



Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to announce a special workshop, [Working Effectively with Teenage Boys](#), (click on link for workshop poster) on Tuesday, November 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon with Celia Lashlie, a renowned speaker and expert on the subject. Sponsored by the International Boys' Schools Coalition, the workshop is hosted at Upper Canada College.

While in Toronto, Celia will be addressing more general audiences of teachers and parents. But this special extended workshop on Tuesday morning will focus on front-line counsellors, social workers, administrators and other school staff specifically involved with counselling, support groups, discipline/behaviour management, advisory programs, etc. and who work at “the coal face” with boys. For this specialist audience, Celia will address the effective school, family and counselling approaches that support adolescent boys. This will also be a rare occasion for networking, sharing and discussion among our professional group, with a focus on boys in our schools and communities.

For ease of registration, please go to the [IBSC Registration website](#) to reserve a place. Payment of US \$100 can be made by credit card or by check, according to the instructions given. Prior to the event, you will be sent detailed information about the location of the workshop at Upper Canada College, along with details about transportation and parking.

The author of *He'll be OK*, an engaging and clear-headed discussion about teenagers “on the bridge” from boyhood to manhood, Celia has spoken to hundreds and hundreds of professional and parent audiences in New Zealand and Australia. Her work has been featured many times on radio and television and in the press, and she is much sought out as a refreshing and “tell it as it is” commentator. Her book is extremely well-regarded by educators and counsellors.

Some years ago, Celia was asked by New Zealand's boys' schools to do research for the *Good Man Project*, an inquiry into the role these schools might play in promoting responsible and fulfilling manhood. In the months that followed, Celia visited dozens of boys' schools, and talked with over 180 classes of boys ranging from Grade 7 to graduation. Her down-to-earth and engaging manner – honed over many years as a counsellor and social worker -- won the boys' trust, and they spoke their minds. The report on the *Good Man Project* led to *He'll be OK: Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men*, a perennial bestseller in New Zealand and Australia, and recently published in the UK.

Told with warmth and humour, her book provides penetrating insight into the psychology of adolescent boys on such topics as their desire to live in the moment, the power of peer pressure or “horizontal learning”, risk-taking, and the need for boundaries and consequences. She offers grounded and sometimes provocative advice to mothers and fathers about their different roles in their son’s lives on the bridge to manhood. Having observed so many schools in action, she is also an eloquent advocate for the expert and caring authority she finds in the daily work of educators and professionals.

Celia is also well-known as an advocate for social justice, with a passionate interest in the well-being of children, youth and families. She was the first woman in New Zealand to work in a custodial role in a male prison, starting in 1985, and later became Manager of a women’s prison. She also worked for Specialist Education Services in New Zealand, where she enjoyed the chance to view the world through the eyes of at-risk children. In 2002, she published *The Journey to Prison. Who Goes and Why*, which awakened awareness among the general public about the difficult lives which had brought women into the criminal justice system. *The Power of Mothers: Releasing our Children*, a pragmatic and dramatic look inside the deep-seated issues underlying appalling youth crime and incarceration, has just been published and is generating much controversy in New Zealand.

We hope that you will be able to join us on Tuesday, November 23 for this special workshop with Celia Lashlie. If you have any questions about the event or registration process, do not hesitate to contact us.

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