

Dr Wendy Sarkissian FPIA

Keynote addresses and major presentations

Dr Wendy Sarkissian is an inspiring and engaging speaker, speaking to national and international audiences on a range of issues about the future of organisations, planning and housing. She covers a range of topics like: the future of work, caring for Nature in business, supporting an engaged citizenry; housing for real people, and creating great places people love. Selected recent keynote addresses include...

Woodford Folk Festival, December 2010

Great Green Debate: "Resolved that the Resistance is (Still) Alive".

Keynote Address, "Kitchen Table Sustainability"

EAROPH Jubilee Congress, Adelaide, November 2010

KidSafe WA "Nature of Play" Conference, Perth, April 2010

"The restorative power of parks and public spaces: What works and what doesn't work?"

Woodford Folk Festival, December 2009

Great Green Debate: "Resolved that the Media Can be Trusted".

With Ian Lowe and Joanne Bragg for the Negative team (which won).

International Association of Public Participation conference, San Diego, September 2009

Keynote Address, "Kitchen Table Sustainability"

Urban Development Institute of Australia, Western Australia, Sustainability Conference,

August 2009

"High-density Housing: what Works and What Doesn't Work?"

Urban Development Institute of Australia, July 2008

"Kitchen Table Sustainability," Inaugural Queensland UDIA Community Engagement Summit, Brisbane, 16 July.

ISOCARP 43rd Urban Planning Congress: Urban Dialogues, 20 September 2007

"Kitchen Table Sustainability: Tested recipes for bringing the sustainability debate down to Earth", Antwerp, 20 September.

Asia-Pacific Cities Summit, August 2007

"Urban Nature for Everyone: The Value of Natural Places in Cities for Tourists and Local People", with Catherine Zheyu Zhou, August.

Western Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Entrepreneur Masterclass,

20 February 2007

"When Generations Collide At Work: Strategies for Working Effectively in Today's Intergenerational Workplaces".

International Association for Public Participation, Conference, Montreal, November 2006

"Trading Places: How a major recent Perth development project turned a developer into a "green social planner" AND how a community came to understand and care about a developer's profits" keynote address with Darren Cooper, Mirvac, Perth.

International Conference on “Making Places Profitable”, Sheffield, UK, September 2006
Keynote address, “Blind Freddy Could See it: Reflections on Effective Community Engagement in a Large Public-Private Partnership Housing Project.”

World Planners Congress, Vancouver, Canada, 19 June 2006
“Giving Voice to Nature in Community Engagement.”

Caledon Institute, ANC National Policy Forum on Neighbourhood Revitalization, Ottawa, Canada, 25 October 2005
“Engaging Citizens in Neighbourhood Revitalization: Some Insights from Australian Practice.”

United Way, Toronto, Toronto Community Forum, 27 October 2005
“Second-Generation CPTED and Community Renewal: Lessons from Queensland, Australia.”

Life in the Urban Landscape Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden, June 2005
“Madness, Intransigence and Old Hurts: Dealing with Emotion in Community Engagement.”

Community Arts Network of Western Australia (CANWA) Forum, July 2005
“The Artistry of Community Consultation.”

Residential Development Conference, Property Council of WA, Perth, May 2005
“The Social Stigma of High-Rise Development or A ‘CAN DO’ Approach to Higher Density Housing in Western Australia.”

EcoEdge Conference, Melbourne, 9-12 February 2005
“How much do planners hate Nature and what can be done about it?”

Creating Child-Friendly Cities Conference, Brisbane, October 2004
“Community engagement by children and young people in Australia”, with Elyssa Ludher.

‘Chautauqua’ Extravaganza of Participatory Planning and Design, University of Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 2004
Keynote and workshop presenter, Chautauqua, nine lectures and workshops on subject ranging from community engagement to environmental ethics.

International CPTED Association Conference, Brisbane, September 2004

Urbanism Downunder Conference, Auckland, NZ, February 2003
“Listening to the softest voices: consulting children and Nature in planning public spaces in residential areas.”

Best Practice in Parks Forum, Sydney, April 2002
Keynote address: “What if we asked the parks ... about park design?”

ALIA: Public Libraries National Conference, Melbourne, November 2001
“The Earth, the Air, the Fire, the Water: Welcoming the Voices of Nonhuman Nature into Community Participation Processes.”