



LEAD to SUCCEED Volunteering Conference 15 | 16 June 2017

On 15 and 16 June Lis and Cynthia attended the Lead to Succeed Volunteering Conference held in Adelaide at the Crown Plaza and opened by His Excellency The Honourable Hieu van Le AC, Governor of South Australia. Conferences like this are a great opportunity to promote, celebrate and advance volunteering in our community and for WCHN staff to connect with their peers and experience what other volunteer programs across the country are doing.

The keynote speakers were Tobi Johnson and Dr Thomas Nielsen. Tobi is the President of Tobi Johnson & Associates, a volunteer management consulting firm whose mission it is to help volunteer involving organisations to connect with volunteers and provide best practice in volunteer involvement and management.

Dr Nielsen is an Associate Professor at the University of Canberra and a member of the 2009-10 National Values Education Project Advisory Committee. Dr Nielsen advocates for a 'Curriculum of Giving' and his research shows that giving and serving others increase wellbeing and academic outcomes.

Amanda Blair, a South Australian media identity was the MC for the conference but also spoke herself about her passion for volunteering. Amanda volunteers her time as Ambassador for the Hutt Street Centre, Time for Kids, The Bedford Group and Foundation Shine. She is also a volunteer with the Country Women's Association and every year during the Royal Adelaide Show can be found serving tea in their café. Amanda has 4 children and leads by example as she gets them involved in volunteering too.

The conference was excellent and has refreshed Lis and Cynthia's ideas and purpose as we lead the WCHN volunteer program to success.



Tobi Johnson



Thomas Nielsen

White Ribbon Workplace

In April 2017, the Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN) officially became a White Ribbon Australia Workplace Accredited organisation.

Over the past 18 months, the WCHN has worked extremely hard to put the issue of men's violence against women on everyone's radar. You are encouraged to continue this journey with us to create change and build a society in which women and children can be free from all forms of violence and harm.

