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Carclew to host 2017 National Youth Arts Summit

Carclew House will attract nearly 100 youth arts delegates from all across Australia this Friday, 6 October as the organisation prepares to host a National Youth Arts Summit for the first time.

The Summit will deliver a day of rich thought exchange, networking, and an exploration of sustainability to future proof the Australian youth arts sector.

“Carclew is proud to be investing in youth arts Australia-wide through this initiative, the 2017 National Youth Arts Summit, bringing together leading arts organisations, artists, arts-workers and policy makers from across the country,” Carclew Chief Executive, Tricia Walton, said.

“The Summit will offer delegates a rare opportunity to be under the one roof, encouraging wide and diverse discussion and strategic planning around the advancement of the participation by children and young people in the arts.”

Located in and around the iconic Carclew House in North Adelaide, the day-long program will involve provocations, breakout workshops and strategic planning sessions to move the national sector forward.

Key topics of discussion include: the voice of the child; the social, health and educational benefits of engagement in the arts by children and young people; and the nexus of social enterprise and arts practice.

The Summit will also include a dedicated space for discussion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander processes and perspectives.

“Similar summit events in the past saw deep conversations around inter-generational arts and cultural practice that is intrinsically, and critically, a part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture,” Ms Walton said.

“We’re looking forward to providing delegates with the opportunity to continue the conversations and exchange, to honour first peoples’ perspectives and considerations in the national youth arts sector.”

Those in attendance will be welcomed by Carclew Chair and 7 News presenter, Jane Doyle, and will hear from keynote presenters including Helen Connolly – South Australian Commissioner for Children and Young People, and Fraser Corfield – Australian Theatre for Young People Artistic Director, amongst many others.



The day will conclude with sunset drinks on the Carclew grounds, while delegates enjoy the astounding musical talent of 2017 Stigwood Fellows Electric Fields, who also recently won New Talent of the Year at the National Indigenous Music Awards.

“We’re looking forward to all that the summit has to offer – tackling big issues, engaging in intimate conversations and determining practical solutions to help strengthen Australia’s youth arts sector,” Ms Walton said.

For more information on the 2017 National Youth Arts Summit, visit:

www.carclew.com.au/Program/national-youth-arts-summit

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