



2016 Early Childhood Education & Care Conference
Facing the Future - Together

Peaceful Possibilities





In this session.....

- The world is a complicated place!
- The reality of children's worlds
- Children's agency – individualism versus citizenship
- A sustainable future – more than just environmental sustainability - community and global contexts for children
- Children as social and global citizens – is this the answer to a sustainable future?

Why worry about a sustainable future?









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**The world is a
complicated place
– in whose hands
is our future?**





THE MIXED GRILL

Today

8:46

MUSLIM MIGRATION

DO MORE MIGRANTS INCREASE THE RISK OF TERROR ATTACKS?



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<https://www.facebook.com/SBSAustralia/videos/10154326445078686/>

Is it our role as
educators to
protect children?

To keep children
safe?

To shelter them
from the horrors of
the world?



Racism, hatred and violence doesn't start here!



**But it
ends
here.....**





And here.....

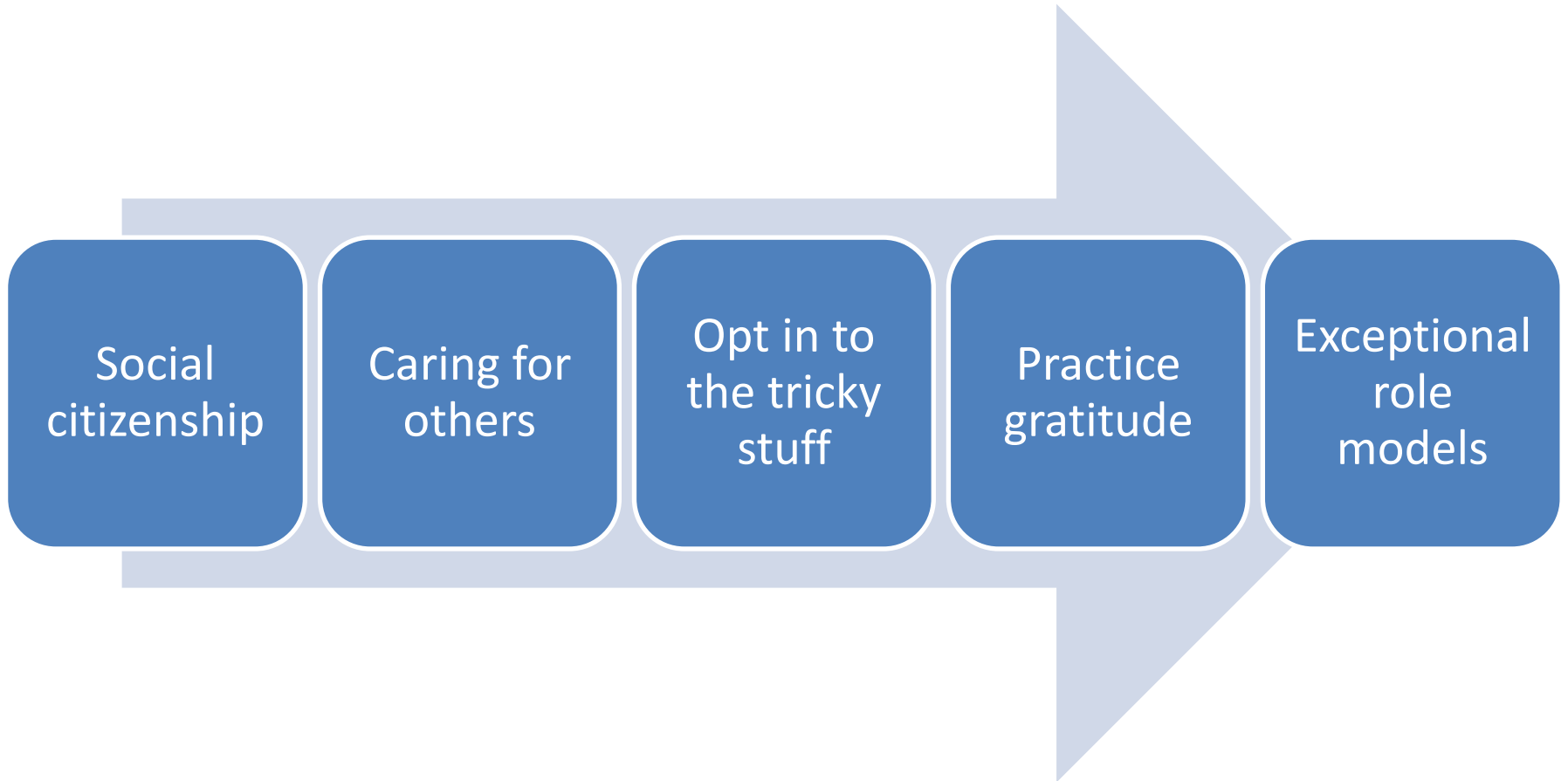


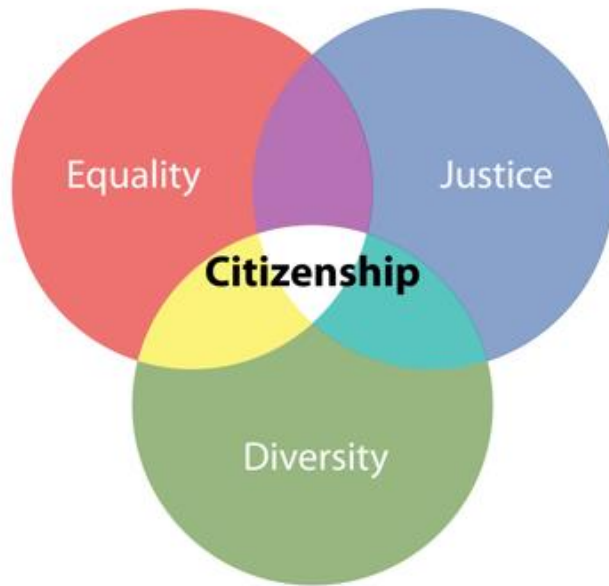


“**Education**
is the most powerful
weapon which
you can use to
change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela

SCOPE





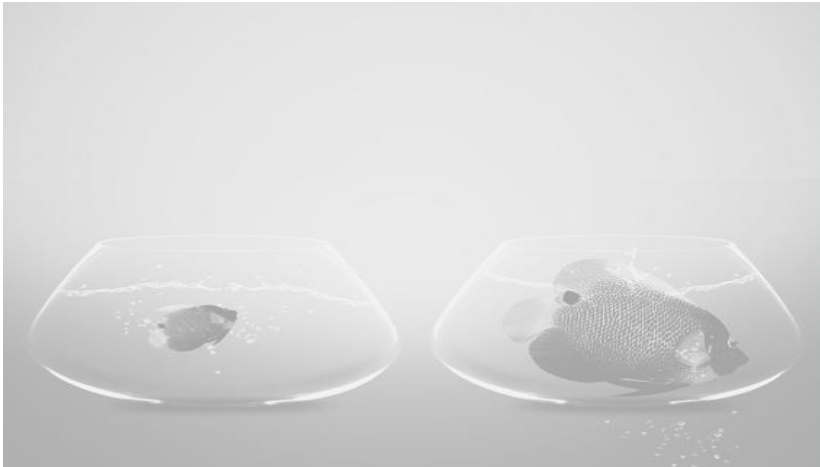
**Social
Citizenship**
—
**expanding
the circle of
concern**

**Zoom
in/zoom
out**



Caring for others

Opt in to the tricky stuff



'The same' is not always 'fair'.

"well, it's not always fair for everybody to just get the same. For example, if everyone gets a cupcake, but there are chocolate and vanilla cupcakes, and some people like chocolate and some people like vanilla, then it doesn't feel like it's fair to me if I don't get the one I like. So, just dividing everything up so everyone gets the same doesn't make it fair. You have to ask everyone what makes it feel fair for them. It takes communication to work it out."

Harrison – 4 years, nine months.

Practice gratitude





Exceptional role models

Social citizenship

Caring for others

Opt in to the tricky stuff

Practice gratitude

Exceptional role model



"Everyone talks about peace but no one educates for peace. In this world, they educate for competition, and competition is the beginning of any war. When educating to cooperate and owe each other solidarity, that day we will be educating for peace."

María Montessori

A young boy with a serious expression is dressed in a formal black suit, white shirt, and a bright red tie. He is holding a lit cigarette in his right hand. The background features a large, circular seal that reads "SEAL OF THE TINY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES". To the right, a portion of the American flag is visible. The text "HOW TO CHANGE the WORLD (a work in progress)" is overlaid in the upper right corner.

HOW TO CHANGE the WORLD (a work in progress)

Is there anything that I've missed?





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