

MEDIA RELEASE

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MoAD unveils new space for children to speak out and play up

Listening pods, a fuzzy felt wall and a Kindness Café are all part of a new exhibition at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House (MoAD) that takes play - and the rights of children - seriously.

Opening 1 December, ***PlayUP – The Right to Have an Opinion and Be Heard*** is the third iteration of a popular exhibition that brings children and adults together through the lens of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The all-new ***PlayUP*** explores Article 12 of the Convention – the right for children to have an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously by adults.

MoAD Director Daryl Karp said the interactive exhibition connects young visitors with the themes of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child through playful learning.

“At MoAD we believe that children are tomorrow’s change-makers and encourage this through play-based learning.

“***PlayUP*** celebrates the role of children in our community and provides a welcoming environment for families to learn about and participate in democratic processes through imagination, roleplay and discovery,” said Ms Karp.

Nanette Louchart-Fletcher, Creative Producer at MoAD, said the transformation of ***PlayUP*** enables the museum to continue the conversation about children’s rights.

“The new ***PlayUP*** promotes thought leadership on children’s rights, extending the conversation to our very youngest citizens.

“We have taken on board ideas and input from over 5,500 visitors, while also building on a core idea of Reggio Emilia – that children are full of potential and actively able to construct knowledge through interactions with trusted adults and peers,” said Ms Louchart-Fletcher.

PlayUP – The Right to Have an Opinion and Be Heard is open daily from 9am to 5pm from the 1 December 2017. Entry to the exhibition is free after museum admission. For more information visit moadoph.gov.au.

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For further information, please contact media@moadoph.gov.au.

INTERVIEWS:

- Nanette Louchart-Fletcher, Creative Producer, Museum of Australian Democracy
- Daryl Karp, Director, Museum of Australian Democracy

ACCOMPANYING MATERIAL:

- Images of ***PlayUP – The Right to Have an Opinion and Be Heard*** are available to download via Dropbox:
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3tk3v5ffwgl2wus/AAD_N0F9p3m7L1ewLJ9-wX3Ka?dl=0