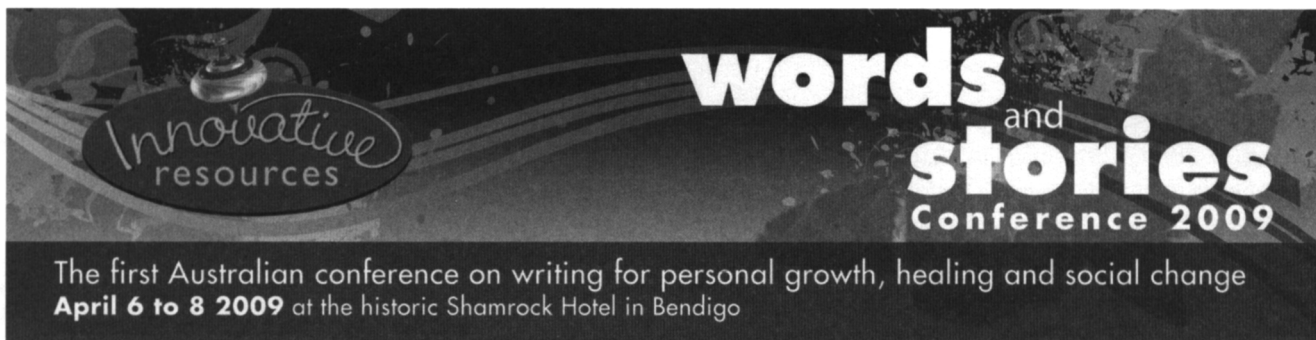


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Diana is the Director of the Thomas Wright Institute which is located in Canberra and which provides local and Australia-wide specialist support services for child, youth and family focused organisations, primarily in the areas of child and family welfare, education, disability and youth services. Particular areas of interest are in trauma informed care and interventions for out-of-home care programs and schools, young people with sexually problematic behaviours, autism spectrum disorders, and the new 'reclaiming' model for working with incarcerated youth that is being introduced in Canberra. Diana teaches graduate courses at the University of Canberra in the area of autism, and collaborates in research in this area.

Our increased knowledge and awareness of the impact of neglect and abuse on all areas of child development has led to urgency in finding new models for our systems of care, correction, and education with the goal of helping and not inflicting further harm on vulnerable children and youth. There is a paradigm shift in the way in which we approach our responsibility for the wellbeing of young people and being involved in this process of exploration of new models and approaches is both exciting and daunting for service providers. *Children Australia* has provided a structure and direction for the debate that is invaluable. I look forward to my ongoing association.

Diana Boswell



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