sometimes tangle us up in a web of words, jargon and acronyms. This workshop does just what it says on the tin: busts the jargon and sets us up for the rest of the event to be as clear as possible. This workshop focuses on definitions, and on using and understanding the language around place-based collective impact.

**6:00PM -  
8:00PM**

#### **Welcome Drinks and Canapes at Logan Art Gallery**

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## Tuesday 20 Nov, 2018

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**8:00AM**      **Registrations Open** - Main Auditorium

**8:45AM**      **Welcome to Country**

**8:55AM**      **Welcome to ChangeFest: Conference Anthem**

**9:20AM**      **Opening and Welcome to ChangeFest** - Main Auditorium

**9:35AM**      **Opening Keynote Presentation** - Main Auditorium

Achieving Big Change

If anyone can inspire us to achieve big change it's Michael McAfee. As CEO of the US-based PolicyLink, a national research and action institute focused on advancing racial and economic equity, he has spent years working to create long-term positive change in communities. He speaks around the world, and never fails to make an impact. Not to be missed!

Speaker:[Dr Michael McAfee](#)

**10:15AM**      **Q&A with Michael McAfee** - Main Auditorium

Facilitated by Kerry Graham (Collaboration for Impact)

Following Michael's presentation you're guaranteed to have some burning questions for him (he's that sort of guy). This is your chance to get them answered!

Speaker:[Dr Michael McAfee](#)

**10:40AM**      **Morning Tea**

**11:15AM**      **Nine Community Snapshots from Across Australia** - Main Auditorium

Click [here](#) to discover the nine Australian communities we'll be shining the spotlight on at ChangeFest. They are as diverse as they come, with one thing in common: a drive for change.

**12:30PM**      **Centerpiece Panel**

Harnessing the Power of Place for Social Change

This is a great opportunity to hear from thought leaders and our leaders in government in an impassioned discussion about the challenges, triumphs, opportunities and the hard work on display in communities throughout Australia and the world.

Stay tuned for the announcement of a high-profile government leader who will be joining this panel!

[Dr Michael McAfee](#), [Liz Weaver](#), [Matthew Cox](#), [Dr Dianne Jackson](#)

**1:10PM**      **Introduction to Breakout Sessions** - Main Auditorium

**1:15PM**      **Lunch**

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2:00PM

**BREAKOUTS**

**Indigenous Advancement**

How Indigenous leaders and communities are approaching systems change work in communities around Australia. More speakers to be announced shortly!

Alistair Ferguson

**Unpacking Systems Change in Action**

A deep dive exploration of two community initiatives driving systems change: the bumps in the road, and the wins on the way.

Jane McCracken, Sarah Hopkins

**Government Plumbing: making the change in government**

How is a new way of doing things rolled out in a system unfamiliar with flexible, fit-for-purpose solutions? Come and hear from those that have 'been there, done that' as well as those who are doing it now. This is your chance to get the inside skinny on what happens inside the system.

Mick Keelty, Dr Roslyn Baxter, Belinda Drew

**Developing Your Place-Based Participatory Action Research Capability**

Action learning and engaging skills to include all stakeholders in data collection/collation/analysis in support of impactful place-based change.

**Brain Development in Early Childhood**

From conception to 3 years of age is, from a neurological perspective, the most important time in your life for influencing your life span. Participants will explore how this works and what it means for how we interact, nurture and educate our youngest citizens.

Nathan Wallis

2:45PM

**BREAKOUTS**

**The Place Agenda in Queensland**

Spotlight on how place-based work is rolling out in one State jurisdiction. Hear about the vision, the challenges and successes of scaling at a State level from key Queensland leaders.

Mark Henley

**The Money Session!**

This session will explore how philanthropy, government and local communities can invest collaboratively to get lift off. How do we build an investment framework for the long term and for Australia-wide scale?

David Osborn

**Role of the Backbone in Systems Change**

The most successful system change initiatives are supported by a high performing backbone. What are they? How do you get one? And how do you know if yours is any good?

