

Professional Learning Webinar				
Online:	Via	ia Zoom - Zoom meeting link will be sent upon registration		
NB: Virtual meeting room will be open from <b>10:50 am AEDT</b>				
Time (AEDT)		Prayer/Reflection Refl	Reflection Facilitator	
11:00 am	10 mins	Opening prayer/ Acknowledgement of Country 22/10: Anniversary of National Apology to Survivors and Victims of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. Followed by a brief introduction to the facilitators	John Cox Uniting Church in Australia	
11:10 am	20 mins	Developing a Lived Experience and Participation Framework: Emergent learnings from Salvation Army's journey In early 2021, The Salvation Army started the work on developing a Lived Experience and Participation (LEAP) Framework. This started with a "discovery phase" that mapped what child and youth participation looks like across different TSA Mission Expressions through a nationwide consultation process. This presentation will provide an overview of the LEAP Discovery Process and the initial findings from the consultations, including discussing key enablers and barriers for child and youth participation.	Uma Komalan The Salvation Army	
11.30 am	15mins	<ul> <li>Break out groups</li> <li>Reflection on presentation <ul> <li>What enablers and barriers do you observe or experience within your church context?</li> <li>What actions can we take to strengthen the enablers and address the barriers?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
11:45am	10 mins	Group Feedback		
11:55pm	5 mins	Break		
12:00pm	20 min	Case Studies of Youth & Children's Participation in The Salvation Army. Exploring case studies of youth and children's participation at local and organisational levels, to explore different approaches to empowering young people. The case studies include examples of empowerment, co- design, service delivery, advocacy, and organisational policy.	John Marion The Salvation Army	
12:20pm	15 mins	<ul> <li>Break out groups</li> <li>Questions: <ul> <li>What stands out to you from the case studies?</li> <li>What are examples of youth &amp; children's participation have you seen?</li> <li>What practices and skills can we develop in practitioners to enhance participation?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
12:35pm	10 mins	Group Feedback		
12:45pm	10 mins	Group Questions & discussion	open	
12:55pm	5 mins	Wrap up and closing prayer	Liz Stone NCCA General Secretary	



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#### **Opening Prayer & Reflection**

## **Rev John Cox**

National Director, National Safe Church Unit, Uniting Church in Australia

Bachelor Theology, Grad Cert Business (Philanthropic and Not for Profit studies)



# **Facilitators**

**Uma Komalan** Manager-Safeguarding Policy and Practice at the Salvation Army



John has extensive experience gained over 20 years with the Uniting Church.

He was responsible for the Queensland Synod response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses into Child Sexual Abuse before leading the Church's Royal Commission National Task Group.

He leads work in applying the Royal Commission's recommendations across the breadth of the Church. He serves as President and Chair of the board for Jabiru Community Youth and Children's Services and Chair of Community Learning Limited which operates Jabiru Community College, a special assistance school. John was a teacher before serving as a congregational minister.

Uma Komalan is involved in a broad range of developmental work for strengthening safeguarding practices across the organisation including safeguarding policies and practice guidance resources. Her current practice has a focus on inclusion and participation. She is co-leading the development of a Lived Experience and Participation Framework for the Salvation Army.

Uma is a strengths-based practitioner with over 16 years of experience in the international and community development sector. She has worked for many leading international development and humanitarian organisations in program management, program quality and technical specialist roles in Australia and overseas.

### John Marion

National Youth and Young Adults Specialist at the Salvation Army

Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy, Literature), Graduate Diploma of Counselling, Graduate Diploma of Divinity, Diploma of Youth Work



John Marion has worked with young people for over 15 years in local, state, and national roles, including leading respite camps for foster children, producing resources, and consulting with churches and services about their work with young people.

John is a researcher and is currently engaged in PhD studies at Victoria University regarding young people, belonging, and participation. He has been involved in training youth workers, including lecturing at Eva Burrows College