

The History and Future of Social Innovation Conference

Adelaide, 19-21 June 2008

Call for Papers

As a result of Dr Geoff Mulgan's involvement as an Adelaide Thinker in Residence, partners in the above conference are pleased to announce the Call for Papers for

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This conference aims to examine key issues and trends in social innovation and the factors that may influence or inhibit innovation. It provides a rare opportunity for cross-institutional and multi-disciplinary dialogue to examine ideas and factors around social innovation and to consider how to move from the rhetoric around social innovation to the reality. The breadth of the conversation will be wide-ranging, from abstract discussions about innovation, to practical considerations; from building effective cross-sectoral coalitions for innovation, to creating strategies for supporting best socially innovative practice.

Abstracts for 20 minute individual papers or plenary sessions are invited on, although are not restricted, to any of the following themes around the topic of social innovation:

- The historical development of social innovation, at state, national and International levels
- The future of social innovation
- Social Innovation in the following areas/fields:
 - The arts
 - Health
 - Law
 - Indigenous well being
 - Youth
 - The future of rural communities
 - Multicultural communities
 - Democracy and representation
 - Education
 - New communities and social innovation

It is expected that speakers will discuss these issues through the sector lenses of government, research, business, NGOs and the community.

Selected papers will be reproduced in a publication with contributions from key conference speakers and facilitators.

Contributions to the Conference (250 word abstracts) should be submitted by e-mail no later than **3 March 2008** to Abbie Martin, Conference Organiser (abbie@lifestyleelements.com.au), with final papers due April 20th 2008. Guidelines for preparing and submitting the paper are also available on the conference website. Please address questions to Gerry Bloustien (gerry.bloustien@unisa.edu.au), Kate Walsh (kwalsh@history.sa.gov.au); or Abbie Martin (abbie@lifestyleelements.com.au). Further details about the conference will be available on the Adelaide Thinkers in Residence website: [www. http://www.thinkers.sa.gov.au/](http://www.thinkers.sa.gov.au/)

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