Liz Weaver, Kiran King

**Unpacking System Change in Action**

A deep dive into what goes on, on the ground.

3:30PM

**Afternoon Tea**

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**4:00PM**

**Panel Session - what it takes to drive systems change**

Get comfortable prepare to get involved. In this session one of the greatest thought-leaders shares the stage with a driver of change and they explore the space we're working in. The audience will also have a chance, with input and questions encouraged!

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**4:50PM**

**Learnings**

A chance to take stock of what's just happened and what it means for you....there will be a lot to digest and apply!

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**5:00PM**

**ChangeFest Anthem**

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**5:30PM -  
8:00PM**

**Festival of Food and Music - Logan Entertainment Centre Forecourt**

Don't miss the chance to connect with your fellow ChangeFest 'optimist's. We'll supply the food and music so all you have to do to is enjoy yourself!

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**8:00AM**      **Registrations Open** - Main Auditorium

**8:50AM**      **Welcome to ChangeFest**

**9:00AM**      **What Would the Opposition Do?**

Let's make the most of our political reality and find out what the Labor party's commitment to social change and equity looks like. Join us and hear it here first from the three frontbenchers who could be making the decisions!

Tanya Plibersek, Linda Burney, Jim Chalmers

**10:00AM**      **Keynote Snapshot: Liz Weaver** - Main Auditorium

The Missing Link - community leadership and how to bottle it!

In a snappy 15-minutes, Liz Weaver, Co-CEO of the Canadian Tamarack Institute, will excite you with her passion, insight and expertise on systems change.

Speaker:Liz Weaver

**10:15AM**      **Live Coaching Session: Liz Weaver and Friends** - Main Auditorium

Let's see how change can be amplified with this two-way conversation between a leader of change and some citizens who are on the ground making the change.

ChangeFest keynote Liz Weaver will spend time with two on-the-ground 'optimists', nutting out the opportunities, the pain points, and the way forward. This will be an intense and incredibly useful conversation for all change-agents to hear.

**10:45AM**      **Morning Tea**

**11:15AM**      **Panel: Obstacles, Lessons and Hope** - Main Auditorium

Hard Lessons: war stories and optimism from changemakers. Learn from the journey of others!

**12:15PM**      **Lunch**

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1:30PM

**BREAKOUTS**

**Working with Data to get a Complete Picture in Place**

How to access, analyse and use big data as a key input to driving system change and better outcomes for people and places.

Ingrid Burkett

**Unleashing the Power of Collaborative Governance**

How to build the conditions of governance to enable and create capacity and impact, learning this together and applying systems change techniques to shift the trajectory towards intergenerational impact.

Liz Weaver

**How to Get Started**

If you are right at the beginning of place-based and system change work, this session will show you how to get from idea to action.

**Communities in Charge: How and When Government Should**

**Devolve More Power to Communities**  
Revolutionary ratbags, idealists and frustrated public policy wonks debate how to put power in the hands of the people. Why would you do it? How would you do it and can it actually be done?

If you're a bit of a rebel who believes we need to work with creativity and passion to make change happen, then come to this session!

Dr Michael McAfee, Alistair Ferguson, Matthew Cox, Teva Dusseldorp, Eula Rohan

**Publishing Your Place-Based Research**

This session will provide guidance to those interested developing their paper, abstract, or short paper for submission to the special issue of the JOSI. For those that this applies to, it's an important session!

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2:45PM

**Afternoon Tea**

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**BREAKOUTS**

**How Can Citizens Play a Role in all Parts of the Change Process?**

Come to this session if you're interested in the frameworks and tools that will enable citizens to lead, participate and contribute to community change - big and small!

**How to Build a Common Agenda with Community Members and Diverse Stakeholders**

How do you weave data and stories into a learning process to produce a transformational agenda for change? This hands-on session will give you a highly-useable process and unpack two case studies operating in very different contexts.

