

Meeting 14 Empathy and Creativity University of Canberra, Australia

All credit for this day conference, the first in Australia on empathy and creativity, goes to Dr Kylie Fitzpatrick, a Bath Spa Empathy Group member who co-organised it with Dr Jen Webb; but they kindly credit the ‘mother group’ at Bath Spa below.

**Friday 15 June, 9:30am-3pm
Ann Harding Conference Centre
Building 24, University of Canberra**

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Dr Kylie Fitzpatrick (Bath Spa, UK)
Professor Ross Gibson (UC)
Professor Donna Lee Brien (CQU)
Professor Desmond Manderson (ANU)
Dr Julia Prendergast (Swinburne)
A/Professor Jordan Williams (UC)

Convenors: Kylie Fitzpatrick and Jen Webb



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Registration
Full registration: \$44
Unwaged/casual/student: \$22

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More details and registration:
<http://www.canberra.edu.au/research/faculty-research-centres/cccr/events/writing-and-empathy>

