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Online Education Kit Launch

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ReconciliACTIONnsw Launch Anti-Racism Resource for Young People

The Broadway Cafe, Sydney, was the venue for the recent launch of a major new anti-racism resource. Larissa Behrendt, leading Indigenous academic and author of *Achieving Social Justice: Indigenous Rights and Australia's Future*, and Wayne Costelloe, Federal Aboriginal Education Officer of the Australian Education Union (AEU) were guest speakers at the launch of the ReconciliACTIONnsw Online Education Kit.

The launch was well attended by representatives of the NSW Reconciliation Council, members of the National Youth Roundtable, Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR), ReconciliACTION, ReconciliACT and Indigenous and non- Indigenous young people.

“The Online Education Kit includes information about Indigenous issues and reconciliation. It’s a gateway for young people who want to get active in their communities”, said Indigenous co-convenor for ReconciliACTIONnsw, Glen Crump as he launched the project this major project.

“Many of the issues involved in Reconciliation can be intimidating to young people, or to any newcomer. Much of the information available is overly academic or bureaucratic. As a resource developed by young people, for young people the Online Education Kit makes these issues accessible and encourages the community to show that the social disadvantage present in parts of the Indigenous community can be addressed. The Australian community expects no less.”

Larissa Behrendt spoke of the opportunities, and challenges, presented by the new Federal Government and of the role the Online Education Kit can play to raise awareness about Indigenous social justice.

“The ability to be able to inform those who are interested about how to harness their interest to progress the cause of creating equality between black and white Australians and repairing the relationship between our two communities remains the most important challenge of our time and ReconciliACTION, through all of its work, in particular the Online Education Kit we are here to celebrate to day, can play an instrumental role in that process.”

The event was a resounding success, as it truly was a privilege to hear these two amazing Indigenous speakers and to witness the ‘cutting of the ribbon’ to launch our site!

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