**How Do We Know if it's Working?**

We all think it's vital - but how do you measure and evaluate place based work and systems change?

Jess Dart

**Radical Ideas**

This one is going to be fun! In this session some of Australia's smartest people will lob in radical and new ideas for change. Prepare to have your mind bent!

Matthew Cox,  
Sharon Goldfeld,  
Matthew Byrne

**Building the Future Place-Based Research Agenda**

At this session we'll provide the opportunity to collaboratively construct a research agenda that identifies the key national priorities for future place-based research.

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4:40PM -  
5:15PM

**#Changefest18 #Policyfest19**

Main message from the main stage. Moira and Kate will get under the covers of mobilising ChangeFest citizens and next steps with policy makers. This will be an emotion filled, transformational call to action where everyone can contribute.

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8:00AM

**Registrations Open**

9:00AM

**BREAKOUTS**

**Conference  
Marketplace**

Do you have a strategy, process or tool that has driven significant progress in your place or change agenda? Yes? We'd love for you to share it in the Conference Marketplace! This session will allow conference delegates to share 15 minute practice 'snapshots' on what has worked for them. As a participant, you'll get to hear four inspirational snapshots from a huge menu of options.

**Lost Conversations**

This powerful session will explore how the dynamics of collaboration play out when Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people come together to lead. Liz and Grant will share their own experiences in working with cross cultural collaborations around Australia. Not to be missed.

**Coaching Clinic**

Three lucky initiatives get the chance to engage in a 20 minute coaching session with international thought and practice leader, Liz Weaver. But here's the catch, there will be an audience! These live coaching sessions will help you make significant progress while those listening will learn from 'live' experiences and Liz's advice.

[Liz Weaver](#)

**ChangeFest Social  
Policy Roundtable**

By invitation only.

10:00AM

**BREAKOUTS**

**From Little  
Things Big  
Things Grow**

Here we'll look at how place based initiatives can scale up and replicate out. More details to come.

[Dr Tessa  
Boyd-Caine](#)

**People and  
How They  
Grow - why  
lifecourse  
thinking is  
important**

It's a simple, yet powerful idea - structure long term change plans around the early human lifecourse. But how does taking a lifecourse approach to systems change work? Why is it important? Who is doing it best?

**ChangeFest  
Social Policy  
Roundtable  
Continued**

By invitation only.

**Systems  
Leadership  
Bootcamp**

Tools, tips and working with 'live' challenges in leading collaborative system change work. Learn three approaches and tools for systems mapping so you can set system change strategies

**Spotlight on  
Logan  
Together**

As the host city for ChangeFest, come and find out about the Logan Together project and how a passionate community and committed partners have galvanised a focus on local kids and families into a city-wide movement.

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**11:00AM**

**Morning Tea**

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**11:30AM**

**ChangeFest Policy Roundtable Outcomes**

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**11:45AM**

**Panel: Politics, Policy and Systems Change**

The way forward: A public and passionate discussion between those who've started the climb.

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**12:30PM**

**Lunch**

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**1:30PM**

**Capstone Event**

More information to come.

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**2:30PM -  
3:00PM**

**Event Close**

The final wrap up and goodbye. More details will come, but you'll be sure to be floating when you leave the venue.

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Friday 23 Nov, 2018

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9:00AM - **Fee-paying Masterclasses**  
3:00PM Details to be confirmed

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**Tuesday 20 Nov, 2018**

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## **Nine Community Snapshots from Across Australia**

**11:15AM - 12:30AM**

- Community Snapshot 1 Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project
  - Community Snapshot 2 Hands Up Mallee
  - Community Snapshot 3 Maranguka Justice Reinvestment Project
  - Community Snapshot 4 Logan Together
  - Community Snapshot 5 Our Place Bellambi
  - Community Snapshot 6 Inner Sydney Empowered Communities
  - Community Snapshot 7 Connecting Community for Kids
  - Community Snapshot 8 Mid-Murray Family Connections
  - Community Snapshot 9 Sanderson Alliance
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