

OCEANIA REGIONAL SESSION PROGRAMME

— Thursday, 18 November 2021 —

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	Geneva	Perth	Brisbane	Sydney	Auckland & Apia
Plenary (90 min)	04:00-05:30	11:00-12:30	13:00-14:30	14:00-15:30	16:00-17:30
Workshop (90 min)	06:00-07:30	13:00-14:30	15:00-16:30	16:00-17:30	18:00-19:30

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PLENARY

Ensuring inclusive and child-friendly access to justice for all children in Oceania

Moderator



Nessa Lynch

Associate Professor and
Director of Postgraduate
Studies, Faculty of Law, Victoria
University of Wellington

Speakers



John Walker

Principal Youth Court
Judge, New Zealand



Vui Clarence Nelson

Justice, Supreme
Court of Samoa and
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Committee on the
Rights of the Child



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Commissioner,
Australia



Cheryl Axleby

Co-Chair,
Change the Record

Topics:

- Positive practices of youth courts to ensure equal and child-friendly access to justice for children.
- Responses to Indigenous children who offend.
- Minimum age of criminal responsibility
- Legislative reform efforts across the region to ensure non-discriminatory and inclusive justice systems for children, among others.



2021 WORLD CONGRESS ON JUSTICE WITH CHILDREN

Oceania Regional Session

MODERATOR



Nessa Lynch

**Associate Professor and Director of Postgraduate Studies,
Faculty of Law, Victoria University of Wellington**

Dr. Nessa Lynch is an Associate Professor and the Director of Postgraduate Studies at the Faculty of Law, Victoria University of Wellington. She is a member of the Scientific Committee for the World Congress. Her primary research interest is criminal law and the criminal justice system as it applies to children and young persons, with current research projects on the legal and ethical parameters of the use of automated facial recognition technology, young adults in criminal justice systems, and principled approaches to children and young persons who commit serious offences.



John Walker

Principal Youth Court Judge, New Zealand

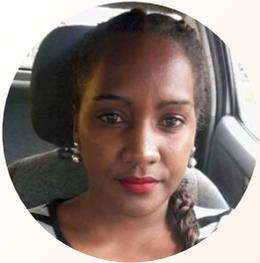
Judge John Walker is the Principal Youth Court Judge of New Zealand. He developed and promoted a Youth Court response to drug and alcohol dependent young persons, which led to the development of the Youth Drug Court Pilot for Christchurch. He was Presiding Judge in the Youth Drug Court for the first three years of its operation. He has also been involved in judicial education through the Institute of Judicial Studies, and in studying the interface between courts and health agencies, while being extensively involved in developing District Court responses to family violence. He serves as an advisor on a number of committees, including the Chief Judge's Kaupapa Māori Advisory Group, and a member on the Asia Pacific Council for Juvenile Justice.



Vui Clarence Nelson

**Justice, Supreme Court of Samoa
Member, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child**

Justice Vui Clarence Nelson is a Justice of the Supreme Court of Samoa and a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. He played an essential role in the drafting and enactment of the Young Offenders Act 2007 and Community Justice Act 2008. He established the Samoa Youth Court and helped develop the Olomanu Centre to house young people in conflict with the law and give them the opportunity to build their skills and capacities. In addition, he delivered the landmark court decision setting out special requirements for police interviews of child suspects.



Ella Wairiu

**Former Child Protection Portfolio Lead, Save the Children
Solomon Islands**

Ms. Ella Wairiu is the former Child Protection Portfolio Lead at Save the Children Solomon Islands. As a youth activist, in recent years, she has led the very successful “Strengthening diversionary responses for children in conflict with the law” as part of their community-based justice interface work with village and community leaders, and crime prevention committees across the Solomon Islands. She has also supported the development of leading Juvenile Justice communications products, including a feature length film called Juvenile (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7Cy1V_fbfQ&t=169s), to support community awareness raising across the vast archipelago of islands.



Anne Hollonds

National Children’s Commissioner, Australia

Ms. Anne Hollonds is the National Children’s Commissioner in Australia. She was formerly the Director of the Australian Institute of Family Studies, an independent statutory authority of the Australian Government responsible for conducting research and providing advice on child and family wellbeing. She served as a Chief Executive Officer of government and non-government organizations for over 23 years, and with a professional background as a psychologist and social worker, she has extensive front-line experience including in child protection, out-of-home care, domestic violence, child and family therapy, parenting education, and mental health. She also serves on several advisory boards and councils, including the National Children’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy Steering Group.



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Cheryl Axleby Co-Chair, Change the Record

Ms. Cheryl Axleby is the Co-Chair of Change the Record, Australia's only national Aboriginal-led justice coalition. As a proud Narungga Woman, she has spent the last 40 years working within the Aboriginal community, including on issues involving law and justice, women's issues, family violence, youth justice, and child and family services. She is an advocate for justice reinvestment and reconciliation, especially in light of the ever-increasing number of Aboriginal people trapped within the justice and child protection systems. She has previously held the positions of CEO of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement and National Co-chair of National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Legal Services. She is committed to influencing positive change and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

WORKSHOP

Title	Brain Injury & Children in contact with the law
Organiser	Prof. Huw Williams, University of Exeter
Type	Panel Discussion
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