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Results are in...democracy has won!

Results are in and democracy has won at the 2018 MAGNA Awards Ceremony! The Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD) at Old Parliament House PlayUP exhibition has taken out an award in MAGNA's Permanent Exhibition Category. This outstanding achievement was made possible by the Museum's passionate staff members and partners MakeWork and LC Digital.

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 CRC). Breaking down large concepts like democracy, freedom and agency so that a child can understand them is a challenge for the Museum. MoAD has taken this challenge head on, providing visitors with an experiential environment for democratic engagement where children have agency to make, learn and grow.

MoAD's Creative Producer of Engagement Nanette Louchart-Fletcher accepted the award on Tuesday 5 June at an evening ceremony in Melbourne.

"*PlayUP* is a joyful, nurturing and dynamic space for conversation with visitors and their families about child rights... We see the CRC as a framework for children and adults to explore notions of democracy, social justice and civic engagement," she said upon accepting the award.

MoAD has established a powerful learning environment through *PlayUP* which has been embraced by the Museum's youngest visitors and their families, building a loyal following of regular visitors who visit to engage with the content and the community.

"We believe *PlayUP* is changing lives, not only through the immersive exhibition experiences but also through the daily facilitated programming. This award does more than recognise a team of dedicated professionals who care deeply about museums...it recognises that children do belong in museums and the role that cultural institutions play in ensuring children's well-being and right to grow up in a safe, healthy and positive environment'," said Museum Director, Daryl Karp.

The Museum of Australian Democracy celebrates the spirit of Australian democracy and the power of your voice within it.

PlayUP – The Right to Have an Opinion and Be Heard is open daily from 9am to 5pm. Entry to the exhibition is free after museum admission. For more information visit <https://www.moadoph.gov.au/exhibitions/playup/>

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INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

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