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National landmark symposium to address challenges faced by older people

Health, Justice & Ageing, Thursday 21 March, 2019

Aerial UTS Function Centre, University of Technology Sydney

Famed Australian journalist Julie McCrossin will bring her special brand of intelligence and passion for social justice to Sydney next month, to shed light on the impact poor health and unmet legal need has on people as they age.

McCrossin will facilitate the 21 March event, **Health, Justice & Ageing**, a national landmark symposium which will explore vulnerabilities faced by older people, and what can be done to help.

Sharing their expertise at the Aerial UTS Function Centre will be the inaugural Australian Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner Janet Anderson and Age Discrimination Commissioner The Hon Dr Kay Patterson AO. Professor Liz Tobin-Tyler (Brown University) also features as the international key note speaker and will address elder law and care from an American perspective.

Representatives from Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN), Health Justice Australia, Seniors Law and Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association will also be present to delve into the deeper issues faced by older Australians.

“The vulnerability faced by older Australians can arise from them being isolated or dependent on others. People who are hard to reach are particularly susceptible to services being unavailable or ineffective,” Craig Gear, OPAN CEO says.

Health, legal and other services must be able to identify and meet the needs of older people, says Gear. This is so people are guarded against these vulnerabilities and able to address them when they arise.

Details: Health, Justice & Ageing

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When: 1:30pm-5pm, Thursday 21 March, 2019

Where: Aerial UTS Function Centre

235 Jones Street, Building 10, Level 7, Ultimo

RSVP: Bookings essential. RSVPs close 18 March, 2019

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/health-justice-and-ageing-a-national-symposium-tickets-53942373090>

More details regarding Older Persons Advocacy Network, a leader in providing aged care advocacy support and elder abuse prevention, can be found at open.com.au

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