



Una
 Una es una iniciativa educativa mundial
 sobre diversidad étnica e infancia

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Who we are

We are a global, inter-disciplinary network of leading researchers and practitioners committed to reducing racial and ethnic divisions and building socially inclusive communities through the promotion of effective early childhood programs. We share a commitment to ensuring that all of the work we do is children's rights-based, outcomes-focused and evidence-informed.

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Our core values

1. Children's rights based

- Ensuring that all of our work is guided by the UNCRC, UN General Comments and other children's rights standards
- Focusing on children's experiences and perspectives
- Encouraging children's participation in all aspects of our work

2. Outcomes focused

- Being explicit about what it is we hope to achieve in terms of tangible, and often measurable, improvements in children's development
- Being committed to evaluating whether early childhood programs have been effective in achieving their goals

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Our core values (continued)

3. Evidence informed

- Using research to better understand the experiences and needs of young children locally
- Learning from the existing evidence base to find out what types of programs and approaches tend to work better in particular contexts
- Using research evidence to develop a theory of change (a 'logic model') setting out how we believe that the program we have designed will lead to positive outcomes in children

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Our approach

- Sharing and disseminating existing knowledge and practice
- Supporting the development, delivery and evaluation of new early childhood programs that seek to:
 - Encourage positive attitudes and behaviours among young children
 - Address the negative consequences of ethnic divisions and exclusion in young children's lives
 - Work with educators, families and communities as part of a wider community development approach

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Our organisation

- Co-Directors
 - Professor Paul Connolly (Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland)
 - Professor Tony Gallagher (Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland)
- Children's Rights and Advocacy Learning Group
 - Mercy Musomi (Girl Child Network, Kenya)
 - Professor Beth Swadener (Arizona State University, USA)

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Our organisation (continued)

- Program Development (Conflict-Affected Societies) Learning Group
 - Dr Marta Arango (Executive Director, CINDE, Colombia)
 - Siobhan Fitzpatrick (CEO, Early Years, Northern Ireland)
- Program Development (Ethnically Divided Societies) Learning Group
 - Dr Ileana Seda-Santana, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (Mexico)
 - Professor Michel Vandebroek, University of Ghent (Belgium)

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Our organisation (continued)

- Social Inclusion and Early Childhood Learning Group
 - Professor Jacqueline Hayden (Macquarie University, Australia)
- Survey and Evaluation Learning Group
 - Professor Frances Aboud (McGill University, Canada)
 - Professor Colin Tredoux (Cape Town University, South Africa)
- Children, Race and Ethnicity Learning Group
 - Professor Glenda MacNaughton (Melbourne University, Australia)
 - Sri Marpinjun (Executive Director, LSPPA, Indonesia)

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More information

For more information on Una and our work please visit our website at:

www.unaglobal.org

Our new website will be live by early November and will be available in Spanish and English.

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