

Biography: Nairn Walker



Nairn Walker has now worked across Australia, New Zealand, the US and the UK with over fifty thousand professionals to raise awareness of Dr Ruby Payne's insights into the issues presented by economic disadvantage in every level of our communities, schools and businesses. She is committed to raising awareness, understanding and outcomes through sharing strategies that make a difference. Her audiences have included educators, community and government practitioners, police and justice workers, doctors and dentists, nurses, allied health, housing, welfare, social service, youth and support professionals, local, state and federal politicians, employers, businesses and corporations.

Described as dynamic, entertaining and compelling, Nairn never loses sight of the serious nature of her subject matter, providing a depth of understanding of the nature and culture of poverty that is often new to people who have spent many years working in underprivileged areas.

She has been engaged with Dr Payne's Framework for Understanding Poverty material for thirteen years since first being introduced to the material in her role as a Program and Campus Manager for disadvantaged and challenging youth and their families in Northern Tasmania. Nairn's vocational background is in education and administration, with a strong interest and twenty years' experience in community development and a passionate commitment to social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

To this end, Nairn co-founded and chaired the Mt Arthur Centre in Tasmania for five years, dedicated to individual and community wellbeing. She trains professionals, employers, parents and community members in the MESH (*Mental, Emotional, Social and Spiritual Health*) Support Group Facilitation Program, a powerful experiential model having a most positive and profound effect on participants of all ages through-out Australia in business, schools and community agencies. Nairn also taught Equity and Social Justice at the University of Tasmania (School of Education) for several years.

Nairn loves her role as a trainer and consultant with Social Solutions and is truly committed to their mission - *Educating for a positive now*.

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