

How children from a very young age respond to stimulating environments when they are the decision makers

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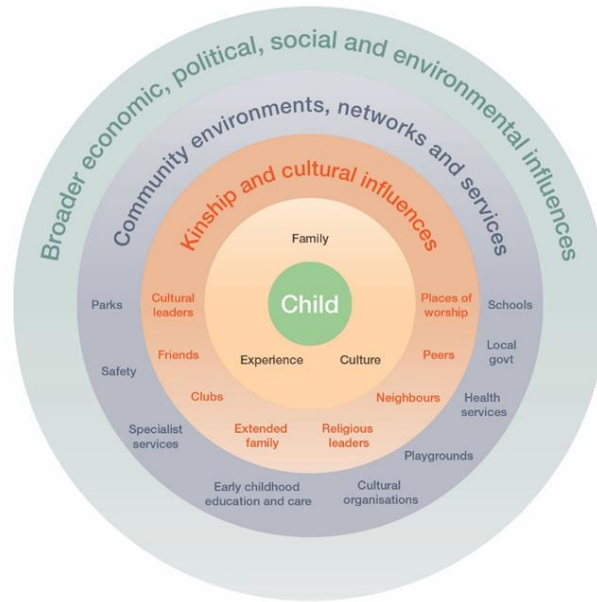
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Cultural organisations

- Significant places of learning for children and families for life
- Collaborative environments for interactive learning
- Influencing wellbeing, identity and learning from birth



Learning in community



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Museums as powerful spaces for learning with children and families

- The role of adults (family) as both teacher and learner
- Joint inquiry with children that develops from this
- Museums as third spaces of learning alongside early childhood education and care services and schools
- Liberating spaces - families and children choose their own pathways across the museum



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Pauline Gandel Children's Gallery

Vision

A wondrous place filled with multi-sensory, child-led, play-based learning adventures where children's minds run free.

- Targets young children (birth to 5 years) their families and early childhood educators
- Founded in developmental and early learning principles



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Children experiencing a sense of wonder,
delight and belonging in spaces that are
places of learning



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Consulting with families and carers

Visitor needs and expectations

Audience research dedicated to the Children's Gallery has determined varying modes of behaviour of the child and the parent/carer whilst in the space.

- Child and parent/carer family playing together, investigating and exploring
- Child playing, parent/carer observing and encouraging
- Child playing, parent/carer chilling - coffee, relaxation spaces, line of sight to children



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Brainstorming and testing with children

- Polyglot Theatre Company at Gowrie Victoria's Harbour Family and Children's Centre
- Create Your Own Museum Workshops



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The Shapes Posting Wall

Children plan, create, test and retest their designs



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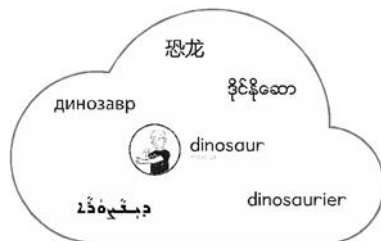
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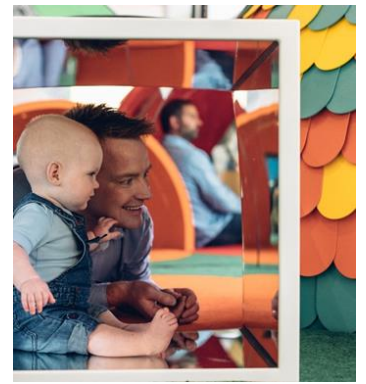
Consulting and briefing with adults

- Health Professionals Consultation Group
- Early Learning Reference Group



Museum Generation Campaign

Museums Victoria partnered with Maternal and Child Health Nurse network to give every baby born, fostered or adopted in Victoria in 2017 a free six-month Museum Victoria Membership



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Interactions across the Museum

- Intergenerational learning between children and adults
- Exploring and investigating together
- Sharing spaces that encourage engagement, interaction and active participation



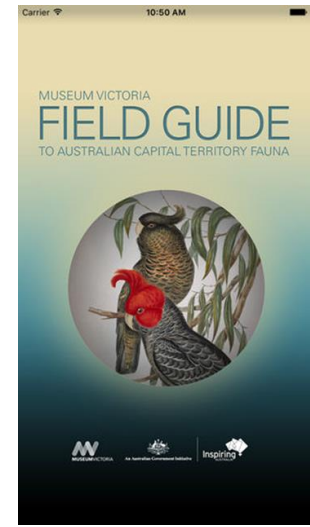
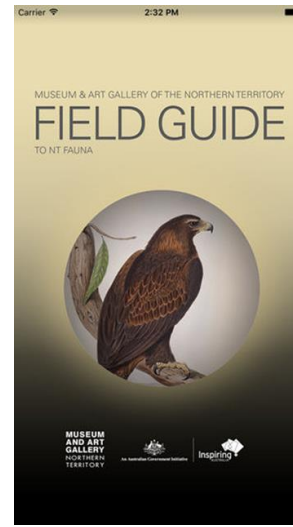
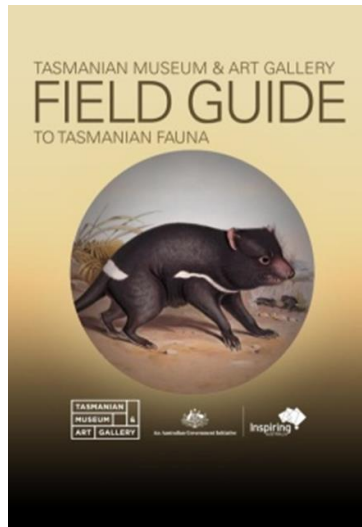
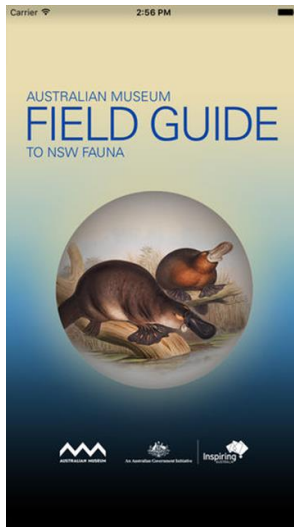
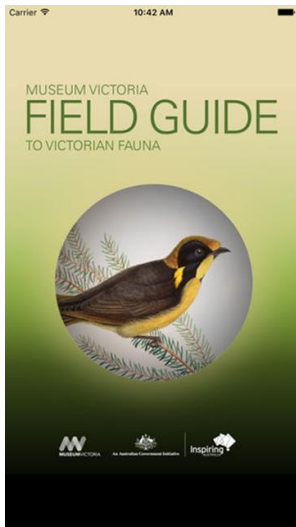
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Bringing Museum content into everyday learning



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