



The Cultural Development Network and the City of Melbourne
present a public forum

'The International Perspective: community-based arts initiatives overseas'

Friday December 11, 3 – 5 pm,
Multicultural Hub, 506 Elizabeth St, City
(opposite Victoria Market)

This informal afternoon will feature local artists and arts workers who have recently travelled to overseas to develop their skills and understanding of arts practice in diverse communities. This event will be of interest to artists and arts workers who are involved in community-based arts and community cultural development, as well as local government community and arts and cultural development workers



Speakers will include:

Therese Virtue, on Thursday's Children Choir and their visit to East Timor
Eva Collado, photographer and designer, on her work in Indonesia
Jen Hughes, media artist, on her work with Suai media space, East Timor
Jenny Macaffer, Coordinator, Social Planning and Community Development, Mornington Peninsula Shire on her travels in Europe and the USA.

This event is free.
Please join us to celebrate the end of another great year.
Meet colleagues and peers after the talk
and enjoy some Christmas cheer!

Please RSVP for catering by Wed December 9 to
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Presenters:

Therese Virtue

Therese grew up with multiculturalism in post war Melbourne. Her interest was nurtured by a teaching career in Melbourne's west, and realised through performing opportunities with groups such as the Bulgarian Choir Petrunka, Il Gruppo Folkloristico Italiano and various folk ensembles. Therese directs three community choirs and in 1984, she and partner Roger King began work for the Boite, Melbourne's multicultural music presenter. In 2006 Therese and Roger were awarded Order of Australia medals for their work in multiculturalism and the arts. In August this year, Therese travelled with eleven singers from Thursday's Children Choir to East Timor, where they performed in Dili and in rural districts over twelve days.

Eva Collado

Eva has been one of Australia's pre-eminent art poster artists for many years, primarily working with Australian and international musicians and bands. In 2007 she worked in North Sumatra with Australian Volunteers International, with the Leuser International Foundation teaching design and documentation photography to local counterparts. She then moved to a small grass roots charity, The Children of Sumatra, documenting a series of cleft lip and palate operations, returning again in September this year. She is currently undertaking the Postgraduate Diploma in Community Cultural Development at the VCAM.

Jen Hughes

Jen is a documentary-maker with 25 years experience in cultural development in media in Adelaide and Melbourne. In 1999 she began working with a regional friendship between Port Phillip and Suai in East Timor. Her current work explores culture and opportunities in social media in this context. Other outcomes include short documentaries and oral histories, the set up of a media group and media workshops in Suai. Her website www.crimsonthreads.org was a finalist in the ATOM Awards 2003.

Jenny Macaffer,

While Jenny is a community development practitioner and local government officer she is also a poet, writer, nature lover and social activist. Always on the move, she is a curious traveller in search of creative expression and community stories that can transform the world. Jenny recently returned from travelling to Italy, UK, USA and Canada and shares a glimpse of her discoveries.

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