In conversation with Tom Bentley — Round-Table Discussions

The Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment is pleased to announce that writer and policy expert Mr Tom Bentley will return to Tasmania in October and November 2016.

Tom will join us as a leading contributor at two round-table discussions to collectively consider how—over the long term—effective collaboration among us can drive innovation that supports educational attainment in Tasmania. Such discussions fundamentally inform the work of the Underwood Centre, and its key themes for the period 2016–2020:

- learning, education, and training
- social, cultural, and political dimensions of educational attainment
- educational attainment, economic forces, and employment
- communities, families, and individuals—including health and well-being
- the influence of place and spatial dynamics on educational attainment patterns

We invite you to join us for one or both discussions:

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<td>Hobart – Professional Learning Institute</td>
<td>Wednesday 12 October</td>
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<td>Launceston – Sir Raymond Ferrell Centre, Bld X, UTAS Newnham (Map Ref: BE 21)</td>
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Tom Bentley is a writer and policy adviser based in Melbourne. He is Principal Adviser to the Vice Chancellor at RMIT University and a Senior Fellow at Melbourne University’s Graduate School of Education. He is an adviser to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. From 2007 to 2013 Tom was senior adviser and deputy chief of staff to Julia Gillard. From 1999 to 2006, Tom he was director of Demos, an independent think-tank based in London.

Tom co-authored *The Shared Work of Learning*, published by the Mitchell Institute, which reviewed national and international literature relating to students facing socio-economic disadvantage. The paper reported on three schools in Adelaide, Melbourne and south-western Sydney, which served as case studies on the effectiveness of collaboration in education.

RSVP: Please click on Hobart AND/OR Launceston to register for this event.

For further information please email UnderwoodCentre.Enquiries@utas.edu.au.

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