

2012 Professional Speakers in Schools

UWS has introduced a register of Professional Speakers in Schools. These are professional (ie non-academic) staff who are available to speak at schools or to school groups free-of-charge. The professional speaker register complements the academic speakers register. It has begun with a relatively small number of speakers but will be augmented over time.

Following is a list of the speakers with their areas of expertise and samples of topics. If you would like one or more of these speakers to present at your school, please fill out and return the separate request form.

All arrangements will be made through the Schools Engagement Unit, which will monitor and evaluate the register's success. To ensure effective organisation and tracking, we ask you not to contact the speakers directly.

Due to university commitments, it may not always be possible to book the speaker of your choice for the date/s requested.

After each presentation we will ask you to fill out a brief evaluation form. Feedback is also welcome at other times.

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Speaker's Name:	Position:	Areas of Expertise:	Sample Topics:	Target audience:	Presentation length:
Jan Chisholm	Project Officer, UWS Fast Forward Program Schools Engagement	Primary teaching background; coordinator of high school student mentoring program; part-time adult educator (TAFE)	- Strategies for improved behaviour management	Both high school and primary school staff and students – prefer smaller interest groups	Flexible
			- Mentoring strategies and program development		
			- Building career pathways		
			- Developing self-confidence and motivation		
Jen Dollin	Sustainability Coordinator Office of Sustainability	Teaching sustainability, coordinating sustainability programs	- Helping the environment – waste and recycling, reusing waste as art etc.	Both high and primary students, school staff	30 minutes – 1 hour
			- Energy efficiency		

			- Land care in the school environment		
Josephine Galea	Indigenous Project Officer Schools Engagement	Course information; entry and pathways into uni; university life; support services at uni; working with Indigenous students and the community	- How to find the right course for you - Applying for university - Support services available at uni - Living on campus - Working with Indigenous students - Working with the Indigenous local community	Students, parents and teachers	30 minutes – 1 hour
Heidi Hodder	Activities Coordinator Student Support Services	Running events, celebrating different cultures and religions, organising forums and panels. Local community arts organisations.	- Organising an event to celebrate your culture - Incorporating performing arts in events - Student celebrations - Running clubs and societies in the school environment	Primary and high school students and teachers, community groups	30 minutes – 1 hour
Kerry Holling	Director Information Technology Services	Managing large IT operations in the commercial, government and university sectors	- IT as a career choice - Technology in the workplace - IT systems in the Child Protection Arena (for teachers and staff only)	High school students and teachers	20 – 30 minutes
Penny Lee	Student Support Officer School of Medicine	Medical admission process	- How to apply for Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) at UWS - How the MBBS course is structured	Students (from year 10), teachers and careers advisors	30 – 40 minutes
Josh Mason	Indigenous Project Officer Schools Engagement	Mentoring; Motivating Indigenous students; Challenging stereotypes; Breaking the mold	- Succeeding against the odds - Mentoring - Working towards a better future - Being a role model for Indigenous people - Motivating Indigenous students	Primary and high school students and teachers, community groups	30 minutes – 1 hour
Lyndal McCulloch	Manager, Medical School Admissions School of Medicine	Medical admission requirements and medical curriculum	- Applying for medicine	Year 11 and 12 students, teachers and careers advisors	30 – 40 minutes

Monica McMahon	UWS Art Curator UWS Art Collection	20 th and 21 st century Australian art practices; gallery and art exhibition management	- 20 th and 21 st century Australian art practices	Teachers and high school students (years 11 and 12)	30 – 45 minutes
			- Project managing an art exhibition in a gallery (all mediums)		
Jim Micsko	Manager, UWS Fast Forward Program Schools Engagement	Project management; Mentoring; Financial literacy and budgeting; Volunteering in the community; Community-based sports administration; History of Australian cricket	- Project management	Primary and high school students and teachers	30 minutes
			- Mentoring		
			- Financial literacy and budgeting		
			- Volunteering in the community		
			- Community-based sports administration		
- History of Australian cricket					
Gill Murphy	Counsellor Student Support Services	Mental health / mental health Nursing	- Mental health nursing; mental health issues, identifying depression, anxiety	Audience can be teachers, support staff in schools. High school children who are considering career choices. High school children regarding prevention of mental health issues	60mins (could make it shorter for high school children)
			- Prevention of mental health issues		
			- Service provision of mental health issues		
			- Care of children who have parents with mental illness		
			- Identifying those at risk of suicide and self harm		
- Understanding symptoms					
Dr Sev Ozkowski OAM	Director Equity and Diversity Unit	Former Australian Human Rights Commissioner; Refugees; Children in immigration detention; Human rights	- Working with refugees	Teachers and high school students	flexible
			- Australia and Human Rights		
			- Children in immigration detention		
Stephanie Palermo	Project Officer, UWS Fast Forward Program Schools Engagement	Coordinator of high school student mentoring program; Counselling and anxiety management	- Mentoring strategies	High school students and teachers	30 minutes – 1 hour
			- Anxiety management		
			- Pathways into university		
Vickie Robinson	IT Procurement Team Leader IT Services	IT procurement; Accounts; Leasing; Accounts payable and receivable: Courier driver; Manager; Team Leader;	- Taking charge of your own destiny	Primary and high school students and teachers	Flexible
			- How sport or group activities can change your life		
			- Life – Live it! Don't sit on the side lines		

		Supervisor; Asset management; Information technology; Software deployment; Contract management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What it means to be you – empower yourself. - Asking the hard questions – what’s life really about? What can you expect? - Help in the community – where to get it - Building self esteem and taking care of yourself 		
Linda Watson	University Complaints Resolution Manager Office of Governance Services	Conflict resolution; industrial relations/law; human resource management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industrial relations – what it’s like to be a practitioner - Resolving industrial disputes – negotiation, conciliation and arbitration - Resolving conflict through alternative dispute resolution - HR Strategy – what is it? 	High School students – years 10 – 12 (particularly Legal Studies and Business Studies students), teaching staff	30 – 45 minutes
Bronwyn Williams	Project Officer, UWS Fast Forward Program Schools Engagement	Mentoring; Working with high school students; Working with Pacific communities; Study skills; Motivational workshops encouraging tertiary aspirations for disengaged or undecided youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motivating disengaged students - Setting goals - Mentor training - Exam preparation and writing skills - Working with Pacific Islander students/communities - Deciding on a tertiary education 	Primary and high School students and teachers	Flexible

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